

NJ Invasive Species  
**Strike Team**

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## **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: A great year behind us, please help us have another great year ahead!**

It has been another successful year for the Strike Team! We received a new US Forest Service grant and are geared up for 3 more years of strategic control of invasive plants across New Jersey.

Project partners include:

- Mercer and Morris County Parks
- New Jersey Audubon
- Sourland Conservancy
- Over 30 private landowners

We also partnered with multiple groups to treat invasives and develop plans for future efforts.

- Essex County Parks
- Monmouth County Parks
- Municipality of Princeton
- Morristown National Historical Park
- Morristown Shade Tree Commission
- Chatham Community Garden
- Sea Girt Conservancy
- Duke Farms
- Lawrenceville School, Pennington School, Princeton Montessori School

**Collectively, the Strike Team and its partners eliminated  
over 1,800 populations of invasive species!**

Outreach included professional and community conferences, and 18 presentations and field workshops reaching over 1,000 people.

- Professional Conference – A fantastic day with nearly 100 attendees. We learned about aquatic invaders, climate change impacts, forest pests, and using eDNA for early detection.
- Community Conference – South Mountain Conservancy's Rich Rockwell showed us their intensive control program, furthering support Volunteer Stewardship Teams.

Thanks to the ongoing financial support from generous private donors like you, the Strike Team is able to continue our critical mission of protecting our natural lands. Your donation will help us:

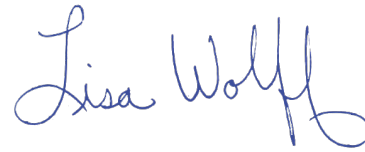
- Serve the conservation community and general public as a statewide clearinghouse on invasive species knowledge by allowing:
  - Engaged partners to stimulate passage of legislation to ban invasive plants
  - Improved web resources, phone app, and statewide database
  - Completed statewide Kudzu assessment, we confirmed 24 current populations and knocked off two of them already! We hope to raise funds to eradicate it from the state.

**We hope that you will consider a donation to the Strike Team to  
support our critical work!**

- Donate online at [fohvos.info/invasive-species-strike-team/donate](http://fohvos.info/invasive-species-strike-team/donate) OR
- Send check payable to FoHVOS Strike Team to PO Box 395, Pennington NJ 08534



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## Upcoming Events

Please contact [Mike](#) if you are interested in attending any of the following scheduled events.

**January 9, 2023, 12:30 pm-1:30pm, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County, Ewing**

Mercer County Master Gardeners Annual Meeting - Impacts of Deer and Native Plant Gardening

**January 18, 2023, 6:15 pm-7:15pm, Switlik Park, Hamilton**

Nottingham Garden Club - Invasive Species Threats, Identification, and Control

**March 11, 9:00am-3:45pm, Pinelands Short Course, Stockton University** (multiple presentations and field trips)

Pinelands Commission - Roadside Native and Invasive Plants of the Pinelands

**June 17, 9:00am-1:00pm, Duke Farms, Hillsborough**

Duke Farms Master Ecologist Program - Invasive Plants and Deer Overabundance

## 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 [mvancléf@fohvos.org](mailto:mvancléf@fohvos.org) for more information.

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[Volunteer Stewardship Teams Information](#)

## Consider a Membership Donation

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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