

Newton Conservators Invasive Plant Sessions Fall 2018

Newton Conservators fights invasive plant species to preserve and improve the native habitat at our parks and conservation areas. Call the leader or check the website for updates to this schedule.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 9:30 am – 11:30 pm

Quinobequin Trail Invasives Pull, near 556 Quinobequin Rd., Newton 02468.

Join a group working with Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) to improve the habitat along the river. The group — employees of a local business who enjoy the river and want to “give back” — will pull and cut buckthorn and bittersweet and other invasive species. Help from Conservators’ volunteers will be most welcome. Bring loppers or pruners if you can, and wear long pants and garden gloves. Meet at the Quinobequin trail near 556 Quinobequin Rd, at the intersection with Larkspur Rd (park on Larkspur). Check with the website or with leader to confirm session and times. *Leader is Katherine Howard, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571 (cell).*

Saturday, Sept. 29, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Hemlock Gorge and Quinobequin Trail Invasives Pull, near 2 Ellis St. Newton MA 02464.

We’ll continue our control of black swallow-wort and oriental bittersweet inside and around beautiful Hemlock Gorge and the walking trail along Quinobequin Rd. Wear long pants and garden gloves; bring a digging tool for the swallow-wort and loppers or pruners if you prefer to work on bittersweet. Meet at the parking lot, corner of Quinobequin Rd and Ellis St. at Rt. 9

intersection. *Leader is Katherine Howard, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571 (cell).*

Sunday, Oct. 14, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Woodcock Meadow (Nahanton Park) Invasives Pull, off Nahanton St.

We are working to restore Woodcock Meadow to the sandy grassland meadow needed by the threatened American Woodcock. We will pull and cut bittersweet, buckthorn, black locust, black swallow-wort, and other invasive species. Meet at Woodcock Meadow near upper parking lot off Nahanton St. *Leaders are Jon Regosin and Katherine Howard, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571 (cell).*

Sunday, Oct. 21, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Cold Spring Park Buckthorn Demonstration Project, 1200 Beacon St. Newton MA 02459.

We’re collaborating with horticulturalist Bruce Wenning and ecology professor Eric Olson to try to save the red maple forest, believed to be one of the oldest forested areas in Newton. The wetland forest is threatened by the takeover of invasive nonnative buckthorn as its understory. We will maintain the buckthorn-free demonstration areas to allow the forest to survive. *Leaders are Bruce Wenning and Katherine Howard, 617-527-1796 (home) or 617-721-2571 (cell).*