

Weed Warriors

• Weed Warriors Classes

- Volunteers take two classes that cover the basics on invasive plants, species ID, removal methods, and overall best management practices so they enter Baltimore city parks ready to effectively remove some of the worst invasives in the city without negatively impacting native flora and fauna. Upon completion of both classes, which take place both indoors and outdoors, volunteers receive a card verifying they have completed training, a t-shirt, field guides, and other education materials to reference in the field. Certified Weed Warriors are called upon for events to act as leaders to help others remove invasives from their local park.
- Class dates and times can be found at <http://www.treebaltimore.org/upcoming-events/> or <http://www.meetup.com/Baltimore-Weed-Warriors/>.
- Classes are
- Contact Weed Warriors program coordinator at Stephanie.Hamson@baltimorecity.gov for more information.

• Weed Warriors Events

- Whether volunteers are certified or a one-time Warrior, Weed Warriors Invasive Removal Events are a great way to get outside for a few hours on the weekend and learn about the problems invasive plants cause in our parks- and then do something about it! Events are two to three hours long, include a tutorial in the beginning, time to network after the event, and the Weed Warriors Program Coordinator works alongside volunteers. Tools, gloves, snacks and refreshments are provided. Volunteers can earn student service learning hours or community service hours if requested beforehand.
- All event dates are on <http://www.treebaltimore.org/upcoming-events/> and on <http://www.meetup.com/Baltimore-Weed-Warriors/>
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• Adopt-An-Acre

- Volunteers who like to work in Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park on their own can adopt one acre (or more!) and commit 20 hours a year to controlling invasive species within their assigned acre. Adopters keep an hours log to turn into the Weed Warriors Program Coordinator at the end of their term. Adopters can either choose an acre or be assigned an acre based on infestation levels, and are given a map of their acre and their adoption date. A web app developed by Mayor's Office of Information Technology can be accessed to assess infestation levels in the park and help adopters find their acre. Weed Warriors certification is desired but not mandatory.
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