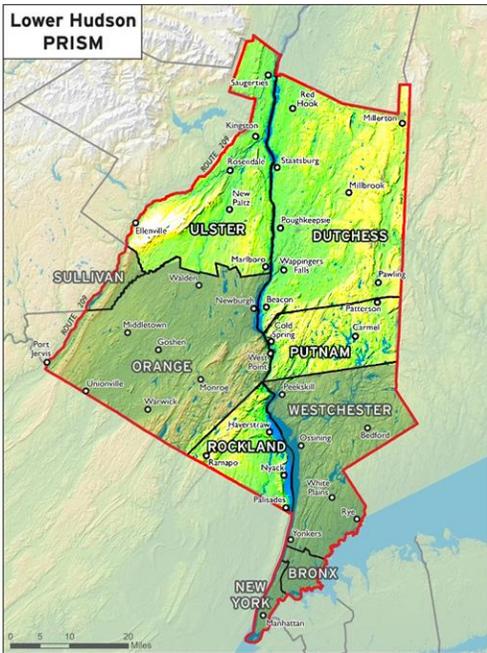




Stop the Spread: Help us “Bust” Invasive Plants Blockbuster Survey Citizen-Science Training



Help us survey for the presence of invasive plants in the Hudson Valley. We’ll show you how!

Adopt a block and help us “bust” a move by invasive plants. Using your smart phone or a GPS unit you’ll be part of a region-wide team of volunteers who will help us identify and map key invasive species and pristine areas free of invaders. Data collected will help scientists and natural resource managers direct their efforts most effectively.

This program is part of the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management’s efforts to stop the spread of invasive species in the lower Hudson valley.

When: Trainings will be held in June at locations throughout the region.

Where to train and register: Contact your local extension office or NYBG for more details.

| Host | Date | Time | Phone | Registration Link |
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| CCE Dutchess County | Saturday, June 03, 2017 | 9am - 1 pm | 845-677-8223 ext 134 | Click to register |
| CCE Orange County | Wednesday, June 07, 2017 | 9am - 1 pm | 845-344-1234 | Click to register |
| CCE Putnam County | Thursday, June 08, 2017 | 2 - 6 pm | 845-278-6738 x21 | Click to register |
| NYBG | Tuesday, June 13, 2017 | 9am - 1pm | 914-329-6395 | Click to register |
| CCE Rockland county | Friday, June 16, 2017 | 9am - 1pm | 845 429 7085 x119 | Click to register |
| CCE Dutchess County | Saturday, June 17, 2017 | 9am - 1 pm | 845-677-8223 ext 134 | Click to register |
| CCE Putnam County | Tuesday, June 20, 2017 | 2 - 6 pm | 845-278-6738 x21 | Click to register |
| CCE Ulster County | Thursday, June 22, 2017 | 12 - 4pm | 845-340-3990 ext. 335 | Click to register |
| CCE Ulster County | Friday, June 23, 2017 | 12 - 4pm | 845-340-3990 ext. 335 | Click to register |
| CCE Rockland County | Tuesday, June 27, 2017 | 1 - 5 pm | 845 429 7085 x119 | Click to register |
| CCE Westchester County | Wednesday, June 28, 2017 | 11am - 3 pm | 914- 285-4640 | Click to register |

Visit www.lhprism.org for more information on how the LHPRISM strives to address invasive species issues through its partnerships. Click on “Upcoming Events” or “Get Involved” to learn more.

Lower Hudson Blockbuster Survey: Q & A

Stop the Spread: come out and count invasive species to preserve our native plants and animals!

What is a Blockbuster Survey? Simply put the 8 county region of the Lower Hudson Valley is broken up into blocks on a map. Each square on this grid is a “block” on the blockbuster survey. The survey is organized by the lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM). CCE is a partner organization.

Who is the Lower Hudson Partnership for invasive Species Management (LHPRISM)? A group of about 45 organizations and individuals in the 8 counties of the Lower Hudson Valley (including NYC). The NYS DEC PRISM funds 8 Partnerships like this across NYS.

Why are they doing this? The LHPRISM organized this survey because partners feel it’s important to know what invasive species are out there, and just as important to know where they are not. Knowledgeable volunteers with boots on the ground are one of the best ways to find out.

When is it happening? Recruitment trainings for 2017 will be continued through the month of May. Survey Trainings will be held throughout the lower Hudson Valley on different days of the week in June. Surveys will take place through late summer when it’s easier to spot many of the survey plants.

What’s your role? Attend the training, and adopt a block to survey. We’ll show you how to record what you’ve found or haven’t found. And we’ll help you learn how to identify invasive plants. Plus you’ll learn more about these backyard invaders and where you can find out how to get rid of the ones on your property.

Bring a friend! We prefer you survey with a partner. If you don’t have a survey partner, we’ll find you one. A partner will help with identification and recording, and it is always safer to go out as a team.

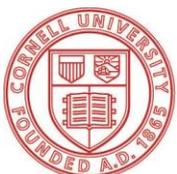
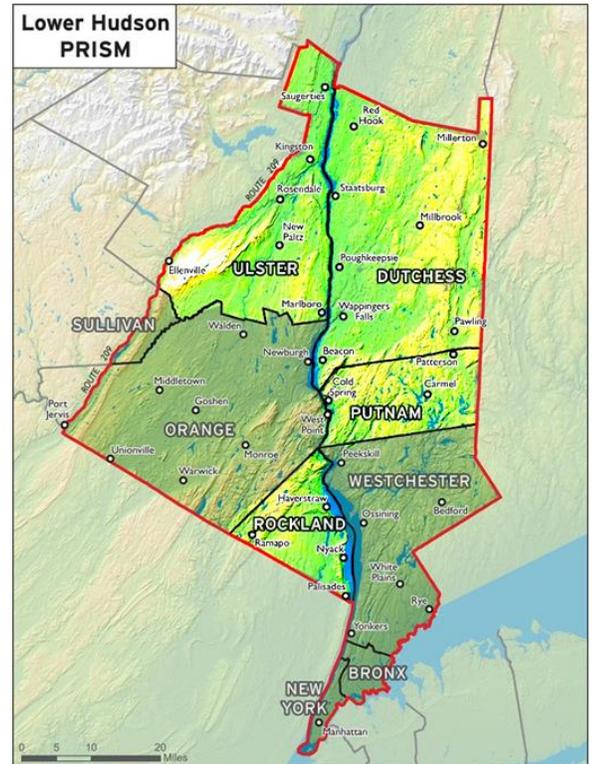
Choose your favorite park or natural area. As long as it is in the grid and hasn’t been surveyed already! Do something to protect the resources you care about!

How big is a block? Grids are 5 x 5 kilometers but you only survey a portion of the block.

What is an invasive species? DEC defines invasive species as “non-native species that can cause harm to the environment, the economy or to human health. Invasives come from all around the world. As international trade increases, so does the rate of invasive species introductions.”

Why are Invasive Species a Problem? They can be responsible for:

- Habitat degradation and loss,
- Loss of native fish, wildlife and tree species,
- Loss of recreational opportunities and income,
- Crop damage and diseases in humans and livestock



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