

WEED WARRIORS UPDATE

November 2020



Approx 150 trees, shrubs & perennials were planted.

OCTOBER 10 REPORT, Warson Park

We had a great turn-out on the first work day of the season at Warson Park! Warriors planted approximately 150 young trees, shrubs and perennial plugs in the south east section of the park. This area was cleared by hand and machinery by over the last two years. Honeysuckle regrowth has been minimal with most appearing at the base of trees and next to fallen logs. A significant stand of Elderberry has emerged which was a significant bird magnet while the berries were ripe.



Families joined in during the October 10 work day.

BALD CYPRESS CUT-OFF, Stacy Park

Volunteer crews have been hard at work restoring the Bald Cypress grove in the ravine between the prairie and the walking path at Stacy. This area was cleared by St Louis Job Corps volunteers in fall 2019. After clearing, it became a popular short-cut for park users. This month, native trees and plants were added and a wood chip trail was created to formalize the cut-through while protecting new plantings.



Rope barrier along the top of the Bald Cypress Cut-Off



Habitat Restoration sign at the start of the Bald Cypress Cut-Off

PROTECTING RESTORED AREAS

The restored areas at Warson and Stacy Parks, along with the new hiking trails are very popular with park visitors. All parks have significantly more people walking and exercising during the Pandemic. To help park users learn about habitat restoration and protect newly planted trees and perennials, new control methods have been introduced. Rope barriers are being installed to help people avoid walking in newly planted areas. To share information on the benefits of native plants, temporary restoration signs have been posted in work areas. More formal interpretive signs will be installed during the Park Master Plan implementation.

WEED WARRIORS 2020-2021 SEASON
SATURDAYS 9:00-11:00 AM

OCTOBER 10	JANUARY 9	APRIL 10
NOVEMBER 14	FEBRUARY 13	MAY 8*
DECEMBER 12	MARCH 13	<i>*May hours 8-10AM</i>

DECEMBER 14
Next Weed Warrior Day! Location TBD



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