

Berkeley Lake Conservancy

Project Report – February 20, 2012 - Battling Non-native Invasive Shrubs

Berkeley Lake Conservancy members and Berkeley Lake resident volunteers completed a Chinese Privet removal project in the Green Space along Ridge Road. Participants pulled up small shrubs when possible and used chain saws, hand saws, pruners, and loppers for much of the work. The City of Berkeley Lake provided help in the removal of the cut shrubs.

Chinese Privet is an invasive, non-native shrub that grows quickly. It produces fruit that birds eat resulting in seeds being spread far from the source. More information about the invasive nature of this shrub can be found on [Walter Reeves' website](#) and the [Georgia Invasive Species Task Force website](#).

In addition to the Conservancy Committee, volunteers for this project were Kevin Osburn, Chris Kimberley, Cary and Marty Thornton, Donna and Jim Gawlas, and Sharman Sykes.

Residents who would like to get involved with other Conservancy projects should [contact Susan Hanson](#), Chair of the Berkeley Lake Conservancy.



Susan Hanson, Before Privet Removal

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Work in Progress



After Privet removal