



Montgomery County Parks Department
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VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: WEED WARRIOR – FOREST RESOURCES TECHNICIAN
LOCATION: M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks location determined by agreement between volunteer and NRMG staff
DIVISION: Natural Resources Division

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A variety of non-native, invasive plant species (NNI's) are present in Montgomery County Parks. By their nature, these plants can take over an area quickly and threaten entire plant communities. Of particular concern is the loss of native plant communities and species. The Parks Department's Natural Resources Management Group (NRMG) coordinates efforts to combat NNI's throughout the parks system. Volunteers can help control invasive plants through **manual management techniques** (cutting, pulling, bagging plant parts, etc.). This work, while of a physical nature, is rewarding and can have a significant impact on the local ecosystems.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Identify work locations, NNI plant species and management techniques for specific areas under general supervision of NRMG staff.
- Remove plants as instructed in training.
- Leave all cuttings and debris in an appropriate location.
- Notify NRMG staff of work progress and/or other specific needs on a quarterly basis.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to identify target species accurately in the field in a variety of growth stages
- Ability to work well independently
- Ability to perform work of a physical nature in an outdoor environment

REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum age: 16 years. Those under 18 must work under supervision of a registered adult
- Maintain active status by reporting all hours worked through quarterly hours request
- Carry Weed Warrior certification (Green Card) at all times when working in parks.

TRAINING:

- Complete the Weed Warrior e-learning course (two modules)
- Attend on-site training conducted by Forest Ecology staff of the NRMG
- Learn management techniques for specific invasive species and safe work methods
- Attend additional Weed Warrior training sessions and lectures when offered

NOTE: *Weed Warrior volunteers may not use power tools or herbicides on Park property.*