

RESOLUTION 141-18
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ

RESOLUTION REGARDING INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

WHEREAS, an “invasive species” is defined as a species that is nonnative (or alien) to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm; and

WHEREAS, invasive species have significant negative economic, social and ecological impacts which can include, but are not limited to:

- a. Reduction of native biodiversity resulting in reduced ecosystem stability, resilience, and carrying capacity;
- b. Alteration of the regional distinction of flora and fauna; and
- c. Interference with the aesthetics and recreational value of natural areas, parks, and other areas;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountain Lakes currently spends tax dollars and the residents of Mountain Lakes contribute significant volunteer hours on removal of invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS; the economic and environmental damage from invasive species will continue to rise in Mountain Lakes if local nurseries continue to sell invasive species, and if residents and landscapers continue to plant invasive species on their properties, and if we allow these species to spread in our borough owned properties also known as “pocket parks”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOUNTAIN LAKES BOROUGH COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Mountain Lakes Borough Council strongly encourages local nurseries to phase out the sale of any plant species appearing on the attached list.
2. The Mountain Lakes Borough Council strongly encourages all property owners and landscapers to consult the attached list, and to plant native plant species rather than species on this list for all new planting in Mountain Lakes wherever possible;
3. The Mountain Lakes Borough Council strongly encourages the Recreation Department and Department of Public Works to review the attached list when choosing planting materials for public parks and public spaces, and to *not* plant any of the species on the list; and
4. The Mountain Lakes Borough Council strongly encourages the Board of Education, the Shade Tree Commission, the Woodlands Committee and the Garden Club of Mountain Lakes to consult the attached list when reviewing plans and/or making planting decisions.
5. The Mountain Lakes Borough Council encourages the Environmental Commission, Woodlands Committee, Shade Tree Commission, Green Team and the Garden Club of Mountain Lakes to provide educational resources to Mountain Lakes residents regarding the benefits of planting native species and the costs and environmental impact of invasive species.
6. The Mountain Lakes Borough Council encourages efforts to educate volunteers on how to eradicate invasive species found growing on borough-owned land properly, effectively, safely, and without causing other environmental harm. This education should include preparing and working with a restoration plan, limits on removal (e.g., leaving mature trees, staying out of wetlands and riparian buffers), avoiding chemicals and herbicides, plant species identification,

invasive species removal methods, replanting methods, wearing appropriate protective clothing, and proper plant material disposal.

7. The Mountain Lakes Borough Council supports additional action by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to encourage the use of native plant species and to mitigate the impact of the most expensive and environmentally harmful invasive species throughout New Jersey.
8. The attached Priority Invasive Plant Species list will require updating. It is recommended that the Shade Tree Commission, the Woodlands Advisory Committee and the Garden Club of Mountain Lakes cooperate in that effort every seven to ten years beginning 2025.
9. Copies of the resolution should also be sent to the NJ DEP Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe, NJ Senator Anthony R. Bucco, NJ Representative Anthony M. Bucco, and NJ Representative Michael P. Carroll.

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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Borough Council of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, at a meeting held on September 12, 2018.


Valerie A. Egan, Municipal Clerk

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Happer		X	X			
Holmberg	X		X			
Horst			X			
Korman			X			
Shepherd			X			
Barrett					X	
Barnett			X			

Priority Invasive Plant Species

Mountain Lakes, NJ

Scientific Name	Common name
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple tree
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree-of-Heaven tree
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard
<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	Porcelain-berry
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese Barberry
<i>Cabomba Caroliniana</i>	Fanwort aquatic plant
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Oriental Bittersweet
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada Thistle
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	Autumn Olive
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Winged Burning Bush
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Winter Creeper
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Japanese Knotweed
<i>Ficaria verna</i>	Lesser Celandine
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Glossy Buckthorn understory tree
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy
<i>Ligustrum spp., Ligustrum obtusifolium, Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Privet
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese Honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera spp., Lonicera maackii, Lonicera morrowii, Lonicera tatarica</i>	Bush Honeysuckles (exotic) -- Amur Honeysuckle, Morrow's Honeysuckle, Tatarian Honeysuckle
<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	Creeping Water Primrose aquatic plant
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife aquatic plant
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian Water Milfoil aquatic plant
<i>Najas marina</i>	Brittle Naiad aquatic plant
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed aquatic plant
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curly-Leaf Pondweed aquatic plant
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Callery Pear tree
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black Locust tree
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	Multiflora Rose
<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i>	Wineberry, Wine Raspberry
<i>Wisteria floribunda, Wisteria sinensis</i>	Wisteria
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