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Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of Plant &amp; Soil Science</a>
Manuscript Number:	2014_IJPSS_13067
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>An understory comparison of the exotic <i>Phellodendron amurense</i> Rupr. (RUTACEAE) and adjacent native canopy species in an urban and suburban woodland</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments	<p>What is the understory? A definition is needed as well as a breakdown by forest layers – Ground, Shrub, and Tree seedlings and saplings? How does the structure of the understory itself at each site affect the results?</p> <p>The literature review is insufficient, invasive species besides Norway Maple and Phellodendron amurense are needed.</p>	<p>Done, I have defined this more clearly.</p> <p>There is a discussion of other species already, however I have added several additional references.</p>
<b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments		
<b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments		