



TOWN OF CONCORD
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CPA Funded Project Status Report

Project Name: Gowings Swamp Invasives Removal Project Number: _____

A. Describe work completed to date:

In October 2016, a group of volunteers manually removed glossy buckthorn from the wooded area abutting the Ripley playscape. Volunteers also cut glossy buckthorn and covered the stumps with "buckthorn baggies." This was an experiment to see if we could use this manual/non-chemical method successfully. Unfortunately, it was only about 50% effective in killing the buckthorn plants.

In December 2016, we completed the extensive woody plant clearing of all treatment areas around Gowings Swamp.

In the spring of 2017, SVT mowed management areas. Then later in the season, the invasive plant regrowth was selectively treated with herbicide. The Japanese knotweed area was sprayed with herbicide separately.

All contract work was completed by Land Stewardship Inc.

Concord Land Conservation Trust (CLCT) conducted some additional treatment of invasive plants on their property.

In the spring of 2018, SVT staff and volunteers, and one employee of Land Stewardship Inc. cut and removed dead Japanese knotweed stems. We raked the area clean and put down a native seed mix.

B. Expenditure Report:

- **What is the date your project began or will begin spending CPA funds?** Dec. 1, 2016

- **Briefly account for the amount of CPA funds expended to date:**

Woody Clearing (Dec, 2016)	\$ 14,100
Spring and summer herbicide application (2017)	\$ 2,100

C. Describe remaining work:

All work that was funded by the CPA has been completed.

SVT and the Concord Land Conservation Trust will continue to control invasive plants on their respective properties.

- D. What is the expected project completion date?** All work funded by Concord CPA has been completed.

Name of person who completed form: Laura Mattei Date: June 11, 2018