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Courtesy the Murphey Candler Park Conservancy

Murphey Candler Park Conservancy hosts park workday May 30

The City of Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Department partners with local conservancies and communities to clean up parks and trails. The clearing of invasive plants benefits the MCP Conservancy's efforts to sustain and enhance the largest park in Brookhaven.

In an effort to sustain the mature forest within the parks, The City of Brookhaven has employed a contractor for the mulching and removal non-native, non-mature and invasive plants throughout it's parks. Work began last week at Murphey Candler Park's east side. The decision to begin this work was based on input gathered from the local park communities wishing to clear invasive plants.

Invasive privet, kudzu, ivy, non-native understory trees and downed/dead material is being affected by the clearing. None of the mature forest is being removed. The removal of the understory areas assists in continued, healthy growth and allows the parks to be maintained in a more prudent manner in years to come.

Restoring the trail system is a priority. The contractor will remove any and all mulching debris to delineate where the trail system and its spurs are currently being used.

MCP Conservancy is exploring low impact maintenance options like use of goats to ensure ivy and invasive plants are suppressed. Plans to revive native plant communities in the forest will provide visual enhancements in effected areas restoring its natural beauty The **May 30** Murphey Candler Park workday hopes to draw a large group of community supporters. Community support is the key to refreshing the area and developing a healthy urban forest.

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