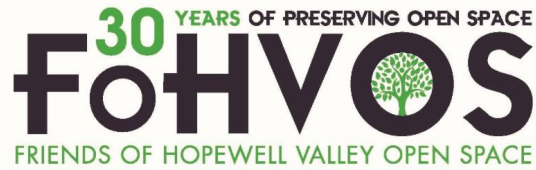




NJ Invasive Species  
**Strike Team**



## **A History of Accomplishment**

Since 2008 the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team has significantly advanced the protection of plants and wildlife in forests, meadows and waterways throughout the state of New Jersey. The Strike Team and our partners have searched over 750,000 acres of land, documented over 10,000 invasive populations, and eradicated over 2,000 populations throughout the state. Please support us to continue this vital conservation work.

## **Our Vision**

We have mobilized a team of partners and volunteers united in our mission to:

- Protect our natural lands,
- Ensure the abundance and diversity of native plants and animals, and
- Prevent future damage through invasive species management.

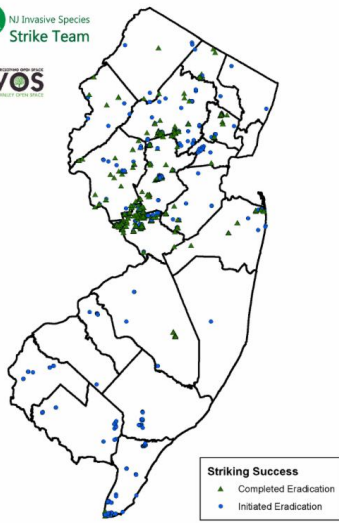
Eliminating newly emerging invasive species can prevent pests from running rampant and becoming a widespread threat to our most pristine lands and rare species habitats.

## **Where do we stand in 2017?**

Despite limited funding, the Strike Team is active throughout the state, building collaborative partnerships, providing outreach and training to colleagues and the general public, detecting and eradicating threatening invasive species and maintaining our scientific approach to identifying and ranking new threats. The Strike Team staff, Steering Committee, and Technical Advisory Committee recognize that the true "Team" includes almost 200 partner organizations and hundreds of private citizens working toward our common goal.

## **Collaboration is Critical!**

- **The Strike Team** eradicated over 300 populations of invasive species!



- Kudzu control efforts continued in 2017 following a 2016 statewide evaluation (24 populations found) performed by **New Jersey Audubon** and the Strike Team. In South Jersey, Audubon and **US Fish & Wildlife Service** spearheaded multiple control efforts with Strike Team assistance in Cape May, Salem and Gloucester Counties. **PSE&G** and **NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife** are also conducting control efforts. The Strike Team will continue to partner on this very critical eradication program - we can eliminate this pest from New Jersey!

- Ridge & Valley Conservancy and the Strike Team eliminated Japanese Spirea and Sickleweed at Pine Pond Preserve (**Sussex**) and White Lake (**Warren**) - they were the only known populations of both species in New Jersey. These preserves are known to harbor large amounts of rare plants along with the globally rare **Northern Metalmark Butterfly**, so getting ahead of these two troubling weeds was a high priority.



- **NJ Conservation Foundation** and the Strike Team have been battling Chinese Bushclover to protect the state endangered flower, **Pickering's Morning-glory** in **Burlington County**. NJCF has virtually eliminated all invasive plants around the morning glory and this summer we joined forces to treat dense infestations on the edge of rare

plant habitat to ensure they cannot re-infest and destroy these beautiful wildflowers.

## Strike Team Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers **Nathanial Karaban, Maggie Southwell, John Berry,**

**Laurel Gould and Theresa Trapp** have spent over 850 hours searching for and removing new populations in Union, Somerset and Essex Counties. We are so grateful for these very committed volunteers investing their time to support the protection of natural habitats.

## Moving into 2018!

In 2018, we will continue our strategic approach to protect New Jersey's natural habitats from invasive species threats - providing training workshops, maintaining the phone app and database, evaluating new and re-evaluating known invasive species, preparing an annual report, hosting our annual conference, and of course, eradicating the most threatening invasive species.

Your annual Strike Team membership will enable us to protect our natural heritage throughout the state.

**Together, We Can Nip Invasive Species in the Bud! Please make a contribution today!**

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