



### TFI Work Days - Summer Edition

Hello TFI supporters!

The last two TFI work days have been focused on invasive plant identification and removal. Thank you to everyone who is helping ensure that the Farm continues to thrive.

#### June 16:

Remove Oriental Bittersweet from garden shed area.



#### June 17:

Remove Autumn Olive and Oriental Bittersweet from Ebbie's North Meadow and plant Redbud and Hazelnut donated by Richard Matzat. Glad to report this past weekend, the majority of the plantings have taken hold and look healthy!



**Aug 12:**

Barnyard assessment and removal of all things invasive. An awesome group of 15 volunteers made a major dent in removing bad actors in the area just south of the Barn. Major thanks to Betsy and Richard for providing direction! A walk in the pond vicinity followed which allowed the tagging of several areas for future work.



**What's the Buzzzzz?** – An ongoing thanks to the resident bee keepers at Tryon that continue to teach all things bees. On July 12th, master bee keeper Doug Anderson from "Bucks Sweet Thing" educated a group on a myriad of topics including curtain comb, drone cells, swarm cells, why hives swarm and how to remove a Queen and split a hive. The kids are loving this!



**Animal Pen Planting Update** – Very sad to report that one of our resident ground hogs has hogged virtually all pumpkin production. Despite a certain pumpkin lovers valiant attempts at carrying out Bill Murray-Caddyshack type eradication efforts (no explosives.....yet), the gopher is resilient and will not leave. Next season, we will make sure no animals are living within the pen prior to planting (live and learn). Until then, I'm glad to see beautiful butterflies and frogs still find the area interesting.



**Join us next month!**

### **2018 Next Volunteer Work Days**

9:00-11:00am (meet at the Barn)  
- Sun Sep 9



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