

# WG Conservation Meadow Committee Meeting

April 18, 2024

In attendance; Georgette Cole, Bruce Daggy, Barbara Leng, Donna Shriner, Anne Vincent

The agenda was approved by consensus. Minutes from the March 2024 meeting were approved by consensus. No public appearances.

The meeting with Parks took place on April 5, 2024, by walking through the upper and lower meadows with Ryan Colliton who is a Principal Natural Resources Specialist with MoCo Parks. We didn't address all the questions on our list, some will be held over, but we did get a commitment from Parks to support our conservation efforts as follows:

- Parks will deal with the unwanted red cedars in the Upper Meadow in the Autumn of 2024. Parks will identify which trees should be removed. It is understood that the phalanx of red cedars alongside the housing at Shady Grove crossing will remain. This is both to protect the view-scape (important to historical preservation) and maintain privacy to the houses. Parks will consider removing the Bradford Pear behind Donna Shriner's house and advise WG when this is feasible.
- Parks recommended actions to improve the balance between native and non-native species, including planting natives in the fall or spring. Parks will supply plants and WG can request specific items. Plants are grown at Pope Farm. [The plant portfolio is made available twice/year and can be found here.](#)
- Parks also recommended weeding non-native invasives under the direction of a Weed Warrior Supervisor. Parks will allocate one to WG.
- Parks advised that WW Supervisors have undergone new training programs that are required to lead untrained volunteers.
- Parks is interested in the amount of use the meadows get. They prefer to work with an active and engaged community. Measuring footfall using wildlife cameras would be helpful if WG can do this.

Items held over with Parks:

1. When will Parks supply signage and bollards?
2. Does anyone at Parks monitor water quality at the springs?
3. When will Parks address the lower meadow?
4. Who is responsible for trash removal in the adjacent woods?

Date of next meeting May 15, 2024 at 7:30 via Zoom. A reminder will be circulated with the link.

Committee adjourned 8:06 pm

Notes by Anne Vincent