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**PART 1:**

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

**PART 2:**

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
<p>The authors did not respond to the reviewers comments. Some text added but not addressing issues</p> <p>Further errors found is the language – the word “understory” is the tree layer beneath the canopy while in this paper the authors are referring to the ground layer.</p>	<p>I will resend the earlier form with my comments.</p> <p>I will clarified further my use of the term understory (albeit briefly) and highlight it within. I am using the term for consistency with earlier papers at this Forest Park site as noted within the text (line 97-99)</p>