D&R Greenway Land Trust HOLDEN GRANT REPORT
**2023 ST. MICHAELS FARM PRESERVE – AUNT MOLLY FIELD**

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**Grant Request: $4,500**
**Grant Amount Spent by early-November following final invasive treatment: $4,500**

## PROPOSAL OBJECTIVE

D&R Greenway requested funds to enhance wildlife habitat by controlling invasive plants and planting native plants with deer protection at a field along Aunt Molly Road at St. Michaels Farm Preserve. The goal of the project was to remove non-native invasive plants and enhance bird foraging habitat with native plant species.

## COMPLETED ACTIONS

- Massive trees of the invasive autumn olive were cut and treated from the field to prevent resprouting. A brush mower cut the field to make planting easier.
- Plantings include native New England aster as well as shrubs such as spicebush, fragrant sumac, and bayberry that will provide scrub-shrub habitat. Native trees include black cherry and black tupelo.
- Next, a second invasive treatment will occur to control the invasive honeysuckle vine in the field once plants have gone dormant in November.

## FUTURE ACTIONS

Early November 2023:

- The final invasive treatment of the field will occur after plantings have gone dormant and while the invasive honeysuckle remains green.

2024 and beyond:

- Monitor planting fences for any disturbance from deer during breeding season and reinforce, as necessary.
- Manage invasives growing in the field and control invasives growing on planting fences.
- Annually mow field around the existing trees and plantings for the first few years to control invasives.

Planting photo from St. Michaels Farm Preserve - October 2023