



WNY PRISM

Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management



Fall Partner Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2021

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Tifft Nature Preserve

1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard

Buffalo, NY 14203

MEETING AGENDA

1:00 Tifft Restoration Tour

Join Zach Goodrich, Preserve Steward for Tifft Nature Preserve, for a tour of the Mosquito Junction Swamp Restoration Project. This project includes 13.9 acres of invasive species removal and native plant community restoration within the southeast portion of the preserve, running along the marsh.

The tour will begin promptly at 1:00 and will leave from the main trailhead, just past the visitor center.

2:00 WNY PRISM News & Updates

2:30 Partner Updates & Discussions

2:50 Guest Speaker: Nate Drag, “No Such Thing as a Free Lunch – Challenges and Tips on Volunteer Recruitment, Retention, and Management”

Nate Drag, New York Sea Grant Great Lakes Literacy Specialist, will discuss tips and recommendations on coordinating a successful volunteer program. Volunteers and Community Scientists are an incredible resource for invasive species management, with the ability to greatly increase the scope and effectiveness of invasive species management projects. Whether you are looking for extra hands for a removal workday, extra eyes to survey forest pests, or looking for long-term project monitoring assistance, we all face barriers in our ability to leverage volunteers. Nate will provide valuable insight into the recruitment, engagement and retention of volunteers, lessons learned, and strategies for improving our programs. We will also look at how we can work together as a partnership to better use this resource and address barriers.

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED INDOORS