

# Maiden Creek Watershed Association

## INVASIVE PLANTS

1. When is a plant considered invasive?
2. How do invasive plants spread?
3. Why should I be concerned about invasive plants?
4. What can I do to control invasive plants?

MCWA activities include:

Stream clean-ups

Invasive plant removal

Educational outreach on quality of water issues

Monitoring water quality

Delaware Riverkeeper Network developed an “Adopt-A-Buffer” program to help citizens monitor & maintain restoration projects. This should lead to a self-sustaining & functioning natural system that infiltrates runoff, stabilizes stream banks, provides wildlife habitat & improves water quality. Removal of invasive plants is necessary for a successful project.

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Canada THISTLE  
DAMES ROCKET  
Garlic MUSTARD  
Japanese HONEYSUCKLE  
Japanese KNOTWEED  
KUDZU  
Lesser CELANDINE  
Multiflora ROSE  
Norway MAPLE  
Oriental BITTERSWEET  
Purple LOOSESTRIFE  
Tree of HEAVEN  
WINEBERRY  
Winged EUONYMUS

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Answers to Invasive Plants quiz:

1. Plants are considered invasive when it has become a weed pest, grows aggressively, spreads and displaces native plants. They are usually difficult to control and can dominate large areas. Many invasive plants came from another country and became over-aggressive because they do not have natural predators to keep them under control. Some invasive species were planted intentionally for erosion control, livestock grazing, wildlife habitat enhancement, and ornamental purposes. We have since learned about the devastating damage this may have caused.
2. Invasive plants spread by producing a large quantity of seeds that disperse and sprout easily. Other invasive plants can reproduce by roots or shoots.
3. Invasive plants displace native plants that many birds, insects and animals need for survival. This can result in loss of many species.
4. Learn about the invasive plants and remove them. Replace with natives or non-invasive species. Use fertilizers wisely. Inform plant suppliers not to sell invasive species. Invasive plants are persistent, so be sure to continue monitoring and controlling them. Spread the word “INVASIVE PLANTS MUST GO”

References:

“Invasive Plants in Pennsylvania” brochure by DCNR.

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/> Web site for National Park Service

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