
Field Notes

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Hi Ryan,

Please see below. We've added to the NNI species list, added language to Action #1, and inserted an Action #5. There was also some discussion about tidying up the partially fallen trees in the wooded strip between the meadows, I'm not sure what was decided. Placeholder as Action #6.

The committee will get back to you with a list of desired species. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. Planting in support of monarchs will certainly be on our list, but we have time to identify more. And when these plantings happen, it would be nice to consider educational signage.

Dianna mentioned you will be hosting tours of the restored meadow at Rachel Carson this summer, please keep us posted when that is happening.

Thanks again for coming out to meet with us. We look forward to working with you.

Kind Regards,

Bruce

On Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 11:46 AM Colliton, Ryan <ryan.colliton@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Bruce:

Feel free to add any information you feel is missing.

Washington Grove Site Visit Notes

- 1) *Current focus is on meadow in Washington Grove Conservation Park*
- 2) *Meadow has some non-native, invasive species issues that will need to be addressed: thistle, vetch, stiltgrass, mile-a-minute, garlic mustard, Chinese wisteria, oriental bittersweet, autumn olive, and Japanese stiltgrass.*
- 3) *Washington Grove has certified Weed Warriors, need to establish relationship w/ WW supervisor to hold events with non-certified individuals*
- 4) *Red cedar continue to expand at the site*
- 5) *A few bradford pear are present in/ adjacent to both meadows*
- 6) *Community would like to enhance diversity of native meadow species*

Action Items:

- 1) *Survey to identified select non-native invasive species for control (Parks, volunteers) The proposed approach is not to chemically treat to bare soil but to combine targeted weed control efforts and native plant additions to achieve a healthier balance.*
- 2) *Identify red cedars for reduction*
- 3) *Have Washington Grove identify goals for meadow to determine species (e.g. milkweed for monarchs)*
- 4) *Coordinate plants and planting for increasing native biological diversity (est. Fall '24, Spring '25)*
- 5) Washington Grove should contact Ryan Butler about whether increased regional deer population control is planned or possible.
- 6) Fallen trees: ???

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