## **Our 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.

## **INNOVATION**

Explore technologies to enhance invasive species prevention and management initiatives

# **SLELO PRISM**

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Learn to recognize and report invasive species in our region.

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



# **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.

# Help 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.** Learn to recognize invasive species threatening your region.
- **3.** Report invasive species observations using iMapInvasives.org.
- **4.** Grow native plants in your garden.
- **5.** Do not dump bait or unwanted aquatic plants or pets into waterways.

## **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.

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## Our Partners Include:

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

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