



NJ Invasive Species
Strike Team

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Strike Team Report August 2020

Although COVID-19 has presented numerous ongoing challenges, the Strike Team has been keeping busy this year! We've been working with our partners and private landowners, knocking out lots of invasives throughout the state. We continue that resiliency by offering our annual conference virtually in early October (see below for details). I'll miss seeing us all together and watching those fantastic interactions among our conservation community. But we couldn't completely leave out some collaboration and socializing related to the conference, so we'll be offering 1-hour outdoor workshops too (see below for details). Hope to see you all virtually and/or in person!

Mike Van Clef, Ph.D.
FoHVOS Stewardship Director
Strike Team Program Director

The Strike Team Professional Conference has gone **VIRTUAL!**

If you previously registered for our April event, please check your email for more detailed information or email lhovath@fohvos.org

Daily 1 hr. Webinars from Conservation Professionals

- All webinars can be viewed from the comfort of your office or home and will always take place each day at 10am via Zoom.
- Webinar Recordings will be available if you can not join us live.

Continuing Education Units

- We are in the process of reassessing our CEUs due to the updated format and minor change in presenters but please note that for any CEUs to be awarded, *you must be present for ALL webinars and one workshop.*

Limited In Person Workshops

- The week following (Oct. 14,15,16) our webinar conferences, we invite you to join our professionals in the field to learn more!

- We have conveniently provided three different locations, and three different time slots for you to join us.
- Reservations will be available to you after registration for the conference. Space is limited to 15 persons per session.
- Masks will be required.

[Register Here!](#)

[Virtual Agenda](#)

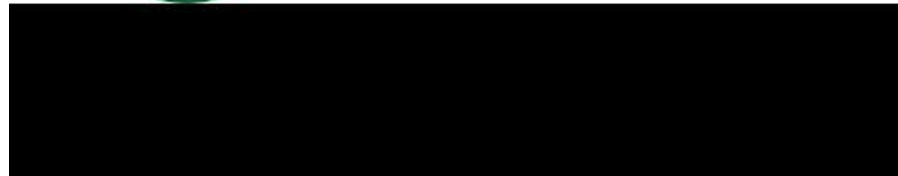
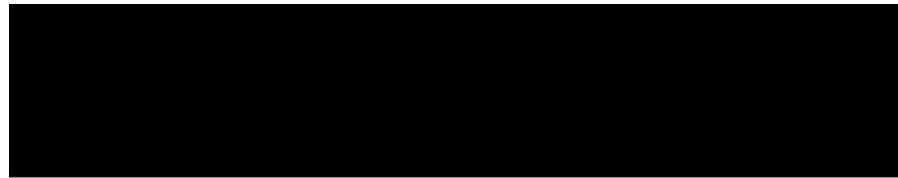
[Sponsorships](#)

Strike Team Community Conference

Webinar Recordings Now Available!

Couldn't attend our webinar series this summer? No worries!
You can find all of the webinar recordings on our YouTube Page.

If you have any questions for the speakers, please contact lhovath@fohv.org for further assistance.



[Series Recordings](#)

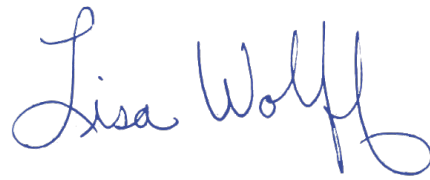
Hello Everyone --

We hope that you have been enjoying our webinar series. In addition to educating you, we have been our expanding our reach by employing a group of hard working interns to combat invasive species and restore special places. They are making great ecological impact now and will hopefully go on to future

jobs in conservation.

If you feel the Strike Team is a valuable resource to New Jersey, please consider making a tax deductible donation by clicking [here](#).

Stay Safe and Healthy. Mask Up!



Lisa Wolff
FoHVOS Executive Director
Strike Team Steering Committee

Live and Learn

With the help of our exceptional Technical Advisory Committee, we completed our annual species review and prepared our [2020 species list](#) as well as our updated [Do Not Plant List](#). In addition, please consider signing our [Landscape Planting Pledge](#).

Turning Your Eyes Up

Many plants have their moment of pushing exuberant growth. If you have a flower garden (hopefully stocked with many natives), you'll notice plants when they're blooming. Take the native wildflower, Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), which was the star of many native gardens in July. Now heading to seed, the plant fades into the background while Goldenrods take center stage.

Invasive species do much the same. Now is a great time to look for invasive grasses. Many are beginning to bolt (grow exponentially taller, flower, and set seed). Chinese Silvergrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*) is a great example. Surveying for non-flowering grasses is tricky amongst thick meadow growth. They are difficult to identify and can go overlooked. Now, Chinese Silvergrass' recognizable flowering stems are beginning to stand out and can be observed from great distances.

Tune your eyes and survey at the right time!



Wild Bergamont



Chinese Silvergrass

Volunteer with us!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity?
The NJ Invasive Species Strike Team is the organization for you!
Visit our sign up genius below to share your interests with us.
Contact lhovath@fohv.org for more information.

[I'm Interested!](#)

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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