

## Bath Charter Township Parks & Recreation Frog and Toad Abodes 2020



Frogs and toads are beneficial to both gardens and the environment and their populations are dwindling. The biggest threat to them is habitat degradation and invasive species. To encourage frogs and toads to live in your area, you must first have a place for them to live.

Fletcher-Robson Nature Park is the future home of Toad Abodes and Tree Toad Poles designed by Bath Township residents. The Township has purchased clay pots and PVC pipe for families to put the finishing touches on each. Participants wishing to decorate a home for toads or frogs can call the Twp. Office at 641-5167 and arrange a day and time to pick up your bare “abode.” Take it home, decorate it and return it to the Twp. Offices. Staff will then place the new homes in Fletcher-Robson Park this summer. If you have PVC pipe or a clay pot at your home, you may also decorate it and bring it to the Township Offices to be placed in the Nature Park.

Let’s give these amphibians a reason to stay In our park!

### Fun Facts

- One American toad can eat up to 1,000 insects every day (they love mosquitos).
- The main predators to American toads are snakes.
- Contrary to popular belief, you will not develop warts if you touch a toad.
- Among the amphibians, the anurans, or frogs and toads, are perhaps the most intelligent, and have the largest brain to body ratio of the amphibians.
- The common toad (*Bufo bufo*) lives up to 40 years, but most toad species live about 5 to 10 years.
- Toads and frogs drink by absorbing water through their skin.
- Frogs and toads breathe through their moist skin and can also force air taken in by their nostrils and forced through their mouth.