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City of Gardiner
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Dear City of Gardiner or Current Resident,

The City of Gardiner Conservation Committee would like to alert you of an invasive plant, Garlic Mustard, that is growing in your neighborhood, and possibly on your property. Want to learn more about Garlic Mustard and how it affects the environment? The City of Gardiner Conservation Committee will hold an informational meeting at the Gardiner Boys & Girls Club, on Thursday, April 24th, at 7pm, to help educate the public about invasive plants in Gardiner. There will be a focus on Garlic Mustard and how it is starting to "take over" in certain neighborhoods. Garlic Mustard has been seen in abundance throughout Harrison Avenue, High Holborn Street, and along Cobbossee Stream. The Committee hopes to get residents involved in a removal effort (potentially to take place on May 3rd & 4th) that will help keep this invasive plant out of the more natural areas of the City. Garlic mustard is an invasive plant that is not native to Maine, and uses efficient dispersal methods and rapid growth to crowd out native plants. I'm enclosing a factsheet that describes Garlic Mustard, including a picture.

Please contact me by phone or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns. As a Gardiner resident myself, I feel it is important that we nip this problem in the bud before this plant gets out of hand in our area, as it has in so many other places.

Sincerely,

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