HOG Pull, First Saturday of each month, 9-11 AM, Haley Park

[Haley Oakridge Gunston invasive plant pull]

Did you know that you have a natural area within walking distance of your home? The area between Haley Park, Oakridge Elementary School and Gunston Middle School is filled with trees, shrubs, and other plants native to this area. This should be a wonderful opportunity for Oakridge and Gunston students to learn first hand about the natural world. Unfortunately the native flora is currently covered by many aggressive non-native plants. In addition to the ubiquitous English ivy, there is porcelain berry, wisteria, bush honeysuckle, garlic mustard and many more.

Some of your neighbors are returning this area to a more natural state. The project got a tremendous boost when over 80 LDS and other neighbors cut much of the brush on May 7. However, this project will take years to complete. It will then require a more modest effort to keep the unwanted plants from returning.

Come join your neighbors on the first Saturday of each month as we reclaim our natural area. Neither skill nor a long term commitment is required. Dress appropriately, including good footware. Bring gloves, drinking water, insect repellant and tools. Additional tools will be provided.

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