

Adopt A Plot

SECTION 1 - North of Farragut

"HIGHLANDS"

Thank you for your commitment to the Bay Ridge Woods. You have chosen to be a part of something important—let's free the trees!

HOW TO PREPARE:

You will want to wear clothes that cover your body, with a long-sleeved shirt tucked into pants, pants tucked into socks, and sturdy shoes. A hat is a good idea. Gloves are essential.

Equipment should include clippers (secateurs), loppers if you have them, a flat-head screwdriver to pry vines from tree trunks, and heavy plastic bags to collect cut vines when necessary. Ivy and Bittersweet pieces can be left on the ground, but Mile A Minute should be bagged and carried home for yard waste pick up.

WHAT TO DO/WHAT NOT TO DO:

SAFETY FIRST! Use common sense. Keep an eye on children.

DON'T do anything you wouldn't do in managing your own property.

DON'T pull up any vine from the ground as this is considered soil disturbance and is not permitted in the Adopt A Plot program.

DO stay away from Poison Ivy: Poison Ivy is a noxious vine that grows on trees and along the ground throughout our woods and causes a rash and itching. Most people are allergic to it and some have serious reactions to even slight contact. Do not touch it!! "Leaves of three, let it be."

DO dress for ticks, bugs, and other pests: Deer ticks are found throughout our woods and can carry lyme disease. The danger from ticks is lessened in cold weather. Protect yourself by wearing clothing that keeps ticks away from your body. Light colors help you spot crawlers.

DON'T cut vines that are too thick to cut easily. Note this on your report form so someone from Forest Management can go take a look.

DON'T bring dogs into the woods.

WHEN SHOULD WE WORK?

To minimize exposure to ticks and avoid disturbing forest interior dwelling birds, woods work should take place between October 1 and April 30. It may be cool enough for proper clothing in late September, but please do not work in the woods after April 30.

SPOT THE INVASIVES:



MILE A MINUTE

Bittersweet sends up thin, wavy, green tendrils to look for a branch to attach to. If you see one of these, cut a foot or so from any vine you see on a tree. For vines thicker than about an inch, you'll need loppers. Let FMC know if you see vines too large for loppers. Do not pull thick vines off trees. they can hurt you or others when they fall!



BITTERSWEET



ENGLISH IVY

To remove a single strand of vine, cut near the base of the tree and pick the strand off the tree. For a vine 1/2" thick or more, cut near the base of the tree and again about 2' up the trunk. Remove the piece if you can do so without pulling off the bark.

POISON IVY - How to identify.



Summer/Fall



Winter

In the summer, Poison Ivy is a bright green, in the early fall it turns red/orange. In winter, the vines are left climbing the tree trunks. Avoid contact with the leaves & vines.

YOUR PLOT IDENTIFICATION:

PLOT #	PLOT COLOR
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

GPS COORDINATES AT PLOT CENTER:

Latitude (North)

<input type="text" value="38"/>	Deg.	<input type="text" value="56"/>	Min.	<input type="text"/>	Sec.
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Longitude (West)

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PERSONAL SHERPA:

Our committee is committed to you and the success of Adopt A Plot. If you would like assistance navigating to your plot, we are happy to accompany you.



QUESTIONS:

Email: adoptaplot@bayridge.org
or visit www.bayridge.org

HOW TO SPOT YOUR PLOT:

Plots are color-coded as shown in this map. The sides of each plot are marked, approximately every 25 feet, with bi-colored ribbons tied in the trees. "Bi-color" meaning - the color assigned to your adopted plot, plus the adjacent plot. Sides along private property and roads are not marked. Also, the intersections where plot corners come together have been marked in the field with four-color stakes. Color coding is the key!

Below are various color indicators in the forest:



Painted Stakes

Plot corners are marked by 1"x1"x8" painted wooden stakes mounted atop 3' poles. For plots that are adjacent to County roads, plot corner markers are within 5' of the road's asphalt edge. Thus, roadside plots are easy to find. Also, no matter where your plot is located, these roadside markers are an easy way to start navigating to your plot.



Painted on trees

For interior plots, navigate in from the road using the color coded plot edges, and follow the ribbons to your plot using the colored map. Occasionally, in the woods interior, a fortuitously located tree serves as a plot corner (as shown).



Ribbons in trees

All boundaries between plots are marked with colored ribbons corresponding to the map in this Field Guide. You may find some more convenient foot paths in the forest, but until you know your way, let the ribbons in the trees guide you along plot edges.



Finally, you may use the GPS capability built into your smartphone. Download the app called "Navclock". Don't expect turn-by-turn directions, like when you're on roads, but it will give you latitude and longitude coordinates accurate to about 50 feet of your real position, and your adopted plot is about 200' x 200'. Your plot center is noted on the back of this guide.

