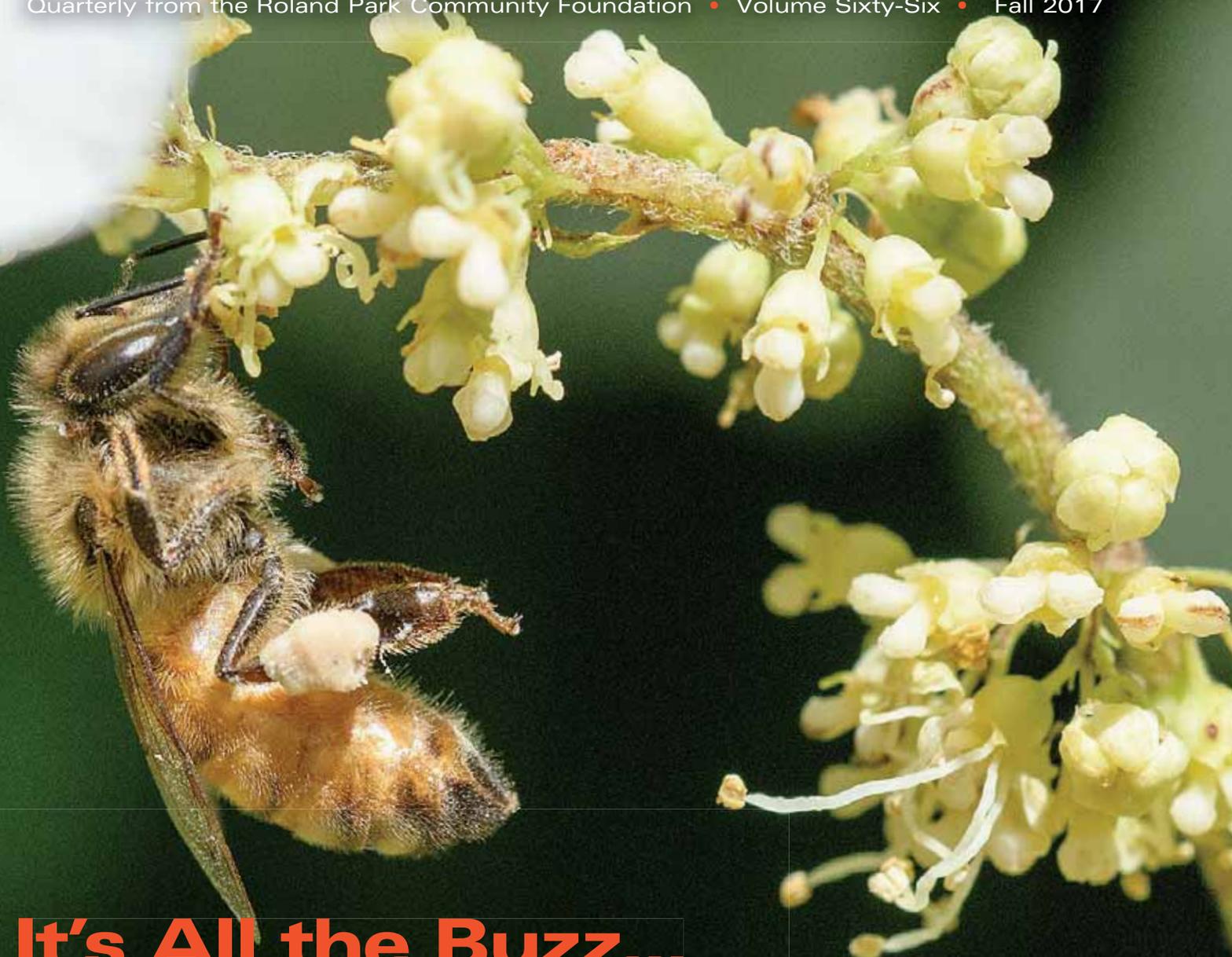


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Lake Roland's Historic Carriage Road Bridge Restored

By Nancy Worden Horst

The stone arched bridge that once carried horses and buggies from Lake Side Drive and East Carriage Road up to the grand homes on Woodbrook Lane has been restored to its former structural integrity.

The c. 1862 bridge crosses the streamlet that emanates from Cochran's Pond, once part of the Woodbrook estate and now on the grounds of the Elkridge Club. Over time, it had deteriorated due to age, hydraulic heave and water damage, neglect and vandalism. Two years ago, a Lake Roland Nature Council (LRNC) volunteer approached



A view from the newly restored carriage bridge. Photo courtesy of Nancy Worden Horst.

Baltimore County about the bridge's poor condition. Given that the beautifully crafted structure is specifically mentioned in the 1992 National Register of Historic Places nomination, it was important that the restoration met both engineering and historic standards

At the direction of Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, the project was managed by the County Property Management Division. The restoration plan, which included engineering and site design, site inspection and surveys, was put together in the spring of 2016. The actual staging and mobilization occurred in

March 2017 and the project was completed this past summer.

Brawner Builders acted as the general contractor and M.G. Fulton Services was the primary site excavator/grader. Stonemasons from Stegman Stone Masonry performed the exacting work of restoring the bridge, repointing the stone knee walls and shaping stones to replace those missing. Machado Construction Co., Inc. installed the concrete curbing necessary to protect the bridge from future storms.

Lake Roland Nature Council advocated for and supported the restoration, providing equipment and volunteers for some of the heavy lifting. This included removing sections of trees that had fallen into the stream and the recovery of some original capstones and fascia stones, several of which had washed hundreds of feet down the stream.

The Nature Council also provided a skid loader with its logging grapple and a 15,000-pound hydraulic winch. According to Jeffrey Budnitz, LRNC's Treasurer, the winch was used to recover capstones and tree sections from the stream, and the grapple then moved them around the site.

Recovering the capstones required significant manual labor, as a cable snare needed to be placed around each stone before it could be dragged up the steep hills. Volunteer Declan Budnitz proved to be quite handy for this job, and he deserves many kudos. In addition, a blacksmith fabricated historically accurate metal staples to replicate those that once held the capstones in place.

Budnitz opined that "The project has been a joy to work on — the contractor and the county have done a phenomenal job. The bridge [can] be enjoyed for generations to come as it has been since it was built. Once you lose a structure like this, you can never replace it." ❖

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