

Habitat Restoration Crews (April – mid May 2026 Summary)

- Removed trees that fell on Asthma Hill, in the Pine Grove, along the Park Road, at Homestead Hollow’s parking lot, etc.
- We assisted GoodOak to burn 2 private properties on Lillian Court and doing so we also burned some of the park’s prairie lands (at no cost to the park). We then burned 3.5 acres of woods between two-tier and the IAT (near the AED). We also assisted GoodOak with the burning of the Jarecki prairie. About 25 piles of buckthorn were burned on the Two-Tier hill the next day.
- On 5/28, we had about 15 KMHS students and are planning on hosting another 22 students on 5/22. The focus with these students is on the removal of buckthorn
- Maintenance was performed on the wood splitters
- Removed buckthorn on the southeast side of the Tower Hill AGAIN; this hillside has been hard to keep clear without annual fire on it (or annual herbiciding)
- Removed about 150 small Black Locust trees from the west side prairies just south of the Cushing Park Road parking lot. We also removed a large dead fallen evergreen and started on the removal of large buckthorn in the same location between the trail and Cushing Park Road.
- Caged 25 additional existing (native) oak trees on the west side of the park, to protect them from deer.
- We assisted with the installation of 2 Eagle Scout projects, one at the WRSB (firewood rack) and new interpretive signage and benches on the board walk at Nemahbin Spring
- We’ve cleared the buckthorn east of Summerstage up and into the pines, and around the back (north end) of Summerstage’s sheds.

Month	Volunteer Hours	Piles Removed	Firewood Bins Used	Firewood Donations	IAT Hours Donated	Merch Sold
Oct 2025	1,030	113	100	\$ 657	0	\$ 3,220
Nov 2025	740	51	91	\$ 725	257	\$ 1,498
Dec 2025	646	114	53	\$ 747	134	\$ 2,467
Jan 2026	657	129	69	\$ 408	109	\$ 1,220
Feb 2026	698	98	140	\$ 1,040	192	\$ 1,352
Mar 2026	879	75	71	\$ 383	286	\$ 811
Apr 2026	876	62	60	\$ 488	285	\$ 847



