

**Conservation Corner**  
**May 1, 2012**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> Green Up Day & Big Rock Invasive Plants Workshop**

As we all prepare for warmer weather, we are preparing to “Green Up” our roadways and natural areas—we hope you’ll join in, all welcome! **Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> is Green Up Day**, organized by Blake Allison, is a day for collecting road-side trash into trash bags provided. The transfer station will accept these for free. Last year over 35 miles of roads were picked up on Green Up Day. Contact **Blake at 795-4167** to sign up.

Also, in furthering the Conservation Commission’s Education & Outreach Committee’s goals, we are thrilled one of our two educational grants will be used to sponsor high school senior Hannah Valence and her partner Stan Walden’s **May 5<sup>th</sup> 10-1 workshop on Invasive Species**. This will be both a presentation and hand-on workshop, so please come prepared to learn and then practice techniques for identifying and removing invasive plant species from the Big Rock Nature Preserve. The Conservation Commission is offering mini-grants to students or teachers interested in applying science studies to local conservation issues and welcomes inquiries to Heather Toulmin at 795-2140.

Finally, **Trails Day will be Saturday June 2, 9am-Noon**, we’ll meet at the Lyme Green and divide into work crews. Bring gloves, bug repellent, water and yourself, if you have tools to bring great-but not necessary. All welcome!