

PARTNERSHIPS FOR REGIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

New York State PRISMs

Invasive species means a species that is nonnative to the ecosystem under consideration, and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause harm to the environment, the economy, or the health of humans.

What are PRISMs?

Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs), comprising diverse stakeholder groups, were created to address threats posed by invasive species across New York State. PRISMs are key to New York's integrated approach to invasive species management. Partners include federal and state agencies, resource managers, non-governmental organizations, industry, recreationists, and interested citizens. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation provides financial support, via the Environmental Protection Fund, to the host organizations that coordinate each of the eight PRISMs, resulting in statewide coverage.

What Do PRISMs Do?

- Plan regional invasive species management activities
- Implement invasive species prevention programs
- Conduct surveillance and mapping of invasive species infestations
- Detect new infestations early and respond rapidly
- Implement control projects
- Implement habitat restoration and monitoring
- Educate stakeholders on invasive species and their impacts
- Coordinate PRISM partners
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Support research through citizen science in collaboration with the Invasive Species Research Institute <http://www.nyisri.org/>
- Report observations to iMapInvasives <http://www.nyimainvasives.org/>
- Act as regional communication hubs



If you are interested in helping NY "stop the invasion," PRISMs are a great way to get involved by volunteering for monitoring, outreach, or management projects. All are welcome to participate in statewide PRISM monthly conference calls to receive updates, hear excellent presentations and learn about upcoming events. Contact a PRISM leader for more information, or visit WWW.NYIS.INFO

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Regional PRISM Contacts			
PRISM	Host	Contact	Listserve & Websites
APIPP Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program	The Nature Conservancy	Brendan Quirion 518-576-2082 bquirion@tnc.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cce-apipp-l-request@cornell.edu • http://adkinvasives.com/
Capital Mohawk	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County	Laurel Gailor 518-885-8995 lrg6@cornell.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cce-capitalprism-l-request@cornell.edu • http://ccesaratoga.org/environment/partnerships-for-regional-invasive-species-management-prisms
CRISP Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership	Catskill Center for Conservation and Development	John Thompson 845-586-2611 jthompson@catskillcenter.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cce-crisp-l-request@cornell.edu • http://catskillinvasives.com/
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How Do I Join a PRISM?

For more information on PRISM meetings and activities and how you can become involved, visit the website of the PRISM in which you are interested, or contact the coordinator listed above for the PRISM.

To improve communication within and among PRISMs, e-mail listserves, managed by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Invasive Species Program, have been established for each of the eight PRISMs. To subscribe to a PRISM listserve, e-mail the appropriate listserve address in the table above. In the subject line, type the single word “join” (without the quotes). Leave the body of the message blank; do not include a signature block or any other text in the body of the e-mail.

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