

Greenbury Point History

GREENBURY POINT HAS A DEEP HISTORY IN THE FOUNDATION OF ANNAPOLIS AND SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH THE NAVY, RADIO TOWERS, AN AIRPORT IN THE EARLIEST DAYS OF AVIATION, COMMUNICATION IN TIME OF WAR, AND A RETURN TO CONSERVATION.



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<https://www.losttownsproject.org/research/archaeological-sites/providence-1649/>



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Period	Subperiod	Context Type
Historic	17th Century	Cellar
Historic	17th Century	Pit (unidentified type)
Historic	17th Century	Post Hole
Historic	17th Century	Cellar
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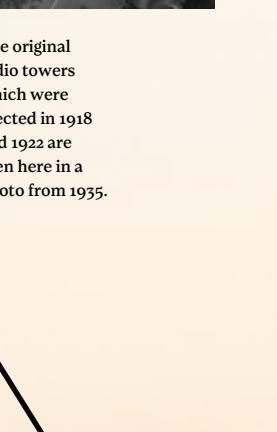
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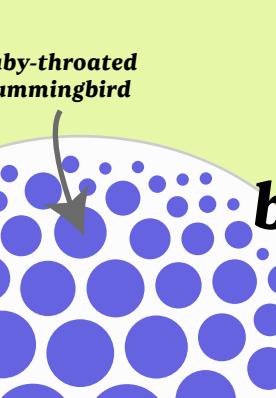
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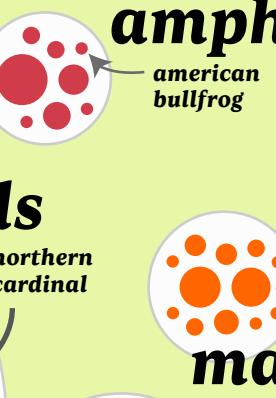
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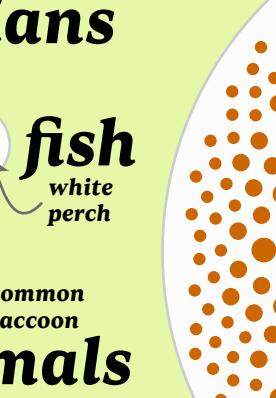
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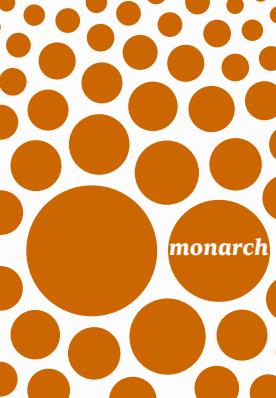
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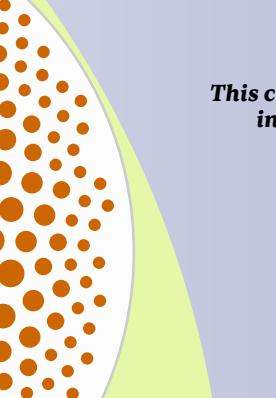
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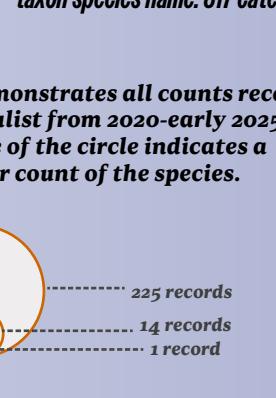
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1550 - Pre-colonial hunting grounds for the Susquehannock Indians

1649 1st European settlement in AA County Providence

1655 Battle of the Severn - a Naval skirmish between Protestants and Catholics

1660s Towne Neck. Upper-middle class domestic site was located at Greenbury Point

1791 Off Greenbury Point George Washington's ship is grounded

1885 Lighthouse at Greenbury Point. (Discontinued in 1891).

1911 Birthplace of Naval aviation. 1st Naval airfield established at Greenbury Point

1918 Naval Radio Transmitting Station began on land purchased in 1909 by the Navy

1945 Towers at Greenbury Point used to radio North Atlantic Fleet in WWII

1975 Decommissioned and plans for conservation underway

1977 The Sikes Act is passed requiring military installations to enact conservation plans for wildlife and natural resources

1989 Lorentzen designs nature plan and Greenbury Point Conservation is underway

1999 All but three towers removed

2002 Plans to develop Greenbury Point to a private golf course by NGA are revealed.

2003 An invasive plant, "Save Greenbury Point" movement is born

2013 Language added to National Defense Authorization Act to provide some protection for public access.

2015 "Save Greenbury Point" movement is born

2016 "Save Greenbury Point" movement is born

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2019 "Save Greenbury Point" movement is born

2020 "Save Greenbury Point" movement is born

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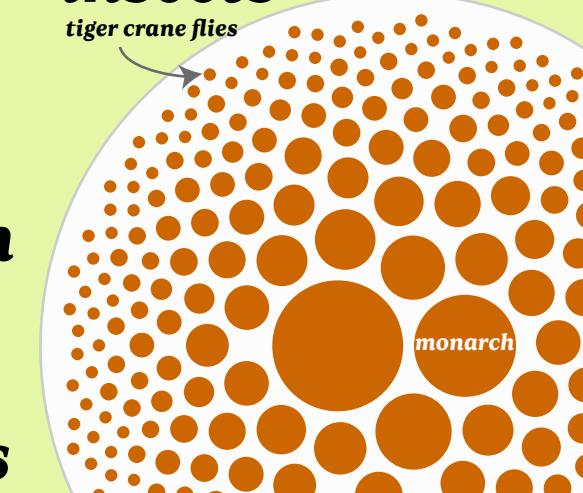
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2024 "Save Greenbury Point" movement is born

Greenbury Point Nature Flourishes

insects



tiger crane flies

amphibians

fish

mammals

fungi

reptiles

spiders

mollusks

other invertebrates

plants

common milkweed

atlantic horseshoe crab

atlantic blue crab

common persimmon

eastern oyster

ruby-throated hummingbird

american bullfrog

northern cardinal

common raccoon

osprey

milk-white toothed polypore

painted turtle

witch's butter

yellow garden spider

atlantic green crab

atlantic horseshoe crab

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ABOUT THE DATA
IN THIS CHART:
scientific name: 10 categories
common name: 96 categories
taxonomic name: 6 categories
taxon species name: 77 categories

This chart demonstrates all counts recorded in a year from 2020-2025. The size of the circles indicates a larger count of the species.

25 records
1 record
1 record

One of the last remaining natural areas at the mouth of the Severn River on the Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis and a popular public destination for nature lovers, runners, cyclists, and dog walkers, faces its forced development into an exclusive golf course. Such a development would cause serious and irreparable damage to the environment.

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