

Lohbrunner Park

Saanich Legacy Foundation Partnership

2024 Report

Thanks to a generous bequest from Joan Stewart to the Saanich Legacy Foundation for the purpose of conservation work in Lohbrunner Park, Saanich staff were able to achieve some important invasive species management and restoration work in 2024.

Staff identified the northeast corner of the park, between the pond and trail as an ideal site for the project (See map). The project was broken down into sections:

- Removal of a 20m² patch of Yellow archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*) and replanting with suitable native plants including, Red alder (*Alnus rubra*), Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), Ocean spray (*Holodiscus discolor*), June plum (*Oemleria cerasiformis*), Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos*), Sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*) and Skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*).
- Removal of a 15m² section of invasive English ivy (*Hedra helix*) and Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*).
- Removal of a 10m² section of invasive Common periwinkle (*Vinca minor*).
- Removal of a 10m² section of invasive English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*).
- Staff also erected two signs highlighting the generous donation by Joan Stewart and explaining the work being done.



In summary:

- 55m² of invasive species were removed,
- 3 trees and 25 shrubs were planted,
- planting site was mulched, trees were caged,
- and the plants will be watered and monitored throughout 2025.



Photo 1: Yellow archangel patch pre-removal.



Photo 2: Yellow archangel removed, native plants installed and informative sign erected.

Looking forward: the Southwest corner of the park has more invasive species management opportunities. There are significant patches of Yellow archangel, Common periwinkle and English holly. The invasive species could be removed to make room for existing native shrubs, such as Dull Oregon grape (*Berberis nervosa*).

This partnership with the Saanich Legacy Foundation allows for multiple years of Lohbrunner Park restoration efforts, as intended by Joan Stewart in her bequest. The continued support will help us restore the SW corner of this beautiful park in 2025.

