



# Western New York PRISM

*Partnering to Protect Western  
New York from Invasive Species*



## Mission

The WNY PRISM mission is to proactively identify, evaluate and address invasive species priorities in western New York using a coordinated partnership of local professionals, organizations and private citizens to improve, restore and protect local aquatic and terrestrial resources.

## Partnership

WNY PRISM works with over 100 partners including municipalities, non-profit organizations, State and Federal agencies, county parks, researchers and many more. This collaborative approach allows for improved management efficacy through information and resource sharing. Join the WNY PRISM partnership today!



## Invasive Species Management

Invasive species cause harm to the environment, economy and human health. Managing infestations early and consistently reduces costs associated with agricultural loss, declines in tourism, and damage to infrastructure while improving the health of native plant and animal communities that provide clean air, clean water, and food. The long term benefits of invasive species management far outweigh the cost of not taking action.

## WNY PRISM History

WNY Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) is one of 8 regional partnerships in New York State created to help prevent and minimize the harm caused by invasive species. Our office serves the eight westernmost counties of New York State including Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming.

Since WNY PRISM's establishment in 2014, we have mapped over 9,000 invasive species infestations, spoken with over 55,000 members of the public and worked with partners on over 50 invasive species removal projects.



## Prevention and Early Detection

WNY PRISM is dedicated to the early detection of new and emerging invasive species threats. We monitor over 30 sites for early detection priority species including Japanese stiltgrass, mile-a-minute, and water hyacinth, and are home to the Great Lakes Slender False Brome Working Group that improves the understanding and management of slender false brome within the Great Lakes Basin. In 2019 we began the Watercraft Inspection Program, welcoming 20 seasonal boat stewards to our staff.

## What WNY PRISM can do for you

- Offer educational resources, outreach materials and presentations.
- Help promote your invasive species event.
- Provide technical assistance and Best Management Practices.
- Provide professional trainings on various topics including management, identification and iMapInvasives.
- Assist with invasive species and habitat restoration project development.
- Assist with the formulation and review of Invasive Species Management Plans and grant proposals.
- Provide survey and management assistance through our Crew Assistance Program.
- Design boot brush stations for trailheads.



## Crew Assistance Program

Every year we accept project proposals for our Crew Assistance Program. The WNY PRISM Crew can assist with priority invasive species management projects including new and ongoing management activities that fall into the following categories:

- Invasive species removal and habitat restoration
- Invasive species surveys and mapping
- Outreach activities





## **We would love to work with you!**

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