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What we did:

In partnership with the Rock Creek Conservancy, Fidelity Investments volunteers worked together to remove 20 industrial trash bags worth of invasive plants from a stretch of Rock Creek park known as Reservation 630. **This amounts to about 900 square feet of invasive plants removed.**

"I was able to connect with my colleagues and learn about invasive English Ivy, Winter Creeper, and Porcelain Berry, with Rock Creek Conservancy. This community-focused volunteer mission was rewarding as we aimed to make an impact. It was a success!"
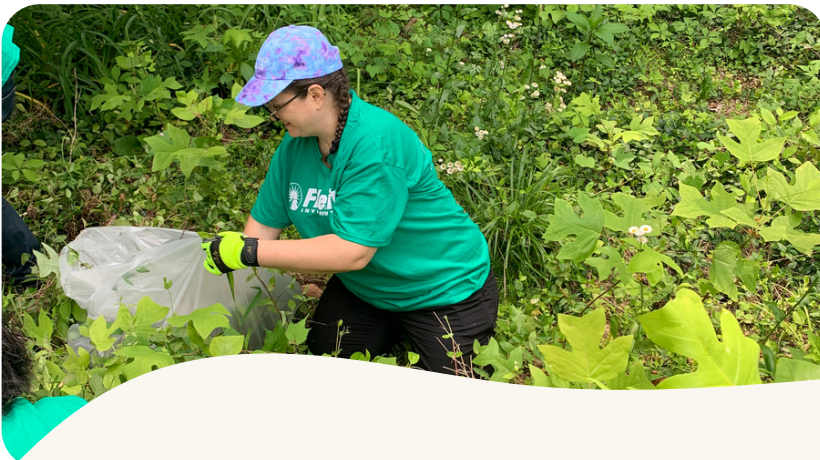- *Yolanda Moore, Fidelity Investments Volunteer*

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Who Volunteer Fairfax is:

- A 501(c)(3) nonprofit volunteer center that seeks to mobilize people and meet community needs.
- Our BusinessLink program helps companies turn their desire to serve the community into impactful, meaningful service opportunities. Our experienced team tailors projects based on your needs and the needs of over 600 nonprofit partners.

THE IMPACT:

These invasive plants that were removed such as English Ivy, Winter Creeper, Porcelain Berry, and Japanese Honeysuckle will strangle and overshade the native plants and are a serious threat to the ecosystem. These plants don't have natural deterrents to maintain the population and can often grow unchecked. By removing the plants, Fidelity made a large impact restoring the habitat in Reservation 630, a Rock Creek Mini Oasis.

"I really enjoyed working with you and Volunteer Fairfax on the event with the Rock Creek Conservancy. Being at the event site early and prepared kept us focused on our event to remove invasive species in Rock Creek. Andrew and others at Volunteer Fairfax were great partners and helped us from idea to implementation and I would consider their help in the future on other volunteer efforts especially in high need areas of Washington, D.C. Thank you again for all your help and the good work the organization is doing."
– Emery Real Bird, Fidelity Investments Volunteer

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