

For Willowbrook Reach of Boggy Creek
between East 40th and East 38 1/2 Streets
in Cherrywood Neighborhood
(CNA 1999; Watershed Protection 2000 April 28)

1. ***Annual Schedule for Mowing***

- a. One time in late February:
 - i. Use weed eaters to cut vegetation in creek and on banks to approximately 12 “ high.
 - ii. Mow all of adjacent flat lands to approximately 4 “ high.
- b. One time in April:
 - i. Use weed eaters to cut vegetation in creek and on banks to approximately 12 “ high.
 - ii. Mow adjacent flatlands to approximately 4 “ high excluding four wildflower areas shown on map.
 - iii. Identify four wildflower areas by staking prior to mowing.
 - iv. Remove stakes after mowing.
- c. One time in early June: Same procedure as late February.
- d. One time in August: Same procedure as late February.
- e. One time in October: Same procedure as late February.

2. ***Methodology for Cutting in Creekbed and on Banks***

- a. Remove trash and debris from creekbed.
- b. Cut vegetation in creekbed and on creek banks to approximately 12 “ high.
- c. Rake in-creek cuttings away from creekbed to enhance water quality.

3. ***Methodology for Mowing Parkland***

- a. From late February until early June, when all wildflowers have gone to seed, no mowing in staked areas.
- b. Rest of Year: Set mowing height at approximately 4 “ from ground.
- c. Nearby residents can mow trail and edges of trail as needed.

4. ***Eradication of Poison Ivy***

- a. Organic Method (recommended) can be done by nearby residents. Dig up and discard roots of poison ivy. Wear gloves, mask and protective clothing. Do not burn poison ivy where anyone can inhale the smoke, as it can get into the lungs.
- b. One-time Maintenance by Watershed Protection Field Operations in 2000.
Non-organic Method (small-shrub herbicide -- Brush Be Gone)
 - i. For poison ivy on creek bank: Spray herbicide to cover leaves and stems of plants.
 - ii. For poison ivy next to -- and growing up into -- large trees:
 - (1) Prune ivy close to its base and remove as much ivy as possible from the tree trunk. Poison ivy too high to reach will eventually die.
 - (2) When the pruned stump puts out new leaves, use herbicide on new leaves and stump. Avoid getting herbicide on the tree trunk by wrapping a plastic cloth around trunk. (Herbicides can enter a tree's system through its bark).