



NJ Invasive Species
Strike Team

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Strike Team Report January 2020



12th Annual Invasive Species Strike Team Conference

April 1, 2020 - 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Duke Farms - COACH BARN

Registration is Open!

*Space is limited to a first come first serve basis.
All attendees must register! No walk-ins will be allowed.*

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We are happy to announce our 12th Annual Conference – it will be **Wednesday, April 1st** and graciously hosted again by Duke Farms. We were gratified to have completely filled the Coach Barn's capacity last year, so please register early! We are expecting to receive CEU's from many groups - we will update you in our February Newsletter. **Please click the button above to register!**

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This year's focus will be on the use of prescribed fire to control invasive species, including presentations from the NJ Forest Fire Service and NRCS on how to get fire on your land, observations and research on the results of burning, and the role of fire in shaping plant communities. **Please click [here](#) to see the full agenda.**

Watch for our second community conference this June (Saturday date TBD),

geared toward private individuals and public officials – we'll discuss invasive species topics such as:

- Developing and implementing effective and efficient plans.
- forming local volunteer Strike Teams
- using the Strike Team phone app
- Identification and control methods

For fun, join us for an Invasive Species Potluck in October! Plan on sharing 2020 field season stories and sample some delicious invasive and local goods. Starting thinking about what you'll bring now!

I hope to see you at one or more of these events!

- Mike Van Clef, Strike Team Program Director

Hello Everyone --

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's Strike Team Conference. Last year completely sold out and the follow-up survey gave us fantastic feedback so this year promises to be another exciting event. If your organization would like to sponsor the conference or get a table, please email Logan Horvath, FoHVOS Program Manager at lhovath@fohvos.org. Prices are reasonable and you'll get great exposure. Space is very limited so contact us soon.

Can't wait to see you in April!

- Lisa Wolff, FoHVOS Executive Director

Live and Learn

This new 'Live and Learn!' feature will become a staple of monthly Strike Team newsletters. Our goal is to spread newly obtained knowledge provided from Strike Team partners.



Last year, FoHVOS conducted two restoration projects that were hampered by two of our annual invasive species friends...Mile-a-Minute and Japanese Stiltgrass. Both projects included post-ash death explosions of woody invasive species such as Multiflora Rose and started with forestry mowing to clear the slate for planting native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

We happily and diligently planted thousands of plants last spring, only to find Mile-a-Minute and Japanese Stiltgrass running amok through summer. Mechanical treatments were attempted to minimize damage (weed whacking), but the smothering plants were vicious!

We feel that most of our plantings likely survived, but we needed to get a better strategy going for 2020. So we decided on pre-emergent herbicide (e.g., Preen or similar) that we'll apply around plantings in late February, late April and late June. This will significantly

minimize these annual weeds, allowing our plantings to get fully established. We plan to repeat this effort for a few years to let the seed banks dwindle.

Volunteer with us!

Looking for volunteer opportunities that vary from office data entry to getting down and dirty in New Jersey? The NJ Invasive Species Strike Team is the organization for you! Visit our sign up genius below to share your interests with us or sign up for our current Data Entry Opportunity!

Contact Ihorvath@fohvos.org for more information.

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