

RESOLUTION BANS INVASIVE EXOTICS



“Living in Reston is like living in a park”

**PROHIBITED
INVASIVE
EXOTICS**

THE PROBLEMS

INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS ARE...

- Commonly sold in the nurseries.
- Traditional landscape choices.
- Spreading from neighboring property.
- Taking over parkland.

Environmental Advisory Committee

Appointed by the Board of Directors, the committee worked with Reston Association staff to develop a list of the most common landscape yard escapees that overwhelm the natural areas.

BUSH HONEYSUCKLES



JAPANESE BARBERRY



ORIENTAL BITTERSWEET



ENGLISH IVY



FLOWERING PEARS



EXOTIC BAMBOOS



CHINESE/JAPANESE WISTERIA



WINGED BURNING BUSH



THE BAN

In May of 2008, the Reston Association, a community association, approved a resolution that bans the planting of eight invasive exotic plants, which overtake native shrubs and trees. These invasive exotics decrease biodiversity and harm the wildlife that depend on native plants for food and shelter.

RESULTS

- Educating the community: brochures, newsletters, online tools, landscaper's luncheons and other events.
- Landscape companies are starting to inform residents that they cannot plant the eight species in Reston.
- Residents have shown concern about neighbors violating the ban.
- An increase in availability of native species in local nurseries.

CHALLENGES

RA depends on the support and cooperation of its members. The ban is relatively new and more education is needed.



WEED WARRIORS PROGRAM

Volunteers spend a few hours on the fourth Saturday of the month in Reston's beautiful parkland rescuing the forest from invasive exotic plants.