

Friends of Fort Williams Park: Ecology Project Report

November 2022

Hello! Here are some updates related to the Ecology Project.

1. Volunteers: Students from SMCC's Landscape Management class cleared invasive plants and debris along Battery Blair on October 21 after a walk/talk about ecological landscape management.
2. Site management: Maintenance at all four sites continues this month, with some specific projects planned for the Children's Garden. The pump for the biofilter pond and stream was disconnected and stored for the winter; irrigation systems for Cliffside and the Children's Garden were drained and prepared for the winter.
3. Friends' birding group: The Friends' birding group will not meet regularly for the rest of this year, although various members are planning to participate in the Christmas Bird Count (National Audubon Society). We'll resume in spring 2023.
4. Planning: The Friends are reviewing end-of-the-year management goals and maintenance needs and are planning for next year's projects, etc.

Thank you!

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Leaves of dwarf fothergilla,
Fothergilla gardenii



Flowers of witch-hazel,
Hamamelis virginiana