

EASTERN LAKE ONTARIO INVASIVE SPECIES SYMPOSIUM



June 23rd & 24th 2021

Grenadier Island, NY

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VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

The Eastern Lake Ontario Invasive Species Symposium is hosted by the St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management ([SLELO PRISM](#)).

It is a professional exchange of information that provides applicable and timely ways to support invasive species prevention and management initiatives, while also enhancing the health and resiliency of the natural systems that make the St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario region so special

On June 23rd and 24th, you're invited to attend a FREE two-day virtual experience via Zoom.

You will hear from our regional and state-wide partners and learn of projects and initiatives that are protecting our lands and waters from the impacts of invasive species.

Continuing education credits will be available.
Join virtual games and win prizes!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23RD

Morning Session

10AM-12PM EST

Theme: What We're Protecting

12PM-1PM Lunch with Optional Virtual

Networking Engagements

Afternoon Session

1PM-3PM EST

Theme: Call for Collaboration

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THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH

Morning Session

10AM-12PM EST

Theme: Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems

12PM-1PM Lunch with Optional Virtual

Networking Engagements

Afternoon Session

1PM-3PM EST

**Theme: Protecting Terrestrial
Ecosystems**

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 23rd

Morning Theme: What We're Protecting

- 10am: Welcoming Remarks from Master of Ceremonies Megan Pistolese
- 10:05am: Nature Knows no Boundaries - Rob Williams- SLELO Program Manager
- 10:20am: Protecting Regional Water Resources from Invasive Species Impacts-
Emily Sheridan- NYS DEC ELO Coordinator
- 10:40am An Integrated Approach to Invasive Plant Management and Habitat Restoration
For The Threatened American Hart's-tongue Fern-Mike Serviss- Regional
Conservation Project Coordinator- Central Region OPRHP
- 11:00am- Protecting Native Lillies from an Invasive Pest- Paul Siskind-Master Naturalist
- 11:20am- Tribal Resource Connection to Landscapes and Ecological Communities-
Leslie Benedict- St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- 11:35am- Restoring Native Habitats Through Invasive Species Management- Peter
Zimmer- Thousand Island Region OPRHP
- 11:55am- Closing remarks, logistics for optional virtual experience break out sessions
- 12pm-1pm- Optional Virtual Network Sessions & Play Virtual Trivia to Win Prizes

Afternoon Theme: Call for Collaboration

- 1pm- Welcoming Remarks from Master of Ceremonies Megan Pistolese
- 1:05pm- Leveraging iMapInvasives Data to Support State-wide Invasive Species Research
Initiatives- Mitch O'Neil-iMapInvasives
- 1:40pm- Enhancing Early Detection and Outreach for a Top Priority Invasive Pest-Spotted
Lanternfly- Michael Gimbalvo- AGM & Megan Pistolese- SLELO PRISM
- 2:15pm- Conserving Hemlocks Through Prioritization- Caroline Marschner- NYSHI
- 2:50pm- Closing Remarks from Master of Ceremonies Megan Pistolese



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AGENDA

Thursday, June 24th

Morning Theme: Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems

10am: Welcoming Remarks from Master of Ceremonies Megan Pistolese

10:05: Sustaining Healthy Waters- Brittney Rogers- SLELO PRISM

10:40am: Pathways of Invasion- Michale Glennon- Paul Smiths ADK Watershed Institute

11:00am Investigating the Relationship Between Invasive and Native Mussels in the Lower
Grasse River-Lauren Eggleston-Save the River

11:25am- Rearing Milfoil Weeviles Through Community Science- Sarah Trick- IRLC

11:50am- Closing remarks, logistics for optional virtual experience break out sessions

12pm-1pm- Optional Virtual Network Sessions & Play Virtual Trivia to Win Prizes

Afternoon Theme: Protecting Terrestrial Ecosystems

1pm- Welcoming Remarks from Master of Ceremonies Megan Pistolese

1:05pm- Sustaining Healthy Lands- Robert Smith- SLELO PRISM

1:40pm- Biocontrol in NYS and What's Being Released in the SLELO region-
Carrie Brown-Lima- NYISRI.

