

Town Council Meeting February 6, 2024

Clifton Bluebird Trail Progress



Established Clifton Bluebird Trail with Town Council approval for \$600 in funding in 2020

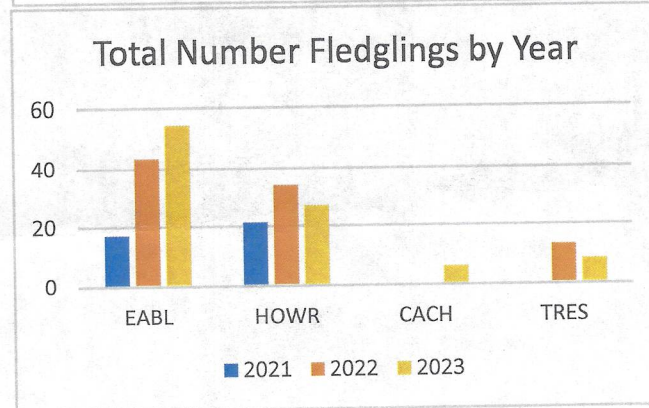
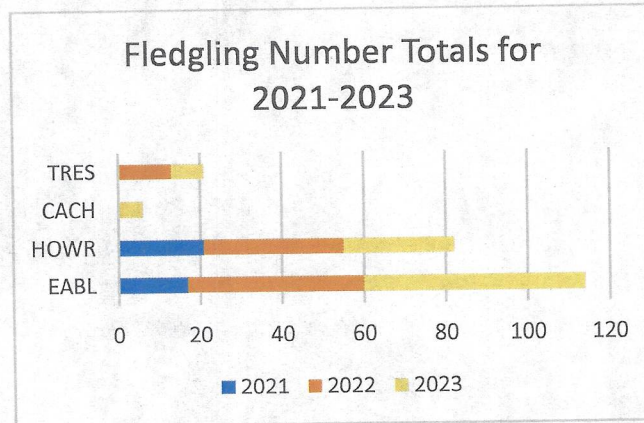
Goals of the Trail are to:

- Increase local population of Eastern bluebirds
- Enhance community awareness of Bluebirds and educate the community about how to help cavity nesting birds thrive in our community
- Foster environmental stewardship and interest in bird-friendly habitat through experiential learning, and taking environmental protection measures such as reduced use of pesticides, increased use of native plants as food sources in the landscaping, and invasive plant control and restoration
- Sharing the enjoyment of these beautiful neighbors with the community

How we are meeting our goals:

Over the last three years:

- Increased the number of nest boxes from 6 to 13
- Increased the number of successful fledglings for four native species of cavity nesting birds: Eastern Bluebird (114), House Wren (82), Caroline Chickadee (6) and Tree Swallow (21)
- Increased number of fledglings for EABL each successive year
- Increased species diversity with cavity nesting success



- Increasing community awareness through Clifton Community Facebook Postings and webinars
- Increasing volunteers for supporting the Clifton Bluebird Trail (e.g., new monitors for 2024!)
- Working with COTE to integrate support for Clifton Bluebird Trail activities with other relevant projects and community-based activities

What is next—what is our next request of the Town Council?

- Permission to move nest box to Clifton Park location
- Funding or other support to address recent challenge of nest predation/vandalism with cameras

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