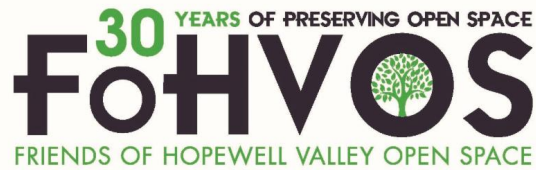


Strike Team Report

August 2017



NJ Invasive Species
Strike Team



Wondering about the extra logo above? The Strike Team has migrated to Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (FoHVOS). This new arrangement will allow for decreased overhead and increased access to staff with a variety of expertise (science, stewardship, outreach, fundraising and administration). Quite frankly, I don't know how Susan did everything by herself! We thank Susan and the board for its many accomplishments - we have big shoes to fill!

- Mike Van Clef, Project Director

We are so pleased to welcome The Strike Team to our Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (FoHVOS) family. We expect to provide the same great services and maintain the numerous partnering relationships established by The Strike Team. Our Steering Committee includes two former Strike Team board members (Keri Green, Highlands Council and Ken Klipstein, NJ Water Supply Authority), along with John Cecil, NJ Audubon and Emile DeVito, NJ Conservation Foundation. Thank you for your confidence in our commitment to carry on the mission.

- Lisa Wolff, FoHVOS Executive Director

Protecting federally endangered Indiana Bats

The Strike Team's primary mission is to stop the spread of newly emerging invasive species, but we are often reminded of why this work is so important. With the Morris County Park Commission, we are working to control a very large population of Oriental Photinia, which threatens to completely alter the forests at Tourne County Park known to be utilized by the bats. While the County hires contractors to go after big patches, the Strike Team's Mike Bellaus and Brian



Kubin have been surveying adjacent areas and picking off small patches to keep it from spreading further. For good measure, they are also nipping Japanese Aralia too!

[Learn more about these fantastic animals!](#)

Data...the scientific foundation of our work

We've received a \$5,000 Franklin Parker grant to partner with the University of Georgia to improve data reporting and sharing -- many thanks to New Jersey Conservation Foundation!

While the word 'data' doesn't tend to get anyone particularly excited, it is the bedrock of our prioritized and efficient approach to invasive species control. The grant will allow updates and improvements to our website database and phone apps. We'll be sending out a brief survey to our partner organizations to get their thoughts, but would really appreciate any suggestions from private individuals to improve the app and website so please reach out to us!



[Please consider downloading the app and volunteer to search and report invasive species to us!](#)

Reach out to Beth to sign up and talk about places to search:
bcraighead@fohvos.org

The Strike Team needs your help to fight invasive species throughout New Jersey. By making a membership donation, you directly fund our efforts to keep invasive species at bay and protect our native plants and wildlife. Donate through the link below!

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The above link will take you to the PayPal donation page for Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space. The Strike Team is a project of FoHVOS, so any donations you make will still fund strike team efforts. Thank you for your support!

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