



BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Glossy Buckthorn Removal VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, April 2, 2016 @ 9:00 AM - Noon
Tioga River Wildlife & Conservation Area Parking Lot
490 Depot Street near the Northfield Line

Your Conservation Commission (BCC) is holding another Glossy Buckthorn Removal Day at the Tioga River Wildlife and Conservation Area (TRW&CA). G. Buckthorn is a non-native invasive plant that has become a monoculture on this piece of Town-owned conservation land. The BCC is trying to stop its spread and maybe even scale back the infestation to allow native plants to become re-established and promote natural wildlife habitat.

In the summers of 2011 & 2012 the BCC paid for crews from the Student Conservation Association (SCA) to hand pull G. Buckthorn with a grant from the Aquatic Resource Mitigation program. Last year during a follow-up walk with NH Dept. of Environmental



Services (DES) monitoring the results of the grant, we discovered that previously cleared areas had resprouted. This effort will follow up to revisit previously cleared areas and attack new ones if time allows. DES suggested that the BCC host an annual cleanup of the property. By volunteering, you will help us achieve the restoration of this extremely significant wildlife habitat - the infested upland supports one of the most highly ranked wildlife habitats in the state - the Tioga Marsh! The BCC plans to hold a field day on one of its managed properties each spring and fall.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Rick Ball at the Belmont Land Use Office lutech@belmontnh.org or 267-8300 x125 or just show up on Saturday morning - Wear Gloves and Clothes that you don't mind getting Dirty. If possible, Treat Clothing with Permethrin to ward off Ticks. If you can't commit to the Full 3 Hours - come for One or a Couple. Bring Water. We will have some Weed Wrenches. Bring a Shovel if you can.

