

# Newton Conservators Invasive Plant Sessions Spring 2020

Newton Conservators fights invasive plant species to promote the native habitat at our parks and conservation areas. Call the leader if in doubt about the weather. Check [newtonconservators.org](http://newtonconservators.org) for updates to this schedule.

## Sunday, April 26, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

**Garlic Mustard Pull at Dolan Pond Conservation Area** (NewtonSERVES Project). 76 Webster Park, Newton, MA 02465

[www.newtonconservators.org/property/dolan-pond/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/dolan-pond/)

Meet at Webster Park entrance – park there or at the Stratford Rd. or Cumberland Rd. entrances. Come help eradicate soil-damaging invasive garlic mustard from this gem of a pocket park. We may also do some general cleanup and possible trail work. You may also see some interesting migrating birds and vernal pool creatures. Wear long pants and garden gloves. **Leader is Ted Kuklinski, 617-332-7753.**

## Sunday, April 26, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

**Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull** (NewtonSERVES Project). 1200 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461

[www.newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/)

The park is being invaded by garlic mustard, knotweed, buckthorn, and other species. We will keep the aqueduct walk clear after previous years' pulls, continue work on the meadow and Beacon St. parking areas, and check on the Buckthorn Demonstration area in the red maple forest. Wear long pants and garden gloves. Meet at the circle at left end of parking lot at Beacon St. entrance. Co-sponsored by Friends of Cold Spring Park. **Leaders are Alan Noguee, 617-564-1664, and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.**

## Sunday, April 26, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Invasives Pull at Blue Heron Bridge** (NewtonSERVES Project) near Super Stop & Shop, 700 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472

[www.newtonconservators.org/property/charles-path-bridge-street/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/charles-path-bridge-street/)

We will work along the Charles River Greenway at this bridge site, and will do nature study as time allows. Wear long pants/sleeves, sturdy shoes and garden gloves. Park at the Watertown Super Stop & Shop (700 Pleasant St.) at the corner farthest from the store – there is a path entrance – turn left to the Blue Heron Bridge. Or, park at Albemarle Rd. or Nevada St., a block away from the river. **Leaders are Ron Joseph, Anndy Dannenberg, 617-694-9674, and Eric Olson, 617-872-9928.**

## Sunday, April 26, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Invasives Pull at Houghton Garden/Webster Woods** (NewtonSERVES Project) opposite 210 Suffolk Rd., Newton, MA 02467

[www.newtonconservators.org/property/houghton-garden/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/houghton-garden/)

We will remove the garlic mustard near the entrance of Houghton Garden where it borders the T Track crossing to Webster Woods. Help keep these invaders out of Houghton Garden and Webster Woods! Wear long pants and garden gloves.

Meet at the entrance to the garden/T crossing. **Leaders are Sally Baker, Michele Hanss, and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.**

## Sunday, May 3, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

**Invasives Pull at Saw Mill Brook Conservation Area** opposite 120 Vine St., Newton, MA 02467

[www.newtonconservators.org/property/sawmill-brook/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/sawmill-brook/)

Saw Mill Brook is a lovely, long trail connecting Newton to West Roxbury. We will work on the garlic mustard at the Vine St. entrance and along Lagrange St. and Wayne Road borders. We can also explore the beautiful new trail recently forged in the adjoining Kessler Conservation Area. Wear long pants and garden gloves. Meet at the Vine Street entrance. **Leaders are Francesco DiTullio and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.**

## Sunday, May 10, 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

**Invasives Pull at Blue Heron Bridge #2** (repeat visit) near Super Stop & Shop, 700 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472

[www.newtonconservators.org/property/charles-path-bridge-street/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/charles-path-bridge-street/)

We will work along the Charles River Greenway at this bridge site, and will do nature study as time allows. Wear long pants/sleeves, sturdy shoes and garden gloves. Bring digging tools and clippers if you can. Park at Super Stop & Shop at the corner farthest from the store – there is a path entrance – turn left to the Blue Heron Bridge. Or, park at Albemarle Rd. or Nevada St. a block away from the river. **Leader is Eric Olson, 617-872-9928.**

## Saturday, May 16, 9:30 noon – 12:00 noon

**Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull #2** (repeat visit). 1200 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461

[www.newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/)

The park is being invaded by garlic mustard, knotweed, buckthorn, and other species. We will keep the aqueduct walk clear after previous years' pulls, continue work on the meadow and Beacon St. parking areas, and check the Buckthorn Demonstration area in the red maple forest. Wear long pants and garden gloves. Meet at the circle at left end of parking lot at Beacon St. entrance. Co-sponsored by Friends of Cold Spring Park. **Leaders are Nyssa Patten, 617-763-7194, Alan Noguee, 617-564-1664, and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.**

## Sunday, May 17, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Nahanton Park/Woodcock Meadow Invasives Pull** near 455 Nahanton Street, Newton, MA 02459

[www.newtonconservators.org/property/nahanton-park/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/nahanton-park/)

Much of Nahanton Park, including its grassland Woodcock Meadow (home to the threatened American Woodcock), is being invaded by non-native plants. They out-compete native plants, reduce biodiversity, and negatively impact birdlife. Nahanton Park invaders include garlic mustard, black swallow-

