PLEASE DO NOT PLANT THESE NON-NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive plant species have become an ever-increasing problem in our area. Non-native invasive plants compete with, and often dominate, native species. They alter habitat, degrade natural ecosystems, and contribute to the growing problem of habitat loss in our area. This, in turn, threatens all animal life dependent on native flora.

JAPANESE BARBERRY

Berberis thunbergii

BURNING BUSH

Euonymus alata

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

Lythrum salicaria

ORIENTAL BITTERSWEET

Celastrus orbiculatus

JAPANESE SPIREA

Spiraea japonica

CROWN VETCH

Coronilla varia

VINCA

Vinca minor

WISTERIA

Wisteria sinensis

ENGLISH IVY

Hedera helix

ANY BAMBOO

MULTIFLORA ROSE Rosa multiflora

Invasive plants can be introduced by natural means, such as by seeds carried on the winds or by migrating animals; however, often they are introduced into a new area by the home gardener, or by contractors when planting common areas in housing developments. Unfortunately, invasive plants are often recommended by landscapers and plant nurseries even with the knowledge that they are harmful to the native habitat.

Available at local nurseries are many plant species that will spread to our natural areas causing disruption in the native plant community and eventual habitat loss. Please do not plant any of the species listed above. Consider using only native plants in your landscape, ensuring the continued health of the local environment.

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