

Invasive Species Squad Summary 2011

The Invasive Species Squad Program was developed to allow trained volunteers to lead invasive species service days. To date, the service day efforts have centered around manually pulling garlic mustard along trails in various parks during April and May.

In 2011, eleven service days were scheduled. Garlic mustard service days were conducted in Cascade Valley, Goodyear Heights, Hampton Hills and Silver Creek Metro Parks. A small group of dedicated volunteers, as well as a couple of staff members led the pulls in three hour intervals throughout the pulling season.

298 hours were recorded for volunteers working on invasive species projects this year. The program will continue in 2012, possibly expanding to other parks.