

MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: RICK MEADER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
SUBJECT: INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVALS IN LAKESHORE PARK
DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2024

Mayor and Council –
FYI, only
- Victor

We received a grant from Oakland County Parks to remove some of the dense stand of woody invasive plants on the slope above the picnic area in Lakeshore Park. The work was done by Oakland County Parks staff in October. The grant was only enough to clear about half of the area, but they saw the extent of the problem and worked another day to clear the entire area of what was mostly autumn olive, but also had buckthorn and honeysuckle throughout the area.

In clearing the invasives, they made room for the numerous redbuds, maples and other native species already there to grow in the area, making it much more attractive and accessible for park users. I wanted to make you aware of the extra effort and great benefit Oakland County parks provided the City. See photos of the cleared area below.

