Please save the date -- April 11, 2018 -- for the annual Strike Team Conference at Duke Farms! The conference will run from 9 am to 3:30 pm. The entry fee is $60 and includes lunch.

We have a lot of great speakers lined up and it is sure to be interesting. Click here for conference schedule. Learn about foraging for invasive species, the great things happening in New York state, and historical changes of invasive species in central New Jersey forests. There will be two interactive panel discussions - rare species conservation and our newest emerging invasive species threats. We’ll also be honoring our outstanding volunteers that have worked many hundreds of hours to protect New Jersey's natural heritage!

- Mike Van Clef, Project Director

Grim winter task...

Every winter the Strike Team's Technical Advisory Committee (see list below) convenes to review new data for previously listed invasive species and evaluates new species to consider adding to our lists. All year, Mike and the TAC collect information from listserves and colleagues from surrounding states and Northeast/Mid-Atlantic regions. In a typical year, we add 5-10 new species to our "Target" list (high level of certainty of invasive potential in NJ) or "Watch" list (unknown but possible invasive potential), which we make available on our website.

We also annually update our "Do Not Plant List", which includes all known widespread, target and watch species - FoHVOS utilizes this for our Private Lands Stewardship Program and have over 150 local residents that voluntarily
pledge to refrain from purchasing invasive species - Princeton recently adopted our list in a voluntary advisory ordinance addressed to homeowners, nurseries and other stakeholders.

For instance, this little sucker (literally) - East Asian Tick - was discovered in Hunterdon County last fall. [This article](https://www.mercerme.com/2021/11/05/east-asian-ticks-discovered-in-hunterdon-county/) in MercerMe includes the full details of the discovery.

Three life stages of *H. longicornis*. Adult female (left), partially engorged nymph (center) and larvae (right). Photo courtesy of Jim Occi, Center for Vector Biology, Rutgers University.

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**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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