

The Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission supports a conservation purchase of the 53-acre Drew Forest, which is notable for its deep dells, glacial ponds and public walking trails. We recognize that preserving this rare, intact forest will support Drew University financially while providing numerous community benefits. The Forest is an educational resource with its labeled trees and pollinator plants. It is a critical recharge area for the Buried Valley Aquifer. Its restored ecosystem supports wildlife in neighboring parks, including the Giralda Farms Preserve, Loantaka Brook Reservation and the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.