

Public policy memo

English ivy removal and environmental labor,

If there is a project to remove the noxious weed english ivy from a park and all of the privately owned land around this park is still covered in the ivy, it does not fully solve the issue in the first place. The ivy will recolonize the park and the ivy on the private land will continue to grow and spread to further places in the area. Removal of ivy is labor intensive in all of the steps, from taking it physically off surfaces and the disposal to the continued monitoring of the site there are many careful steps that are taken. Most of the ivy removal is done by private landscapers, or government funded jobs like a municipality or an AmeriCorps team. This still leaves out how to be able to eradicate this invasive from a wider community. What is the focus? What are the goals? What is the scope of these projects? Taking a step back can allow the community to gain a perspective of what is to be done.