



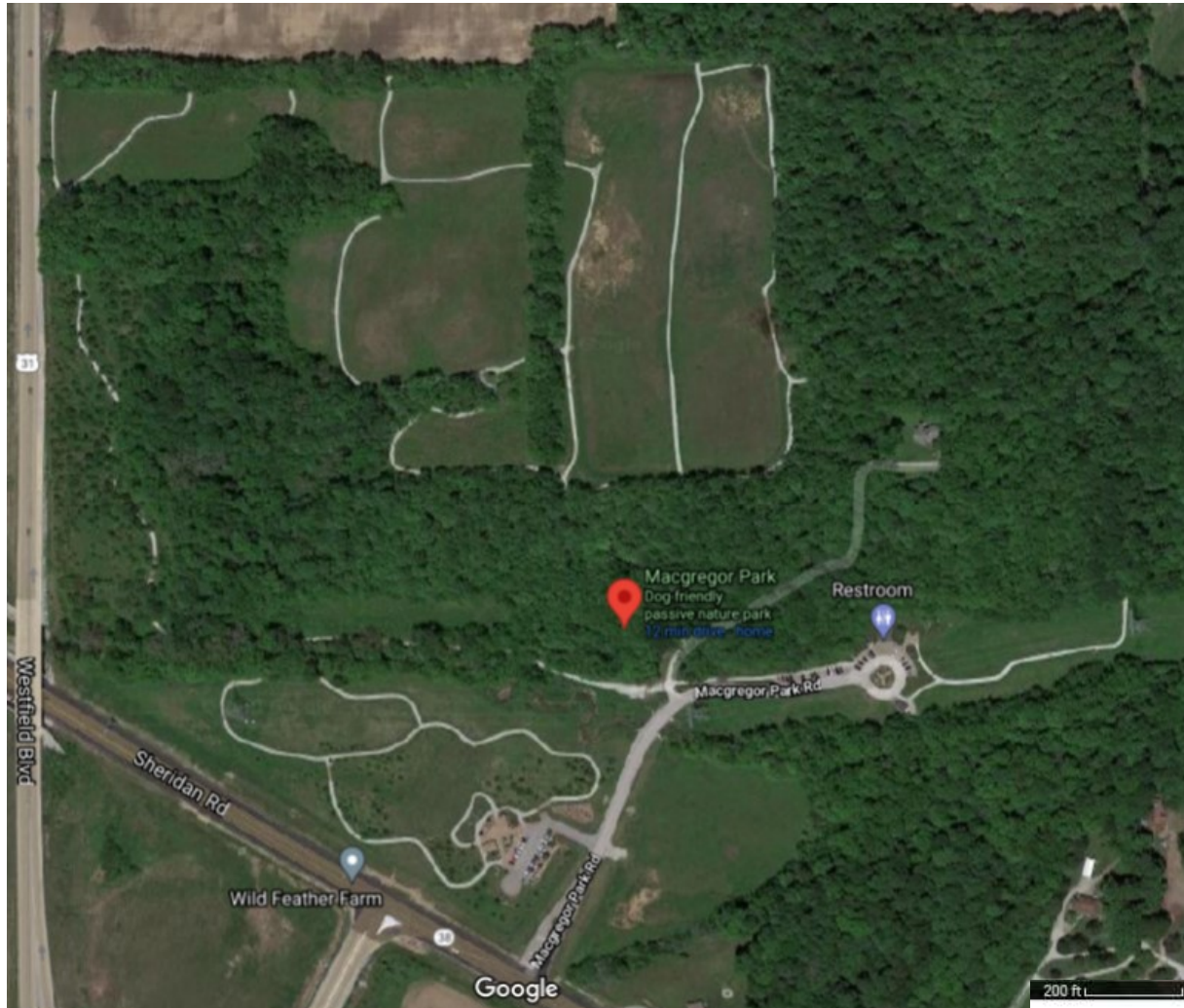
HIP Strike Team Event Summary
Oct. 23rd, 2021 at MacGregor Park



