

# Eastern Lake Ontario Invasive Species Symposium

This event is presented by SLELO PRISM, with support from our host organization, The Nature Conservancy, in collaboration with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and funding from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund.



**INVASIVE SPECIES  
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EASTERN LAKE ONTARIO



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We are honored to have Robin Wall Kimmerer as our keynote speaker. A renowned scientist, author, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Robin brings a distinctive voice to environmental discourse.



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By blending Indigenous wisdom with ecological science, she offers a transformative perspective on invasive species management that emphasizes reciprocity, respect for native ecosystems, and the interconnectedness of all life.

*Thank you to our Education Committee, partners, and volunteers for your incredible support. Your dedication made this event and our work meaningful and impactful.*

## Symposium Overview

*This year's theme is, Adaptive Approaches for Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species Management focusing on traditional ecological knowledge, climate change, and restoring biodiversity.*

## Refreshments/Registration

**8:30-9 AM**

*Morning Session*

**9-11:30 AM**

*Lunch & Exhibits*

**11:30-12:30PM**

*Afternoon Session*

**12:30-4:30 PM**

Symposium Evaluation



# Full Agenda

**8:30 AM** – Registration & Exhibits with Coffee / Snacks

**9:00 AM – 11:30 AM:** Morning Sessions

- **Opening Remarks**
- **Keynote Speaker**, *Robin Wall Kimmerer*
- **All of our Relations**, *Shannon Seneca, Buffalo University*
- **Break**
- **Reimagining Invasive Plants Through Ethnobotany**,  
*Tusha Yakovleva, SUNY ESF Center for Native Peoples and the Environment*
- **Protecting Black Ash: Akwesasne Cultural Use & EAB Mitigation**,  
*Angello Johnson, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe*
- **Collaborative Discussion**

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM:** Lunch and Exhibits

**12:30 PM – 1:15 PM:** Lightning Round Sessions (*see pg.2 for details*)

**1:15 PM – 4:30 PM:** Afternoon Sessions

- **Spreading the Word: How Spotted Lanternfly Messaging Changes**,  
*Jacob Leaser, Cornell IPM*
- **Protecting Eastern Lake Ontario Through Collaboration and eDNA**,  
*Nick Sard, SUNY Oswego*
- **Mapping for Adaptive Lake Management**, *Justin Wolford, ADK Research*
- **Break**
- **The History and Challenges of Preserving and Maintaining Goose Bay**,  
*Jeff Kingsley, Goose Bay Reclamation Corp.*
- **Invasive Cattail Management: The Value of Experimental Approaches to Maximize Effectiveness**, *Eric Hellquist, SUNY Oswego*
- **Leveraging iMapInvasives Tools to Enhance Invasive Species Management**,  
*Fate Syewoangnuan, NYNHP/iMap*
- **The Lingering Hemlock Project: Protecting Tomorrow's Hemlocks**,  
*Caroline Marschner, NYSHI*
- **Reforestation as a Natural Climate Solution**, *Gregg Sargis, TNC*
- **Partner and Volunteer Acknowledgements, Closing Remarks, and Raffle**

# Lightning Round Presentations

This session will showcase five-minute presentations highlighting partner projects, initiatives, and collaborative opportunities.

- **Listening to Nature Toolkit**, *Lee Willbanks, Talking Rivers*
- **St. Lawrence River Strategy: Fostering Collaboration**, *Emilie DeRochie, River Institute*
- **Great Lakes Action Agenda Sub-Basin Work Groups**, *Emily Fell, NYS DEC/Cornell University*
- **Invasive Species Management and Grassland Restoration at Tibbits Point**, *Spencer Busler, TILT*
- **New York Natural Heritage Program: Habitat Survey at Fort Drum**, *Greg Welter, NYNHP*
- **Assessing Female Round Goby Behavior to Predict the Spread of Invasive Species**,  
*Liz Lange, SUNY Oswego*
- **Impact and Solutions: Dealing with the Invasive Box Tree Moth**, *Brian Eshenaur, Cornell IPM*

## Exhibit Showcase

Be sure to visit exhibits to be entered to win prizes donated by SLELO partners!

- iMapInvasives
- Jefferson County Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Northern Snakehead Poster
- NYS DEC & Cornell University
- NYS Integrated Pest Management
- NYS Parks
- Rice Creek Field Station
- River Institute
- Save the River
- SLELO PRISM
- St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Thousand Islands Land Trust
- Tug Hill Commission
- Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust

## Continuing Education Credits

Continuing education credits for the following organizations have been approved.

Sign-in and credentials are required to receive credits.

- **Certified Forester (SAF):** Category-1: 5.00 credits
- **Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP):** 4.00 Credits
- **International Society of Arborists (ISA):** Certified Arborist: 5.00, BCMA-Science: 1.00, Practice: 1.00, Management: 3.00, Municipal Specialist: 5.00
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