

Giacomini Wetland Restoration Project

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

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Contractors will be working to remove invasive species at the Giacomini Wetlands over the next few weeks. During this time, trails may be utilized by contractor vehicles. We ask your patience, understanding, and caution around the contractors, vehicles, and equipment. Thank you!

Mowing

- Work begins Tuesday, May 5, with mowing in the West Pasture adjacent to Inverness Park
- Mowing of select areas in the East Pasture will begin no sooner than Thursday, May 7, and should be complete by Thursday, May 14
- Species targeted will include milk thistle (*Silybum marianum*), radish (*Raphanus sativus*), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*), and poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)
- Mowing height will be raised to 12-18 inches to preserve shorter native species while preventing seed development in taller weed species
- Bird surveys have been completed by Jules Evens (Avocet Research Assoc.)

Hand Removal

- Work begins Tuesday, May 5, in the East Pasture; some work will be done during following weeks along Sir Francis Drake near Inverness Park
- Species targeted in the East Pasture include Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), periwinkle (*Vinca major*), Cape ivy (*Delairea odorata*), English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), milk thistle (*Silybum marianum*), radish (*Raphanus sativus*), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*), and poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)
- Care will be taken to avoid native blackberry as well as other native species growing amongst non-natives
- Bird surveys have been (or will be) completed by Jules Evens (Avocet Research Assoc.) no earlier than one week prior to the commencement of work in an area



Radish "field" (left) and milk thistle "field" (right) in West Pasture. These weeds are **very** dense and have now reached heights of over 6 feet!!!