Strike Team Volunteers

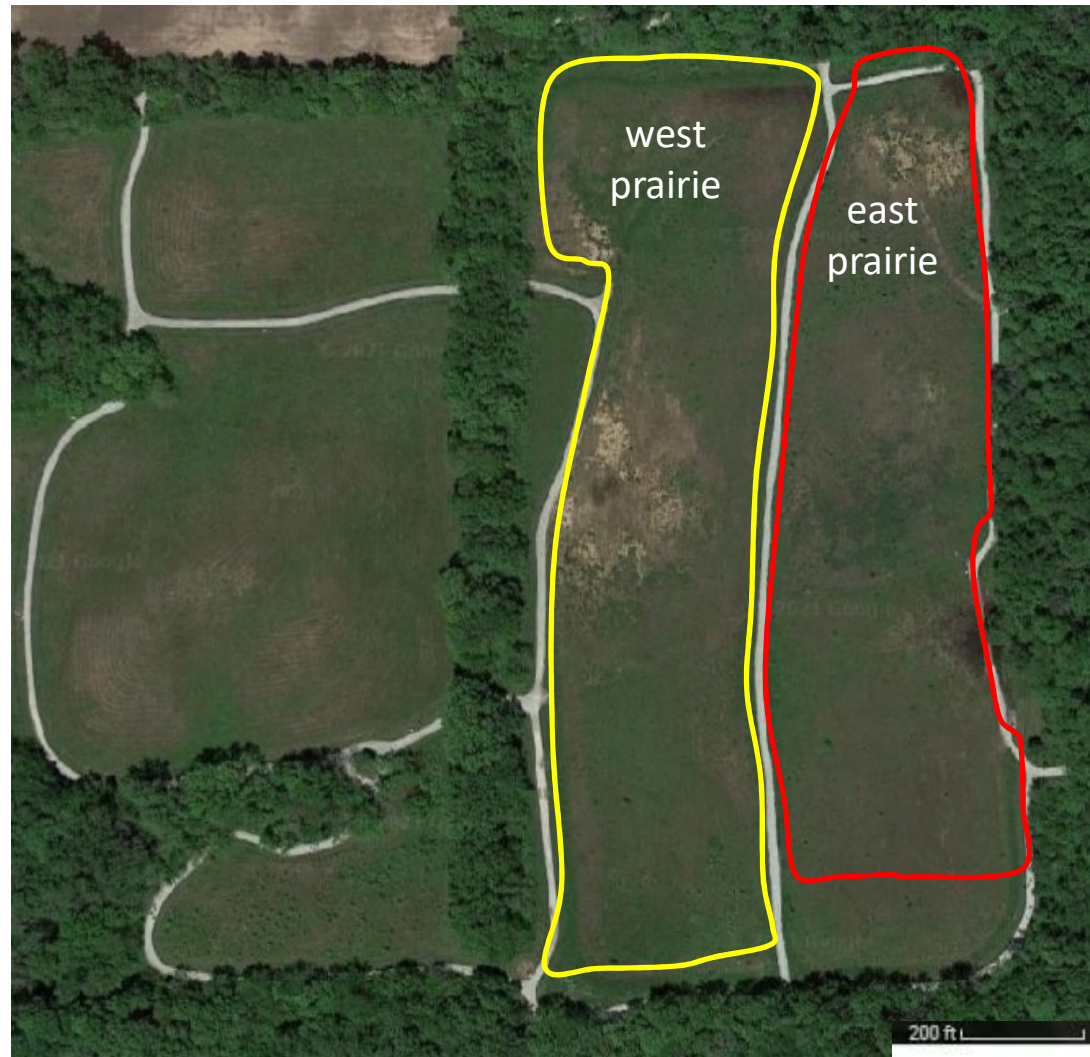
Christy Oakes, Dorrie Keyes, Stephanie Schuck, Jacob Biby, Markine Sipes, Mary Welz, Danielle Carey Tolan, Kim Gauen, Mickey Gauen, Taylor Wilson, Susan Steele, Shelly Brown, Phil Flannagan, Judy Corman, Claire Lane, Matt Belsley (not pictured)

MacGregor Park



MacGregor Park is on the northeast corner of the intersection of Highways 31 and 38.

Target Area

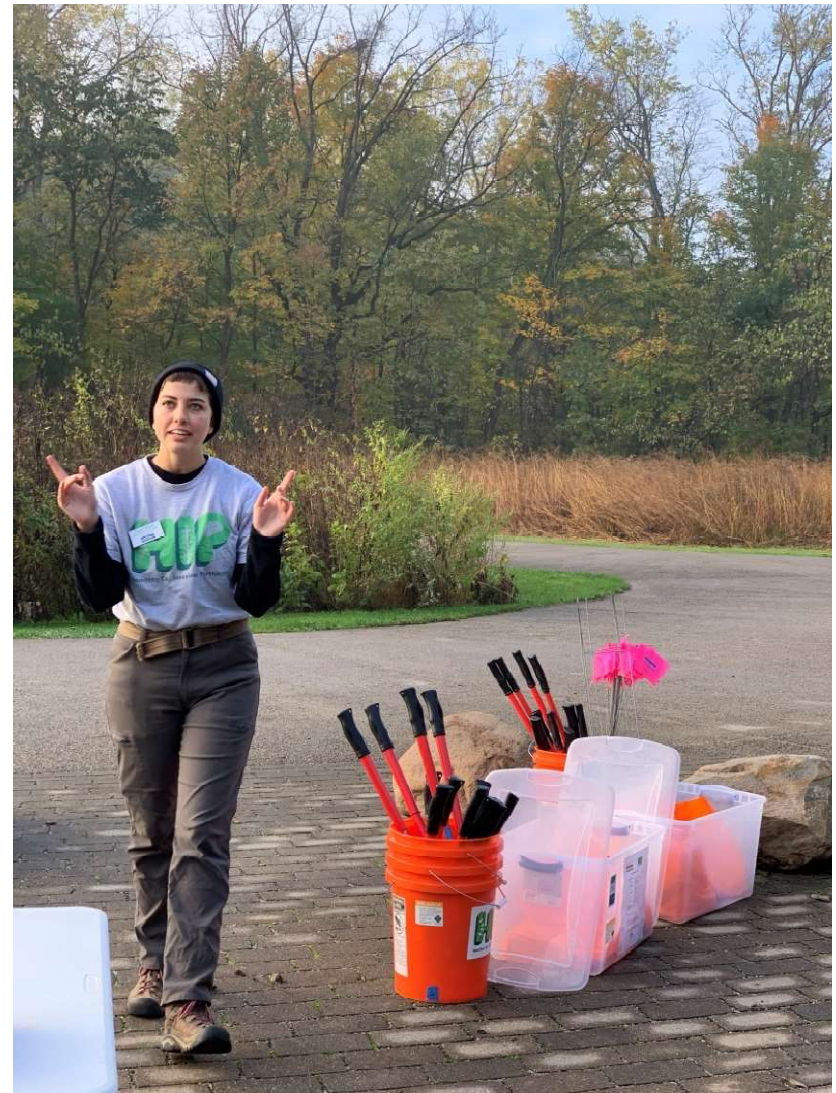


West prairie was completely cleared; east prairie was 90% cleared. Total area is about 10 acres.



Thanking Mary Welz

Safety and Orientation



Assembling at site, Plant ID



Removing the bad guys



Taking no prisoners



Two of the seven teams



Invasive white mulberry: Before and after removal



Event Highlights

- Mary Welz joined us for her last event as a SICIM employee. Thank you, Mary!
- Roughly 10 acres of prairie was cleared of woody invasive plants; native woody species were not removed
- Callery pear, Multiflora rose, Autumn olive, and white mulberry were primary invasive species removed
- Debris was left in place; it is not too large for a bush hogging
- Native woody plants encountered include native rose bushes, dogwood, white false indigo (*Baptisia alba*), various trees
- About 14 ounces of 41% glyphosate solution was used; all applied with 7 daubers
- 15 volunteers worked for 3 hours
- Markine Sipes, MacGregor Administrator, was very pleased with the results.
- Safety summary: no participants contracted poison ivy; no one reported any injuries
- Follow up event is planned for fall of 2022. Some participants are interested in a short follow up event to finish the prairie.
- Areas outside the prairies were not treated. Google map and April assessment provide details of the other areas.

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1-0bGzp9gIpOteq_dUI0pAaXdm9yhDRkg&usp=sharing

Lessons Learned

- Mid-October is a good time to restart eradication projects.
- Pairing those with experience with those with less experience worked well. Each pair use one dauber.
- Mary Welz provided quick verification of plant ID when there were and questions
- It takes about ½ hour to orient the group; volunteers tire after another 1 ½ hours and need a socialization break.
- No tools were misplaced. Emphasizing keeping track of each tool may have helped and having smaller groups with good visibility may have helped.
- We did not have time (or the spray equipment) to treat patches of Canada thistle or teasle.
- “Before” and “after” photos somewhat unsatisfactorily showed the progress, but a walk through the area clearly showed the benefit
- Public foot traffic was light and did not provide much opportunity for community engagement. We left two signs saying, “Invasive plants have been removed from this site”.
- Overall, our preparation was well targeted

- Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this possible!