



CONSERVATION PROJECT PROPOSALS ON PARKLAND

Policy Name:	Procedures for Approval and Support of Conservation Projects on Parkland		
Responsible Office:	Urban Forestry Division	Adopted:	1/1/2019
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1. Policy Statement

Weed Warrior programmatic support will be offered to all current Certified Weed Warriors interested to steward park land.

2. Reason for Policy

BCRP Urban Forestry must ensure that project leaders are certified to conduct proposed activities on park land to ensure community safety and environmental protections.

3. Who Should Read This Policy

Any community member interested to conduct large-scale conservation activity on Baltimore City parkland—including but not limited to the removal of nonnative invasive plants, the revegetation and/or redesign of a park area.

4. The Policy

Conservation activity, including nonnative invasive plant removal, on Baltimore City Recreation & Park's property requires regular communications between the Weed Warrior Coordinator (WWC) and the community member/group.

After an interested project leader establishes communications with TreeBaltimore, our WWC will ensure that a Certified Weed Warrior is a part of or invited to join the project. The project leader, Certified Weed Warrior and the WWC will jointly conduct a site assessment of the project area.

The group will then generate an implementation plan for the project—including a goal statement and description that outlines at least 3 seasons of adaptive maintenance plans for the project site. The WWC will present the project proposal to TreeBaltimore, who will then submit a request for approval to Capital Development and any other central stakeholders, such as the Friends Of group for the associated park.

Once approved, TreeBaltimore will coordinate with the group/individuals to support their project needs. Support may include: large stewardship event coordination, fostering partnerships with other Weed Warriors, tools for work days, plant material orders and delivery, and Stormwater Participation Event registration for water bill credits.

The WWC will keep record of the project and update their database with photographs and volunteer reports on a bi-annual basis.