What You Should Know About New York’s PRISM Network

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The PRISM Network “Teaming up to stop the spread of invasive species”
What are PRISMs?

Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs), comprising diverse stakeholder groups, were created to address threats posed by invasive species across New York State.

PRISMs are key to New York’s integrated approach to invasive species management. Partners include federal and state agencies, resource managers, non-governmental organizations, industry, recreationists, and interested citizens.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation provides financial support, via the Environmental Protection Fund, to the host organizations that coordinate each of the eight PRISMs, resulting in statewide coverage.

What Do PRISMs Do?

• Plan regional invasive species management activities
• Implement invasive species prevention programs
• Conduct surveillance and mapping of invasive species infestations
• Detect new infestations early and respond rapidly
• Implement limited control projects
• Implement habitat restoration and monitoring
• Educate stakeholders on invasive species and their impacts
• Coordinate PRISM partners
• Recruit and train volunteers
• Support research through citizen science in collaboration with the Invasive Species Research Institute http://www.nyisri.org/
• Report observations to iMapInvasives http://www.nyimapinvasives.org/

How To Get Involved:

If you are interested in helping NY “stop the invasion,” PRISMs are a great way to get involved by volunteering for monitoring, outreach, or management projects. All are welcome to participate in statewide PRISM monthly conference calls to receive updates, hear excellent presentations and learn about upcoming events. Contact a PRISM leader for more information.

How Do I Join a PRISM?

For more information on PRISM meetings and activities and how you can become involved, contact the coordinator listed on the back-side of this brochure for the PRISM.

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