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wort, multi-flora rose, Tree of Heaven, buckthorn, and black locust. Help improve the beauty and diversity of this special park (and help the American Woodcock) by removing/cutting back these invasive species. Sturdy shoes, long pants, long sleeves and work gloves recommended. Meet at the Woodcock Meadow entrance from the Upper Lot off Nahanton St. (near the Canoe rental). Co-sponsored by Friends of Nahanton Park. **Leaders are Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571 and Suzette Barbier.**

### **Saturday, May 30, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**

**Houghton Garden/Webster Woods Invasives Pull** opposite 210 Suffolk Rd., Newton, MA 02467  
[www.newtonconservators.org/property/houghton-garden/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/houghton-garden/)

We will tackle garlic mustard and black swallow-wort near the entrance of Houghton Garden where it borders the T Track crossing to Webster Woods. Help keep these invaders out of Houghton Garden! Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the City will dispose properly as trash, not as yard waste. Meet at the entrance to the garden/T crossing. **Leader is Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.**

### **Sunday, May 31, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**

**Japanese Knotweed Pull at Hammond Pond** near 309 Hammond Pond Parkway, Newton, MA 02467  
[www.newtonconservators.org/property/webster-woods/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/webster-woods/)

Japanese knotweed creates dense 8' tall bamboo-like stands; it is a tough adversary because any small root fragment left behind springs back to life the following year. Scientists seek biological control agents, but until then we must control the plant by hand. Bring pitchforks, garden spades, and hand pruners, if you have them. Meet at small parking lot off Hammond Pond Parkway at Route 9 adjacent to pond at "The Street" mall. **Leaders are Anndy Dannenberg and Eric Olson, 617-872-9928.**

### **Sunday, June 7, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**

**Cold Spring Park Invasive Plant Educational Walk.** 1200 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461  
[www.newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/)

Join horticulturist Bruce Wenning and learn to identify the invasive species found in this park and in everybody's yards! Learn the traits of invasive species, how and why they are so successful and hurt the native ecosystems, and how to control them in your yards and neighborhoods. Wear long pants and closed shoes. Meet at the circle at left end of parking lot at Beacon St. entrance. **Leader is Bruce Wenning, 617-962-0646.**

### **Sunday, June 7, 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm**

**Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull #3** (repeat visit). 1200 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461  
[www.newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/)

The park is being invaded by garlic mustard, knotweed, buckthorn, and other species. We will keep the aqueduct clear after previous years' pulls, continue work on the meadow and Beacon St. parking areas, and check the Buckthorn Demonstration area in the red maple forest. Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided. Enter CSP at Beacon St. entrance. Turn left and go to circle at far end of the parking lot (circle). **Leader is Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.**

### **Saturday, June 13, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Charles River Quinobequin/Hemlock Gorge Invasives Pull.** near 2 Ellis St., Newton, MA 02464  
[www.newtonconservators.org/property/hemlock-gorge/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/hemlock-gorge/)

We will control garlic mustard, knotweed, and black swallow-wort infestations inside beautiful Hemlock Gorge Park, and the adjoining walking trail along the Charles at Quinobequin Rd. Help keep the invaders out of these beautiful parks! Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided. Meet at the parking lot at corner of Quinobequin Rd. and Ellis St. at Rt. 9 intersection. **Leaders are Jerry Reilly and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.**

### **Sunday, June 14, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**

**Charles River Quinobequin/Hemlock Gorge Invasives Pull** (repeat visit). near 2 Ellis St., Newton, MA 02464  
[www.newtonconservators.org/property/hemlock-gorge/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/hemlock-gorge/)

We will continue our control of garlic mustard, knotweed, and black swallow-wort infestations inside beautiful Hemlock Gorge Park, and the adjoining lovely walking trail along the Charles River at Quinobequin Rd. Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided. Meet at the parking lot at corner of Quinobequin Rd. and Ellis St. at Rt. 9 intersection. **Leaders are Jerry Reilly and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.**

### **Saturday, June 20, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**

**Knotweed Pull at Dolan Pond** (NewtonSERVES Project). 76 Webster Park, Newton, MA 02465  
[www.newtonconservators.org/property/dolan-pond/](http://www.newtonconservators.org/property/dolan-pond/)

Meet at Webster Park entrance; park there or at Stratford Rd. or Cumberland Rd. entrances. We will work to control knotweed along the path through the Conservators C/R (Conservation Restriction) area of this gem of a pocket park. Bring shovels and clippers and wear long pants and garden gloves. **Leader is Ted Kuklinski, 617-332-7753.**

### **Sunday, July 12, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**

**Black Swallow-wort Pull at Cold Spring Park.**

BSW, yet another threat to monarch butterflies, has appeared at just one spot, and we need to nip it in the bud! Co-sponsored by Friends of Cold Spring Park. **See website or call leader Katherine Howard for details, 617-721-2571.**

### **Sunday, July 19, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**

**Black Swallow-wort Pull at Crystal Lake.**

A small group has started giving the small pocket park along Center St. some love — removing bittersweet and pulling BSW (a threat to monarch butterflies). There is a beautiful park underneath! **See website or call Katherine Howard for details, 617-721-2571.**

### **Sunday, July 26, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**

**Black Swallow-wort Pull at Hemlock Gorge.**

Let's keep BSW, a threat to monarch butterflies, out of our breathtaking Hemlock Gorge! **See website or call Katherine Howard for details, 617-721-2571.**

► To learn more about Plant Invaders, go to page 11 to view pictures and descriptions of the most common invasives.