



NJ Invasive Species
Strike Team

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Our annual conference was a great success!

We held our annual conference at Duke Farms on October 5th. We had a stellar group of speakers covering multiple angles related to aquatic invaders including news that New Jersey will finally have a statewide aquatic nuisance species plan, stimulating discussion related to regulating invasive plants, with special attention on climate change related movements of invasive and native species, very informative and quite frightening forest pest & pathogen updates, excellent presentation on the use of eDNA to detect and inform management of newly emerging invasives, and a great Cool Tools and Techniques session covering control and restoration.

We're skipping the usual Live and Learn this month because there was plenty to learn from the conference.

CLICK HERE to check out the speaker presentations and you'll learn lots!

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Upcoming Events

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

November 1, 9:30am-3:00pm, Duke Farms, Hillsborough
Deer Management, co-taught with Michael Bellaus of Duke Farms

November 2, 9:30am-3:00pm, Duke Farms, Hillsborough
Invasive Species Management and Soils/GIS, co-taught with Michael Bellaus of Duke Farms and Edwin Muniz of NRCS

[Register for the Duke Farms Short Course on November 1-2](#)

November 3, 9:00am-1:00pm, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County, Ewing

Mercer County Master Gardeners - Invasive Species Identification and Control

November 10, 11:00am-12:00pm, Pinelands Commission, New Lisbon

Pinelands Speaker Series - Invasive Species Threat, Identification and Control

November 12, 8:30am-2:30pm, Lord Stirling Park, Basking Ridge

PA/NJ Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation Annual Conference - Invasive Species Identification and Control

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

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 mvanclaf@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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