# SLELO PRISM Partners Share These Strategic Goals:

#### **PREVENTION**

Prevent the introduction of invasive species into the SLELO PRISM region.

#### EARLY DETECTION & RAPID RESPONSE

Detect new and recent invaders and rapidly respond to eliminate all individuals within a specific area.

#### **COOPERATION**

Share resources, expertise, personnel, equipment, and information.

#### INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Collect, utilize, and share information regarding surveys, infestations, control methods, monitoring, and research.

#### **CONTROL**

Control invasive species infestations by using best management practices, methods and techniques to include:

ERADICATION - Eliminate all individuals and the seed bank from an area.

*CONTAINMENT* - Reduce the spread of established infestations.

SUPPRESSION - Reduce the density but not necessarily the total infested area.

#### RESTORATION

Develop and implement effective restoration methods for areas that have been degraded by invasive species and where suppression or control has taken place.

#### **EDUCATION / OUTREACH**

Increase public awareness and understanding of invasive species issues through volunteer monitoring, citizen science and community outreach.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management

### **SLELO PRISM**

C/O The Nature Conservancy
(315) 387-3600 x 7725
www.imapinvasives.org

### Get Involved

Report Invasive Species Observations at <a href="https://www.imaginvasives.org">www.imaginvasives.org</a>

Join our invasive species Volunteer Surveillance Network (VSN).

For details, contact

megan.pistolese@tnc.org

**Join our listserv** and get notifications for upcoming trainings and workshops.

# To join follow these steps:

.Email cce-slelo-l-request@cornell.edu
.Type "join" in subject space
.Send a blank email body

Cover: Rob Williams, PRISM Coordinator holding Zebra/Quagga Mussel shells covering Eastern Lake Ontario beaches.

# What You Should Know About SLELO PRISM





SLELO PRISM

"Teaming up to stop the spread of invasive species"

## Mission of the SLELO PRISM

The mission of the St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (SLELO PRISM) is to protect the natural and cultural integrity of aquatic and terrestrial areas from invasive species. SLELO is one of eight PRISMs that span the entire state of New York. PRISMs are funded by the environmental protection fund in corporation with the Department of Environmental Conservation.

# **The SLELO PRISM Region**

SLELO PRISM encompasses a 7,387 square mile region and includes the counties of St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida and Oswego outside of the Adirondack Park. In addition to landmass, the SLELO region includes portions of the St. Lawrence River, the Lake Ontario watershed and eastern shoreline, and the northern watershed of Oneida Lake.



# What Are Invasive Species?

The term "invasive species" is used to describe non-native/exotic organisms that aggressively compete with, and displace, locally adapted native species. Invasive species can have a profound, negative impact on biodiversity, agriculture, recreation, human health and our economy.

# What You Can Do to Stop The Spread of Invasive Species

- 1. Clean, drain, dry watercrafts and recreational equipment prior to visiting a new location. Apply this strategy to hiking trails and use boot brush stations.
- 2. Join our Invasive Species Volunteer Surveillance Network & learn how to recognize invasive species and to distinguish them from native "lookalikes" at <a href="https://www.sleloinvasives.org">www.sleloinvasives.org</a>
- Take a trip to your favorite outdoor areas and look for invasive species. Report observations via iMapinvasives.org
- 4. Pay special attention at boat launches, trail heads, and disturbed sites.
- 5. Report observations via www.iMapinvasives.org
- 6. Join the SLELO PRISM Invasive Species Volunteer Network (VSN) and help search for priority species in highly probable areas in which these species may encroach our region. See back for details.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

SLELO PRISM functions as a collaborative effort between principal and cooperating partners throughout the area. Collaboration and guidance provided by our partners is the key to our success.

## **SLELO Partners Include:**

- Cornell Cooperative Extension County Offices
- County Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- The Nature Conservancy
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
- New York State Department of Transportation
- New York Sea Grant
- Tug Hill Commission
- Ducks Unlimited
- Fort Drum Military Installation
- Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
- Save The River
- Onondaga Audubon
- •Thousand Islands Land Trust
- •NY Power Authority
- •Central NY Regional Development Planning Board
- •U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary

"Together we are the SLEO PRISM"