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Christopher Pollack  
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Dear Christopher,

Thank you for the opportunity to read through and review your draft Natural Area Improvement Plan for Jubilee Point Park. I support efforts to implement management activities that restore natural ecosystems, promote native species, and reduce the abundance of invasive species on the landscape.

Natural Resource Management is most successful when it is guided by a thorough plan that is based upon solid data. I was very pleased to see the inclusion of a tree and plant inventory in your plan. I would recommend to continue to conduct periodic inventories and use them to both evaluate success of management activities and adapt management approaches as needed.

Research, such as that conducted by Doug Tallamy, is showing the critical ecological role of native species and natural spaces within urban and residential areas. These sites serve as valuable habitat, stop-over locales, and corridors for countless species as well as providing important social benefits to the human residents of the area. I look forward to seeing how this work progresses into the future.

Sincerely,

Christopher Evans  
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