

Invasive plants in the park

FWP has pulled or treated these since 2005.

It is a battle that we will never win, but we will continue.

When we began, invasives dominated the understory of the woods.

Native plants have returned in large numbers.

Frederick Noxious Weed Control assists us with invasives removal.

Bush honeysuckle – we have pulled or cut and treated thousands of these.

Japanese viney honeysuckle – low to the ground, hard to remove completely.

Mile-a-minute – we pull this every summer

Porcelainberry – because these vines are close to the stream, we depend on Frederick County Noxious Weed personnel to treat them.

Multiflora rose – near the stream we keep cutting them back. Farther from the stream we cut and treat.

White mulberry – many have been cut; some remain.

Poison hemlock – we cut them back.

Garlic mustard – we try to cut them before bloom. Widespread.

Japanese stiltgrass – has spread in the past few years. We now own a weedwhacker and will try to cut them before late summer bloom.

Canada thistle – in the meadow. We cut and treat.

Daylily – not widespread so we leave them alone for now.

Autumn olive and Ailanthus – both have been removed from the parkland.

Wineberry – widespread. We pull these.

Norway maple – most have been removed already.

Oriental bittersweet – pull or treat.

Groundcovers – here because landowners use the woods as a place to dump excess. We pull or treat. Creeping euonymus, English ivy

Japanese hops seed comes from upstream. We pull before September bloom.

Native grape was widespread, climbing to the canopy and pulling over large trees. We do try to control grape, cutting and treating.