

Weed Warrior Program – Our kick-off meeting was a big success. The nine volunteers removed a great deal of invasive multiflora rose near the hiking path. You can still get involved! For more details about this program and the invasive plants being targeted, please send an email to eac@charlestown.pa.us.

SAVE THE DATE: Our next Weed Warrior Meeting will be on Saturday June 4 from 9am to 11am on the Pickering Trail – other details to be announced.

The invasive species targets for the June 4 meeting are below: Garlic Mustard and Narrowleaf Bittercress. Both of these plants have a habit of popping up everywhere, in both dry and wet conditions, good soils and bad soils, and their seed propagation is very effective.

Garlic Mustard releases chemicals in the ground that prevent seeds from other plants from taking root, also kill beneficial mycorrhizal fungi in the soils (they feed the roots of plants), and even poison some butterfly larvae. It's really not a nice neighbor!

Narrowleaf Bittercress is native to Europe that can remain small or grow up to two feet, and flowers in its second year. It can form dense stands and out-compete native species

Both of these plants are easily hand pulled; look for them in your yard now as they have begun to flower. If you cannot join this group effort, you can help by pulling invasive and noxious plant on your own. We will help you recognize how to differentiate invasive from native plants, and how and when to remove them. See information sheets posted on the EAC page of the township website.

Garlic Mustard – *Alliaria petiolata*



Narrowleaf Bittercress – *Cardamine impatiens*