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SECTION INFORMATION:

Highlands, on the north side of Farragut Road, is categorized by our biologists as a Tuliptree forest. It is very different from the Chestnut Oak forest across Farragut. Here, the dominant tree is the Tulip Poplar, a species that tends to grow in abandoned farm fields. Within this section are roads that predate the resort years and, on the highest ground in Bay Ridge, the remnants of an old homestead. Also in this section is Kass Park, the community recreation area named for the family that bought the Bay Ridge woods in the 1940s and sold it to BRCA in 2002.

TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOURS:

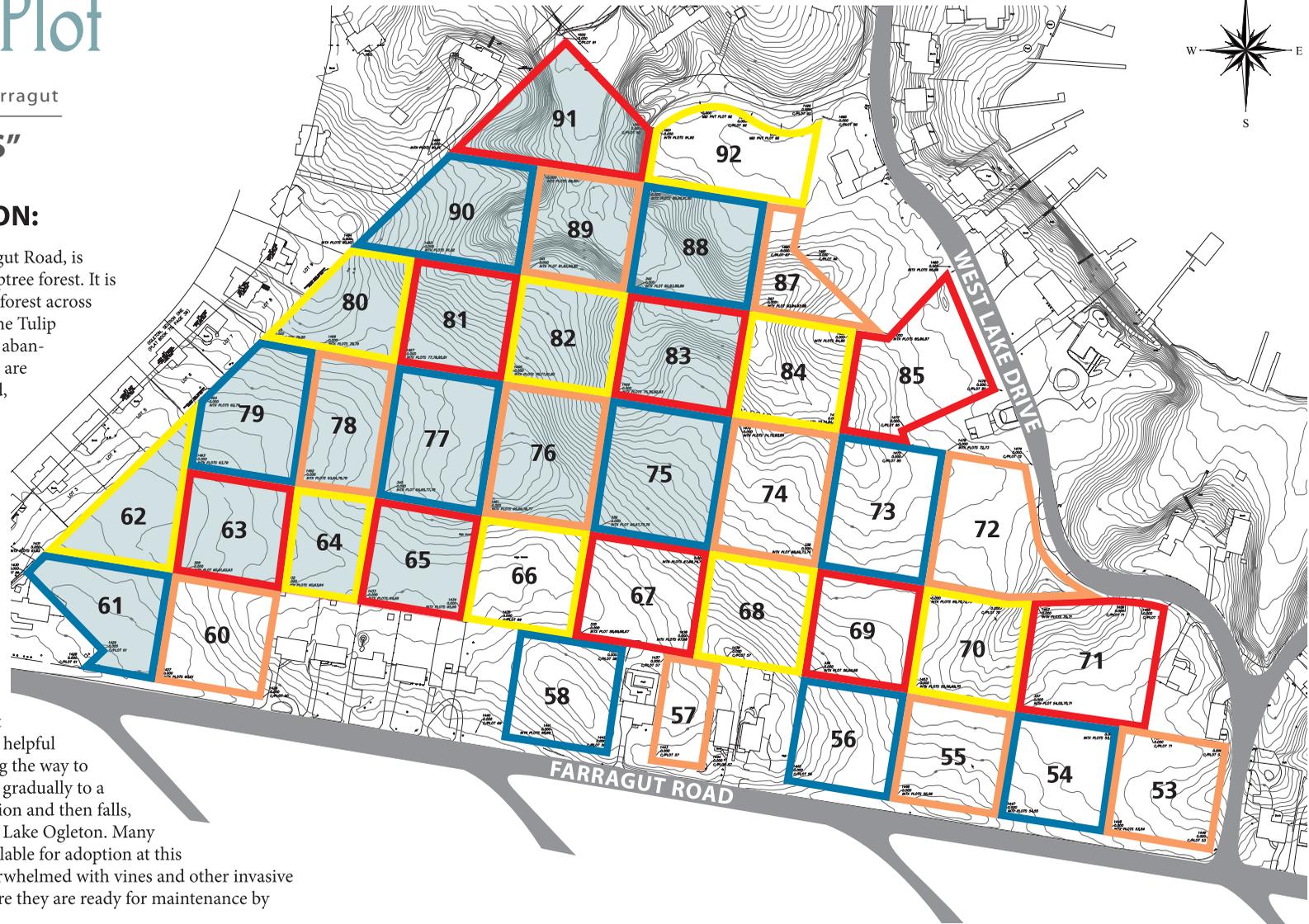
Why are they helpful?

The Adopt-A-Plot maps feature 1-foot topographic contours, and this is very helpful for knowing where you are and finding the way to your plot. The land in Highlands rises gradually to a high point near the middle of the section and then falls, sometimes quickly, to the shoreline of Lake Ogleton. Many of the plots in this section are not available for adoption at this time because they are still heavily overwhelmed with vines and other invasive vegetation that must be removed before they are ready for maintenance by volunteers.

Square-shaped plots in Highlands, typically measure 200' x 200'

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit www.bayridge.org/adoptaplot or email: adoptaplot@bayridge.org



 Shaded plots can be adopted, but the Forest Management Comm. still needs to do some heavy lifting before releasing them to adoptive families.