

SPARLING BUSH PLAN

September 2019



Sparling Bush Plan (2020 - 2022)

Sparling Bush provides residents and visitors access to a variety of plant and animal life, and recreational trails. The continued preservation of Sparling Bush is crucial as it provides immense ecological and recreational value, and is, therefore, an integral Town asset.

Strategic Priorities	2020	2021	2022	
Encroachment	<p>Establish a buffer zone along the perimeter of the bush to prevent the spread of dog-strangling vine</p> <p>Placement of mulch in the buffer zone</p>	<p>Removal of encroachments in the northwest corner (yard waste, and other materials)</p> <p>Removal of encroachments in the southeast corner</p>		
Non-Native Invasive Species	<p>Garlic Mustard: manually pull plants before they go to seed</p> <p>Installation of filter cloth, with mulch in the northeast corner to deter periwinkle spread</p> <p>Cut a large section of dog strangling vine and install a filter cloth and mulch before seeding</p> <p>Continue to monitor Buckthorn</p>	<p>Garlic Mustard: manually pull plants before they go to seed</p> <p>Tarping of northwest corner to remove invasive species</p> <p>Continue to monitor and assess the control of the dog strangling vine</p>	<p>Garlic Mustard: manually pull plants before they go to seed</p> <p>Continue to monitor and assess the dog strangling vine, and plant native species through the filter cloth</p>	
Trail & Tree Management	<p>Installation of Sparling Crescent Trail access</p> <p>Annual placement of mulch on trails</p> <p>Inspection of trees adjacent to trails and perimeter properties</p>	<p>Installation of stone dust trail connection to cemetery Loop Trail</p> <p>Planting of native species in the northeast corner to enhance the area and grow the canopy</p> <p>Annual placement of mulch on trails</p> <p>Inspection of trees adjacent to trails and perimeter properties</p>	<p>Planting of native species in northwest corner to enhance the area and grow the canopy (basswood, sugar maple, and black cherry)</p> <p>Annual placement of mulch on trails</p> <p>Inspection of trees adjacent to trails and perimeter properties</p>	
Signage	<p>Installation signage at Sparling Crescent trail access</p>			