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Appendix L: Photo Journal

Developing a photo journal of your property can be a good way to visually see the impacts of management, restoration and how long (or short) it took to achieve your goals.

To develop a photo journal:

Identify a location on your property from which to take photos from, make sure it is somewhat permanent and accessible during all four seasons.

Using a handheld compass and a camera, take directional shots (North, South, East and West) at regular intervals (e.g. winter, spring, summer and fall) throughout the year, and over a number of years using the same location and the same location.

Date each photo, mark the location, if you are taking photos from multiple areas on your property, include tree and plant list, record management treatment, and note the results. You may need to adjust your management plans based on the results.

Capturing visual information is helpful to determine if you are moving toward your desired goals.

Sample photos of garlic mustard removal treatment
Before



After





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