Rappahannock Park Invasive Control Plan

Summary draft

NOTES:

* *Include Department of Forestry plan written by Kyle Dingus. June 2018*
* *Schedule monthly park workdays and publicize via ORMN and community*
* *Prioritize target areas to maximize effort and park use/ enjoyment*

PRIORITIES:

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| **High Priority Throughout** Oriental BittersweetJapanese HoneysuckleAutumn OliveMultiflora RoseAilanthus (Tree of Heaven)English IvyBurning BushMimosa Tree | **Targeted Control**Chinese LespedezaWineberryGarlic MustardStiltgrassClimbing Euonymous (Winter Creeper)Bradford PearNorway MapleBird CherryJapanese BarberryJapanese Beautyberry |
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RAPPAHANNOCK PARK WORK ACTION PLAN:

***See attached plat at bottom of document for Area delineations.***

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| **Before work begins:** | Public outreach: * meet with adjacent landowners to coordinate
* update survey and clearly mark property lines
* publicize in the general community
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| **Open Park Area** | * selectively remove Ailanthus, Bradford Pear, Autumn Olive, and Mimosa Trees scattered around open park area
* spray English Ivy This can be done Spring – Fall
* treat Honeysuckle and Garlic Mustard in the winter (pulling, herbicide)
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| **Area A and B** | * herbicide treatment in the border edge to eradicate Multiflora Rose, Ailanthus and Autumn Olive
* save as many native trees as possible
* (potential project for ORMN volunteers)
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| **Area C** | * coordinate with Riparian Buffer Project: Ensure that non-native invasives are removed and only native replacements are planted (e.g., Black Willow)
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| **Area D** | * coordinate with Disc Golf Course Project: Ensure that clearing removes invasives while saving native trees and mid story (Example – approximately 100 feet of dense Ailanthus infestation along the western edge of the forest growth)
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| **Area E** | * coordinate with Pollinator Project in the power-line cut: Will require herbicide of current growth and selective replanting with native grasses and forbs
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See Log and Schedule for documentation on work to date and prospective plans.

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