

Invasive Plants – Annual Report

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In spite of the government shutdown and cancelled work days, we were still able to reduce the non-native invasive plants at the battlefield. Most of the work days we had we were able to take a group and work on controlling invasive plants. We were able to pick much of the garlic mustard on the mountain in April before it went to seed. We were also able to clear all the mature privet in the creek valley along Kennesaw Avenue. We do find that we are having to go further away from the visitor center to find mature privet.

Thanks to Cam Graham for leading several groups of HS students for several days and to Eric for leading the SCA group for two days. Both of these groups were able to clear a large area of privet not far off the Old John Ward Trail.

We had the EPMT crew from South Carolina in town in early June for four days working on invasive plant eradication. They had great weather to work on wisteria at the old Powder Springs bamboo site and around the CCC circle. They also worked on the Tree of Heaven at the Big K summit and a new work site along Old John Ward Road. Thanks to the EPMT group for all their hard work and their expertise.

Early next month, we plan to treat the little remaining bamboo plants near John Ward Creek along the Kolb Farm west trail. As we move into Fall and Winter, we will be able to more easily locate and control privet plants.

Thanks to Cam, Harry, Eric, Rich and Pic for their continued leadership and support.

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