

2016 New York Invasive Species Awareness Week EVENT LEADER OPENING STATEMENT



NOTE TO EVENT ORGANIZERS:

Thank you for your help in making New York's Third Annual Invasive Species Awareness Week a success!

Help us track successes: A wide variety of events are being held across New York as part of New York Invasive Species Awareness Week. For any Awareness Week related event, we ask that you please keep track of and report the number of attendees to the event. If you are surveying and mapping, record the acres or miles surveyed and number of infestations mapped. If you are having an invasive species control event, record the number of bags pulled (if plants) and/or number of acres managed. Compiling these numbers will help us determine the scope of influence of Awareness Week. We also encourage you to take photos of your event. You can enter this information and more into the online event organizer event survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/isaw2016organizer>

In order to recognize that the event you are organizing is part of a larger statewide effort, we ask that you read the following brief statement at the beginning of your event:

This event is part of New York's Third Annual Invasive Species Awareness Week. During the week of July 10-16, events are being held across the state to raise awareness about invasive species. We continue to promote NY's "Stop the Invasion: Protect NY from Invasive Species" campaign and we are pleased to celebrate this year's joint themes of encouraging native alternatives for gardening/landscaping (Part 575 regulations) as well as adoption of best management practices to prevent the spread of aquatic invasives via recreational boating (Part 576 regulations). Invasive species affect us all, and we all can make a difference in stopping their spread. Learning about which species are problematic and reporting infestations can prevent them from becoming widespread. NY's lands and waters are worth protecting!

Thank you for being here. We invite you to stay active on invasive species issues by getting involved with your local Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), which is a coordinated group of organizations and citizens working together to prevent the spread of and manage invasive species. Following this event, please take a moment to complete the online feedback survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/isaw2016participant>

To learn more about New York Invasive Species Awareness Week and see a list of all the planned events, please go to www.nyis.info/blog.