2pm- Developing a Plan to Protect the Dunes- Patricia Shulenburg- Eastern Lake Ontario
Dune Foundation

2:15 pm- Leveraging Aerial Imagery and Artificial Intelligence to Aid Invasive Species
Detection Efforts- Mike Rawitch- Ramboll

2:30 pm Invasive Species Impacting Agriculture in the SLELO region- Thomas Allgaier-AGM

2:55pm- Closing Remarks from Master of Ceremonies Megan Pistolese



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SYMPOSIUM LOGISTICS

Continuing education credits for the following organizations will be applied for.

Credits will be given by session, those who wish to receive credits will take a poll during each session to confirm their attendance.

Credits/categories will be announced as the event approaches.

Certified Nursery & Landscape
Professional
International Society of
Arboriculture
Society of American Foresters

Virtual Engagements

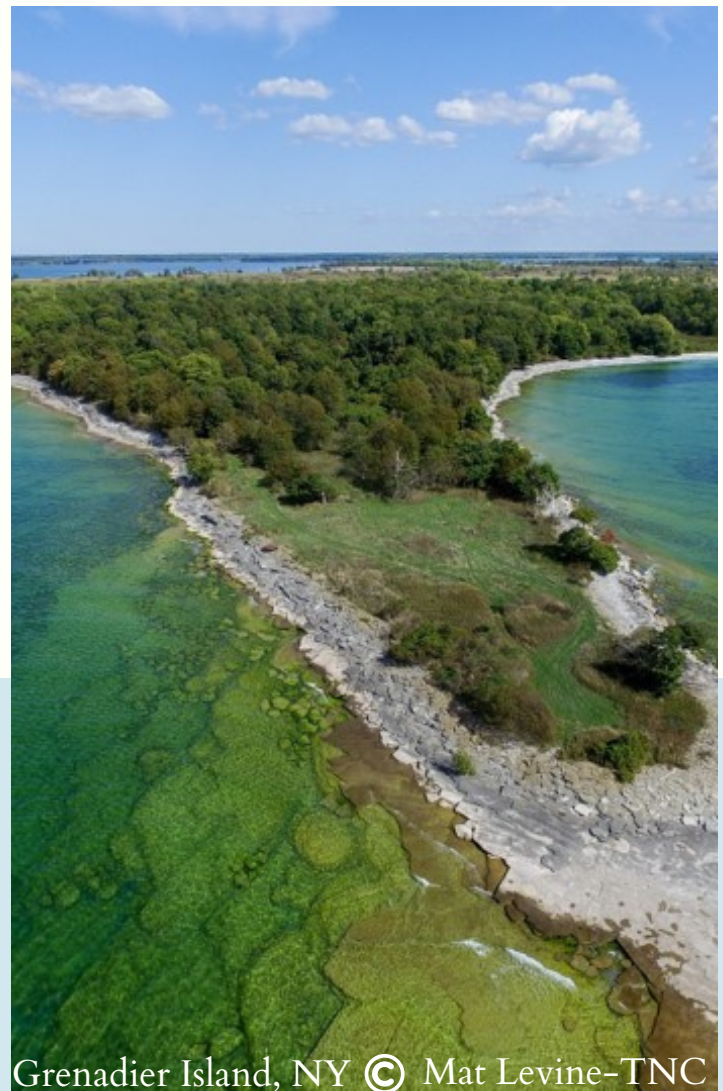
To enhance networking and engagement throughout the symposium there will be virtual opportunities for you to get involved in.

Optional Network Sessions are available each day between 12pm-1pm.

Virtual exhibits and resources for each session will be showcased on the SLELO PRISM [website](#).

Win a prize by playing [Virtual Trivia](#).

Questions will be tailored to each presentation. A link to play will be provided at the end of each session. Prizes will be donated by SLELO partners and may include hats, books and even artwork!



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