

# Community Service Project

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Sunday October 17, 2004



**PURPOSE:** Remove invasive plants (Mile-A-Minute) from area adjacent to Northwest Branch (part of the Anacostia River watershed) in Hyattsville/College Park, MD.

**DESCRIPTION:**

*Polygonum perfoliatum* L.

Common names:

Mile-A-Minute Weed, Chinese tearthumb

**WHY:** Mile-A-Minute is a non-indigenous plant that grows like crazy and crowds out desirable plants.

*Mile-A-Minute details* --- <http://ceris.purdue.edu/napis/pests/mam/index.html>

**PROJECT LEADER:** James Gedling, Telephone: M-F 301-949-7599, Sat & Sun 301-891-2963  
For: Neighbors of the Northwest Branch [www.neighborsnw.org](http://www.neighborsnw.org)

**WHEN:** Sunday October 17, 2004 from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Come for as long as you can. If you can't come at beginning – come any time. Leave early if you need to.

**WHERE:** Meet at work-site parking lot in Hyattsville/College Park (see directions below)

*LUNCH & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED-LEDO'S MOST-EXCELLENT PIZZA*  
(It's the Best)

**SCHOOL & TROOP CREDIT?** Yes. Forms will be provided for community service credit.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- Long pants
- Long-sleeve shirt
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle filled with water
- Snacks
- Work gloves
- Rain gear
- Coat if it might be cold
- Energy & Enthusiasm

**ALSO:** If you have them bring rakes (short tines), pitchforks, or hand tools with tines.

**DIRECTIONS:** (about 20 minutes from Connecticut Ave & E-W Hwy)

- Take the Beltway I-495 East toward Silver Spring/Baltimore
- Take Exit 29 University Blvd Rt 193 South/East to Langley Park/Hyattsville/College Park
- Continue 3.2 miles past Piney Branch Rd, New Hampshire Av, and Riggs Rd
- Just after Ledo's (on left - Adelphi Plaza - 2420 University Blvd East, Hyattsville)
- Turn left onto West Park Drive
- Go 0.2 mile to parking on right, Northwest Branch Adelphi Manor Rec Ctr/Cricket Field

## **PROJECT CHECK LIST:**

- 1. Flyer**
- 2. Directions**
- 3. Equipment List**
- 4. What to buy or get**
- 5. Permission from MNCPPC**
- 6. Project Log**

## **WHAT TO BUY OR GET:**

- 1. Trash Bags (lots)**
- 2. Water to replenish supply for workers**

## **WHAT JAMES NEEDS TO SUPPLY:**

- 1. Lunch & Drinks**
- 2. Extra Water**
- 3. First-Aid Kit**
- 4. Trash Bags**
- 5. Extra Work Gloves**
- 6. Clip Board, Pencil/Pen, Paper – for recording participants and hours**
- 7. Forms for school community credit**
- 8. Donuts for breakfast & snacks**
- 9. TOOLS ????????**

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Pull up MAM with hands (it comes out very easily)**
- 2. Gloves are needed as the plant has many prickles**
- 3. If seeds are present, try to get them into the trash bags with plant (the seeds are the most important part to capture – to avoid next year's growth)**