

MEMORANDUM



TO: CHARLES BOULARD, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FROM: RICK MEADER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
SUBJECT: WOODY INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL UNDERWAY
DATE: JANUARY 5, 2023

Our contractor, Natural Community Services, has commenced work on removing woody invasive species, primarily common buckthorn, from Rotary Park, per our contract. The areas to be worked on are shown below in the shaded boxes:

The work to be done includes cutting down small (1" diameter and less) and leaving the cut material in place. It should decay fairly quickly and help enhance the soil. Larger plants will be girdled and left standing. The combination of these methods will allow more area to be covered, will leave cover for wildlife and birds while native plants respond to the additional sunlight and will leave some screening for adjacent homeowners. Eventually the larger dead trees will fall on their own but that will happen over a long period of time and the responding plantings will grow over them as they fall.

In order to prevent the cut and girdled trees from resprouting, herbicide is being applied to the cut stumps and girdle area which will travel into the plants' root systems and kill the plants (the cutting does not kill them).



As the chemical is being applied directly to the plant and not sprayed into the air, there is no risk of harm to people or animals. The work must be done before the end of February, but may be complete before then.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at rmeader@cityofnovi.org or 248-735-5621.