

Town citizens, do you know there are many plants in our area that can hurt you or your pets? Along with poison ivy and poison oak, there is wild parsnip which looks like:



This should not be confused with Queen Anne's Lace which is about the same size but looks like:



If you find wild parsnip, it is necessary to wear gloves and long sleeves and pants for protection from the sap of the plant which can give you or your pets a painful and disfiguring rash.

To remove wild parsnip, cut root at 1-2" below soil surface. Remove flowering heads and dispose of in

landfill or by burning. Flowering usually occurs around July 1.

Besides these plants, there are many other invasive plants in our township. Many are along the waterways as well as on the land. To help you identify these plants, please visit these sites:

<http://ipaw.org>

<http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/>

These will give you many links to other sites. These web pages will help you identify the plants and what you can do to help control them.

There are many opportunities for you to help.

Organizations such as the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association and the Dane County Parks System are always looking for assistance in dealing with these plants.