

South Arboretum Woods (SAW) Activity



Mixing prairie seed for prairie plot at SAW.



Transplanting prairie seedlings in INHS greenhouse.



Planting prairie seedlings on Saw's east side.



Planting woodland rhizomes.



Removing honeysuckle seedlings by bee hives.



Garlic mustard removed by Eagle Scout project.

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Trimming weeds along Windsor side of SAW.



Clearing weeds on west side for prairie.



Scattering prairie seeds on West side of SAW.



One of many Red Bison work day meetings.



Herbicide is used selectively in SAW.



Cut honeysuckle is collected for chipping.

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In 2015 students and community volunteers drag honeysuckle for chipping. It is impossible to see into the woods.



By 2018 the bulk of the honeysuckle was removed allowing sunlight to penetrate to the floor of the woods.



Reporter interviewing a student removing garlic mustard.



Class studying soil horizons in pit of Flanagan silt loam. The area has four distinct soil types.

The 22 acre South Arboretum Woods (SAW) at Lincoln and Windsor Avenues is well on its way to becoming an outdoor classroom, haven for pollinators and other native species, and a carbon sequestration area. Student volunteers from Red Bison and other RSOs as well as community members from groups such as the Master Naturalists have greatly improved the habitat diversity in the woods. The project is supported with funds from the Student Sustainability Committee, equipment purchases by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, Arboretum staff and numerous other campus entities. Since 2012 the bulk of invasive honeysuckle has been removed and the plan is to establish more native forbs, shrubs and trees. Researchers are also invited to suggest projects and initiate studies.  
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