



## HABITAT RESTORATION

To protect habitat for many species, we restore land back to its native state. To do this, we remove non-native plants to make room for native plants to grow. Native plants support our wildlife better than non-native invasive plants. Common plants that invade our natural areas include, multiflora rose, privet, crown vetch, and English Ivy.

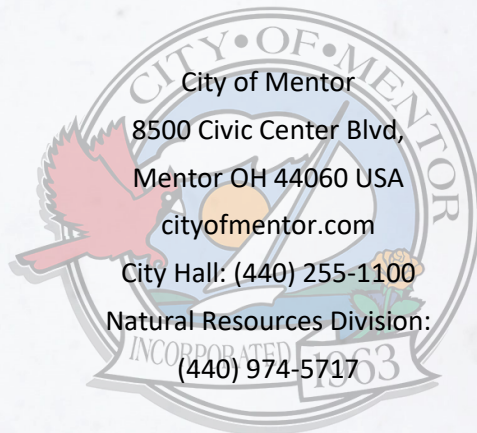
Large restoration projects in progress include the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and Springbrook Gardens Park.

### How you can help conserve our city's natural resources:

- ◆ Plant native plants
- ◆ Keep leaves in your yard until late spring for pollinators
- ◆ Put up a birdfeeder

### For More Information:

Visit [MentorNature.com](http://MentorNature.com) and Follow us on Facebook at [MentorNature](https://www.facebook.com/MentorNature)



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## CITY OF MENTOR NATURAL RESOURCES

“Our Natural places offer outstanding opportunities for birding, hiking, kayaking, fishing, and other outdoor adventures. From waterways and wildlife to trees, invasive species and parks, the Natural Resources Division is dedicated to the preservation, conservation, study and management of the city's natural areas.”



## Migratory Bird Banding



Starting Fall 2021, the Natural Resources Division began banding migratory birds in the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve under State and Federal Banding permits.

All birds are caught with mist nets and handled by trained professionals. A small metal band is placed on the left leg, measurements are taken and data is recorded before their safe release.

If a banded bird is recaptured biologists can use the 9-digit band number to find out where it was banded, who banded it, and information about the bird, such as age, sex and fitness.

This data helps scientists better understand bird migration, longevity, and resource use.

## Purple Martin Conservation

To support local purple martin colonies, we have three “gourd” housing systems at the Mentor Lagoons and one at Edward Walsh Park that we monitor throughout the breeding season.

Alongside the Blackbrook Audubon Society, the division bands young purple martins before they fledge and start their migration down to the tropical forests of South America.



## Bluebird Box Monitoring

The division has bird boxes throughout the city that are monitored every summer. These boxes give cavity nesting birds like bluebirds, tree swallows, and house wrens a safe place to nest and lay their eggs, thus supporting their populations.

## Education and Events:

We offer numerous educational opportunities for the whole family to enjoy. From close encounters with wildlife to informational workshops, you are sure to have a memorable experience.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

Don't just register for events, get involved with your city's natural areas. The division now offers opportunities for you to make a difference. Check out our website for current volunteer opportunities.

