

“Rescue our Fruit Trees”

Come and be part of a hands-on workshop to learn about invasive plants and rescue fruit trees from being strangled by these “predatory” plants.

Date: Saturday, March 19, 10 am to noon

Place: Tufts Branch Sanctuary parking lot on Healy Road

Wear tough, old outdoor clothing and work boots, as you will encounter thorns. Work gloves, clippers, and water will be provided. If interested please contact Sandy Peterson at 508-949-2468 or email smargan@aol.com before March 10th. Space is limited.

Event Recap: On a beautiful March morning, eleven hearty volunteers arrived at TBVS for the sole purpose of freeing some of the fruit trees and other indigenous plants from the strangulation of Multiflora Rose, Morrow’s Honeysuckle, and Oriental Bittersweet (there is nothing sweet about this one). Donning thick work gloves and protective clothing, they worked tirelessly pulling, clipping, and dragging these unwanted non-native plants, clearing around the fruit trees to restore healthy growth. A huge thanks to – Ken Butkiewicz, Roseann Cushing, Nicole Gajewski, Melanie Gajewski, Dave Harrigan, Susan Jameson, George Martin, Mark Smith, Missy Wayland, and Paul Wieloch, for making a difference. You all proved to be extraordinary stewards of the land. At the end of our toiling, we all relished the Butterfinger candy bars brought by George Martin and went away feeling satisfied with our “rescue mission.”