

Man Builds a Wetland in a Residential Area

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. wetland /'wet,land, 'wet,lənd/ a large area of land covered with swamp or marsh
swamp - a piece of wet land that is covered with water either from time to time or permanently
marsh - an area of low, wet land, usually covered with tall grasses
Example: It is Britain's largest protected wetland , having similar status to a national park.
2. hit it off /hit it ôf/ to be friendly with each other immediately
Example: We had similar ideas about the show, and the two of us hit it off right away.
3. traumatize /'troumə,tīz, 'trômə,tīz/ to shock and upset someone severely and for a long time
Example: She was completely traumatized by the death of her mother.
4. dwell in peace /dwel in pēs/ live in a place free from negative things
Example: She gave tips on how to dwell in peace.
5. trench /tren(t)SH/ a long narrow digging on the ground
Example: The workers dug a trench for the new water-pipe.



We're often told to follow our dreams, well one person in Nova Scotia has done just that after building a **wetland** for animals in the spirit of his lost love.

In his own backyard no less, the eight water features which Robert Perkins dug into the ground are now a shelter for herons, frogs, snapping turtles, and beavers, in the middle of residential development.

In 1974, Perkins met a woman whom he calls Rhonda on the sidewalk, and the two of them **hit it off**. They both loved animals, and she always dreamed of having a place where they could live in peace with the land. Rhonda, whom Perkins stayed with all his life, lived a difficult life, and a **traumatizing** childhood.

She committed suicide in 2006, after which Perkins dedicated to build an earthly paradise where her spirit could **dwelt in peace**.

Perkins began digging large holes and **trenches** for water to flow. Over the course of nine years his property went from being a neighborly headache to a haven for wildlife. (Good News Network)

DISCUSSION

1. Why are wetlands important?
2. How would you react if you see a wetland in a residential area?
3. What will you do if your neighbor is very noisy?
4. Do you believe that love is forever?
5. What is the greatest sacrifice you can make for someone you love?
6. How can people live peacefully?