

## *Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy*

### STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Prepared for Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board

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#### **Basic Stewardship Package**

Includes:

- Initial site visit to evaluate the site and its management needs
- Second site visit to discuss management recommendations with landowner
- Outline of management recommendations and methods
- Compilation of local and internet stewardship resources
- One half-day volunteer workday led by Conservancy staff to commence implementation of management and to provide hands-on stewardship training

#### **Add-ons to Basic Stewardship Package**

- Additional half-day volunteer workday led by Conservancy staff
- Management Plan
- Educational presentation

#### **Invasive Plant Management Workdays – priced per one acre of land**

Invasive Plant Management Workdays by Conservancy staff will have a significant impact in controlling invasive plant populations and provide a strong start to the implementation of a long-term Management Plan. Development of the Basic Stewardship Package management outline or a full Management Plan is recommended to assist the landowner in planning for long-term management of invasive plant populations.

Methods for controlling invasive plants include hand-removal, spot burning and localized herbicide treatments. Methods will be chosen based on the target species, season, and sensitivity of the site. All coverage estimates for sites will be made by Conservancy staff and full estimates of project presented to landowner for approval prior to beginning any work on the property.

#### **Natural Areas Restoration**

Conservancy staff is skilled not only at removing invasive plants but also in restoring the native plant communities that are appropriate to the site. Potential native plant projects include larger-scale natural area restorations such as streambanks and prairies – or the types of landscapes suitable for a home or business, such as rain gardens and native plant landscapes.

#### **Prescribed Burning**

The Conservancy does not contract for prescribed burns. However, Conservancy staff is available to assist with planning for a prescribed burn, preparing the site, recommending and working with the contractor to perform the prescribed burn, and doing follow-up monitoring and management.

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### STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PRICES

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#### **Basic Stewardship Package**

- Site of 15 or fewer acres - \$500
- Site of 16-30 acres - \$1,000
- Site over 30 acres – Contact Conservancy for price estimate specific to site

#### **Add-ons to Basic Stewardship Package**

- Additional half-day volunteer workday led by Conservancy staff - \$200
- Management Plan - \$400 and up depending on complexity of site
- Educational presentation - \$200

#### **Invasive Plant Management Workdays (Full day) – priced per one acre of land**

- Herbaceous Invasive Plant Management
  - One workday per one acre with up to 20% coverage of invasive plants - \$600
  - Two workdays per one acre with 20-40% invasive plant coverage - \$1,000
  - Three workdays per one acre with 20-40% invasive plant coverage - \$1,400
  - Two workdays per one acre with over 40% invasive plant coverage - \$1,600
  - Three workdays per one acre with over 40% invasive plant coverage - \$2,200
- Woody and Shrubby Invasive Plant Management
  - One workday per one acre with up to 20% coverage of invasive plants - \$700
  - Two workdays per one acre with 20-40% invasive plant coverage - \$1,200
  - Two workdays per one acre with 20-40% invasive plant coverage - \$1,600
  - Two workdays per one acre with over 40% invasive plant coverage - \$1,800
  - Three workdays per one acre with over 40% invasive plant coverage - \$2,400

#### **Natural Areas Restoration**

Contact the Conservancy for price estimate specific to the site.

#### **Prescribed Burning Support**

Contact the Conservancy for price estimate specific to the site.