

# Harms of Invasive Plants

- Outcompete native plants
- Provide little resources for wildlife
- Decrease biodiversity
- Increase soil erosion
- Lower water quality



*Multiflora rose over taking an understory habitat.*

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## Let's Go Native!

Native Alternatives to Invasive Ornamental Plants



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### Japanese Barberry

- Creates dense shrubby patches
- Shades soils and prevents woodland flowers from growing.
- Covered in thorns

### Instead Plant:

- Mapleleaf Viburnum
- Winterberry Holly *(pictured below)*
- Strawberry Bush



### Purple Loosestrife

- Spreads very quickly
- Does attract butterflies but many of our native plants do that.
- Large root structure can trap important nutrients.

### Instead Plant:

- Swamp Milkweed *(pictured below)*
- Purple Cone Flower
- Blazing Star



### English Ivy

- Vines can kill trees and ruin structures.
- Creates a “carpet”, outcompeting all native plants.
- Labor intensive to remove

### Instead Plant:

- Creeping Phlox
- Woodland Aster
- Virginia Creeper *(pictured below)*

