

### Habitat Restoration Crews (May – mid June 2026 Summary)

- We hosted 23 students from Carmen Southeast High School on 5/22. The focus with these students is on the removal of buckthorn ear SummerStage (many of these kids have never been to a park like ours!)
- Two more Buckthorn Busters completed Chainsaw Safety Training, thanks to Mike Ring’s help
- Repairs needed to Buckthorn Buster Large John Deere 835M Gator, flat tire, and skid plate. An additional (new) skid plate is being fabricated for our Gator’s passenger side floor and tool bucket area (where none exists today on our gator of the DNR/SM Gator)
- Herbicide spraying has begun in areas recently cleared to reduce missed plants and regrowth
- We’ve cleared all the buckthorn behind SummerStage’s sheds (north of SummerStage) per their request and with their help, Next, we will be clearing most (but not all) of the buckthorn and honeysuckle behind the SummerStage Sound Booth; some will be left along the trail as a privacy and sound barrier
- Firewood production continues, especially for two larger orders of 4 ½ face cords
- Work continued between Two-Tier and the top of the hill (Ice Age Trail) clearing invasives
- Cut about 400 small stumps (Sticks, 2-4” in diameter) for students from Eagleville School, part of the Mukwonago District, who will paint yellow blazes on them, as an IAT craft project
- Clearing buckthorn and other messy stuff continues between Tail-End and Magic Carpet Ride, see photo

### Merchandise Operations:

- New merch with our 2-Color Tower Logo has arrived, including new T-shirts in 5 colors, and new caps in 5 colors—both are in the front office; some older merch is on SALE now too!

2025-26 Fiscal Yr:	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
May 2026	967	140	22	\$ 173	173	\$ 948



Current work areas:

