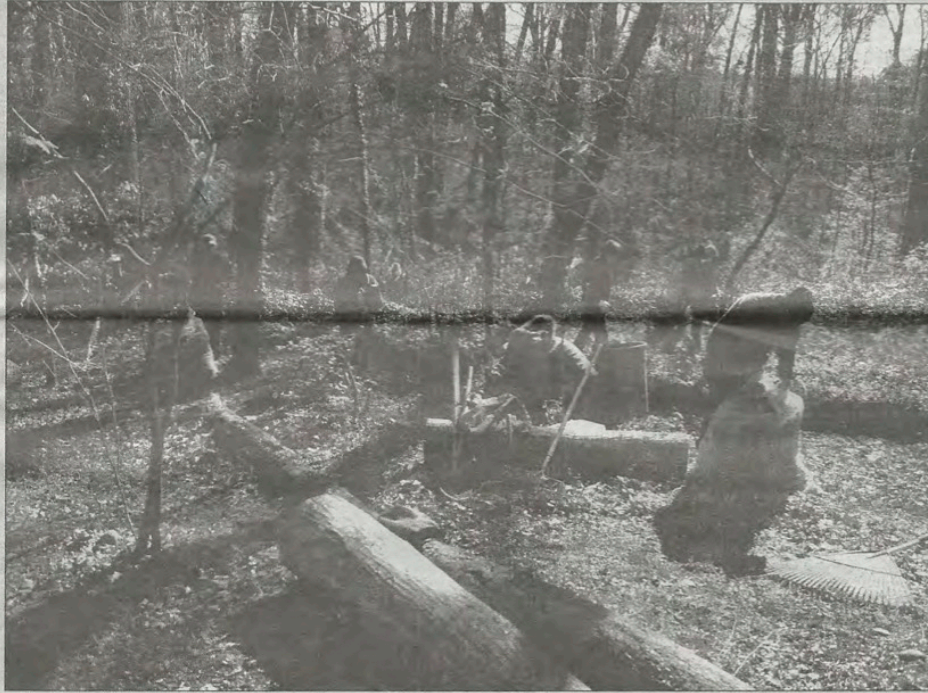


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Scout Working Toward Hornaday Award

On Sunday, Nov. 24, Sam Markle, a Life Scout in Troop 301, rounded up nearly 60 fellow Scouts from his troop and residents from Villamay to join him in Gil McCutcheon Park removing invasive plants. In total, they filled 71 55-gallon trash bags and made "a mountain of brush" about 40 feet long, by four feet tall and six feet wide. All told the volunteers put in 238 hours on his project, which he designed with Erin Stocksclaeder from the Fairfax County Park Authority who loaned him some equipment as well as providing with 50 native plants to replace the non-natives removed. Markle is working toward the Boy Scout William T. Hornaday award.



Courtesy photos