

CITIZEN SCIENCE WORKSHOP Tuesday, May 14th, 2019

4pm-6pm

AUDIENCE: School Teachers Only

FACILTATOR: The Department of Environmental Conservation, the St.

> Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management and iMapInvasives.org

LOCATION: Room 144 @ Indian River Middle School

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Free **COST:**

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Invasive species are non-native plants, animals, insects and diseases that threaten our environment, health and economy. Advantages such as a lack of population controls (i.e., predators, diseases) and faster growth rates allow invasive species to outcompete our native populations for resources, disrupting food webs and even endangering some species. It is crucial that students have a basic understanding of invasive species and what they can do to help stop the spread. By instilling this knowledge at an early age, we can help mold them into becoming good stewards of the environment.

The workshop will include the following:

- Introduction to invasive species
- How to use iMapInvasives, an invasive species database and student-friendly app, in the classroom
- Review of a 2-week unit on invasive species
- Distribution of invasive species & iMapInvasives user guides & information about other invasive species education resources available through <u>Save the River</u> & the <u>Great Lakes Ecosystem Education Exchange</u>.

Continuing Teacher and Leader Education Professional Development Credits are available for this workshop. Educators outside of Indian River Central will need to register for these credits as a conference request through MLP. Please bring your own bagged dinner/beverages if desired.





