

Minutes for the Starksboro Conservation meeting  
May 25, 2024  
Creekside Trail

Present: Robert Turner, Jan McCleery, Margi Gregory, Jennifer

Activity: We walked along the upside/wooded side of the trail from the kiosk to the tractor bridge, noting the location of the invasive plants and their abundance

Invasive plants noted:

1. Poison parsnip – much less than formerly but still some along the field to the left of the beginning of the trail. More is now coming in along the wooded part of the trail as it descends from the area along Rt 116. We assume it continues to spread in the meadow on the other side of the trail and in the path itself.
2. Buckthorn – quite a bit on both sides of the trail
3. Japanese honeysuckle – quite a bit on both sides of the trail. Some are large.
4. Garlic mustard – at the parking lot facing the pavilion and heading into the woods from there. Although some was pulled this year in the field and woods between the kiosk and the river, there is still a significant amount there.
5. Knotweed – previously seen around the back of Cota Field. Also seen in a sort of island in the creek near the tractor bridge. Now also found low by the creek on the wooded side.
6. Canary grass – in the field between the kiosk and the river
7. Wild rose – here and there along the wooded part of the trail