

I support The Native Plant Protection Act. We needed it passed in 1776. I have been here to witness drastic changes since 1964. Can we do more? Can we use satellites and Artificial Intelligence Technology to find concentrations of invasive plants on County Land? The Callery Pear Groves of Gaithersburg and Rockville could be clear cut and native species planted on County owned land. This is far better than passively watching the invasives spread.

Our biggest single landowner other than the State and Federal Government is MNCPPC, the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission. Can you increase and earmark funding to expand their Weed Warriors program? Earmark and increase funding and support for the great work of the MNCPPC Vegetation Ecology & Management Unit?

What more can you do? The Mayapples and Eastern Box Turtles need our help. I grew up with them and now I am watching them disappear.

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The top view was one of two Cedar trees being overwhelmed by several 25 year old vines. I counted the rings!

The cedars were located in Glenfield Park by the tennis courts.

The next 2 photos were taken at Wheaton Woods Park. The vines were strangling several trees. The area still needs work.

These two vines were overwhelming the 2 cedar trees at Glenfield.



Before in June 2024 Big Spruce at Wheaton Regional Park by train station.



After Remediation, Wheaton Regional by train station.



It took this crew using equipment the weed warriors are prohibited from using and a couple of days to protect the big tree.











The previous 8 photos came from the old Copeland Estate adjacent to Parklawn Memorial Gardens. The Wilkins Coffee Executive imported the vines around the estate 100 years ago. This is also known as Parklawn Community Garden.

The Weed Warriors have worked extensively in remediation. It is improving.



These pine trees are near Travilah Road. Thirty years ago there was no presence of the vines that are now stressing them.





This book is a must have for every property owner in the mid-Atlantic Region. It is very helpful.



Near Sligo Creek to the right is a bamboo Grove that has no other plant forms.



The dark area by the new fence is the bamboo infestation. One could get lost in it.

Rhizome of a bamboo plant.

