



Boy Scout Troop 353 – Eastchester, NY

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Michael Dobbins (2005) For my Eagle project I worked with the Westchester County Parks to help care for Twin Lakes Park in Eastchester. The project was suggested by Bob Del Torto the volunteer coordinator for the Westchester County Parks.

The primary goal of the project was clearing invasive plants that were growing in the areas surrounding the parking lot & the entrance of the horse riding stables between the lot and California Road. We removed invasive plants such as Asiatic bittersweet and the vines of several other species. The vines were the primary problem as they grew up the sides of the trees and eventually either strangled the trees or their shear weight would cause the trees to collapse. Some of the vines were over 4 inches in diameter, which we removed with a variety of saws and clippers.

The project was completed over several weekends during May and June of 2005. It was a very hot time of year so we were grateful to be under the cover of trees and away from the sun.

In the end we helped save many trees which happened to be concentrated in the areas directly surrounding the lot and trails as that offered maximum sunlight. By doing this we have helped to preserve this park for its patrons who use it primarily for its horse trails.