



**Fresh Pond Master Plan Advisory Board**

# **2023 Season Volunteer Report**

**Ranger Tim Puopolo, Cambridge Water Dept.**

# **Overview:**

- **Fresh Pond Stewards Program**
- **Public Events**
- **Group Day of Service Opportunities**
- **Partnerships**
- **Eagle Scouts**



# Volunteer for Nature!



## The Fresh Pond Stewards Program



### *Who:*

You! All ages and abilities welcome!  
Minors, please have an adult present

### *When:*

From July through October  
Every Thursday from 10am to 12noon  
Drop-in once, or every week!

### *Where:*

Volunteers meet at the "Tool Trailer" between the first Fresh Pond parking lot and the water at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway in Cambridge. From there we'll gear up and head to the day's work site. (Latecomers refer to the map on the side of the Tool Trailer)

### *What:*

Managing invasive plants, protecting resource areas, trail work and erosion control, restoring habitat, special projects, and more!

Questions? Contact Ranger Omar at [OMejia@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:OMejia@cambridgeMA.gov)

The Fresh Pond Stewards Program

Public Opportunity from Spring to Fall

Over 35 volunteers for more than 60 work hours!



# The Pollinator Pathway Project



# Earth Week Fresh Pond Cleanup

Give back to your community,  
help wildlife, protect the water supply



**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**@ 11:00am**

**Keeping the  
environment  
“fresh”**



Advertised Public Event

15 attendees – 2 hours – 30 work hours

10 large black trash bags collected



# "Day of Service" Volunteer Offering



### **Kolide Cybersecurity**

-20 volunteers – 3 hours – 60 work hours

### **Wave Life Sciences**

- 15 volunteers – 1.5 hours – 22.5 work hours

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### **Huron Consulting**

- 20 volunteers – 1.5 hours – 30 work hours

- 16 volunteers – 1.5 hours – 24 work hours

### **Merck Pharmaceuticals**

- 13 volunteers – 1.75 hours – 22.75 work hours

- 10 volunteers – 1.75 hours – 17.5 work hours

- 13 volunteers – 1.75 hours – 22.75 work hours

### **Google**

- 8 volunteers – 1.75 hours – 14 work hours

### **Arbor Biotechnologies**

- 26 volunteers – 2.75 hours – 71.5 work hours

### **St. Peter School**

- 25 volunteers – 1 hour – 25 work hours

# Who worked with us in 2023?

**Total Volunteers:**

181

**Total Work Hours:**

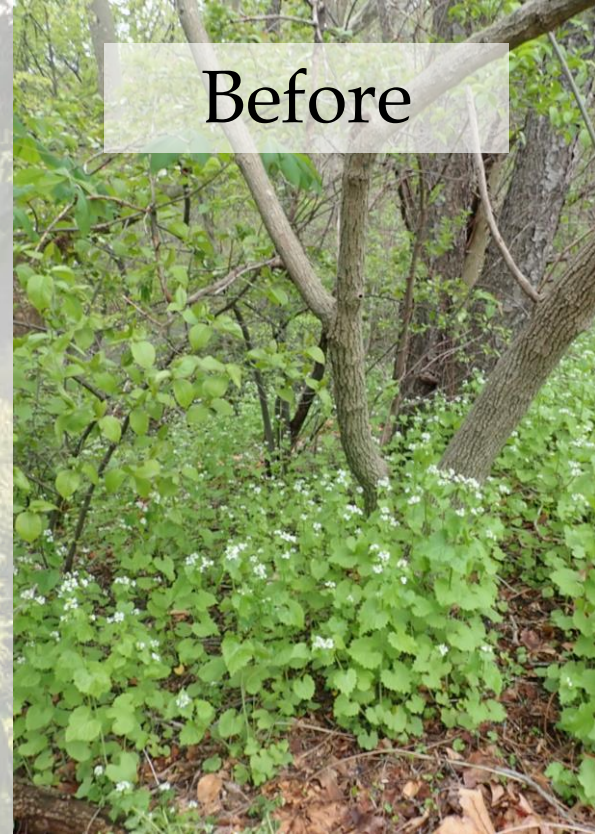
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# Huron Consulting - 5/12/2023

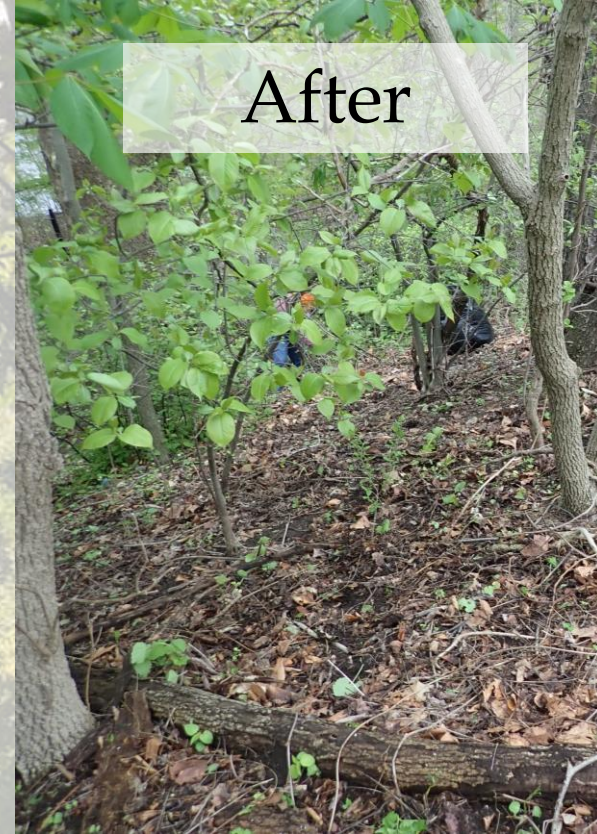




# Wave Life Sciences – 5/4/2023



Before



After

# **Partnerships**

**Improving our knowledge and  
furthering the Master Plan**

# Earthwise Aware biodiversity study



**EWA**  
Earthwise Aware



**EWA Biodiversity & Phenology**

Phenology monitoring is part of EWA's effort to collect information about the impact of climate change on the synchronicity of fauna  
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- EWA at Long Pond (NN+CC+INat)**
  - [NN+CC] ISY White oak
  - [NN] Red maple
  - [NN] Sweet pepperbush
  - [NN] Eastern hemlock
  - ... 42 more
- EWA at Bellevue (NN+INat)**
  - Dogwood P3 Site Info
  - [NN] Flowering dogwood
  - [NN] Northern red oak (patch)
  - [NN] Shagbark hickory
  - ... 17 more
- EWA on Summer P9 (NN)**
  - [NN] Red maple 1
  - [NN] Red maple 2
  - [NN] Green ash
  - [NN] Silver Maple
  - [NN] Northern red oak
  - P9 Site Info

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# The "Neville Habitat Restoration Area" Project



# Monthly Sessions from April to October



Repeated community engagement with  
around 12 Neville volunteers





# Eagle Scouts

Fundraising  
Project Management  
Planning  
Volunteer Recruitment

Nathaniel McCullagh,  
Eagle Scout Recipient



# Zoey Johnson, Eagle Scout Candidate







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