



Long Island  
Native Plant Initiative  
“Bridging the gap by going to seed”

**LIISMA Invasive Species Conference**  
**Sisters of St. Joseph, 1725 Brentwood Ave., Brentwood, NY**  
**June 22, 2017**  
**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Event Registration:**

<https://tinyurl.com/LIISMAInvasiveSppConference>

**8:00 a.m. Registration & Refreshments**

**8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

**8:45 a.m. Why Do Biological Invasions Matter, What We Need To Protect**  
Uli Lorimer, Native Plant Curator, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, NY.

**9:30 a.m. Economics of Resources Threatened By Invasive Species**  
Dr. Travis Warziniack, Economist, US Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Fort Collins, CO.

**10:00 a.m. Break & Visit Exhibits**

**10:15 a.m. Climate Change and Invasive Species**  
Dr. Matthew Aiello-Lammens, Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies and Science Department, Pace University, Pleasantville, NY.

**10:45 a.m. Prioritizing Invasive Species Efforts Using iMapInvasives Tools and Data**  
Dr. Jennifer Dean, Invasive Species Biologist, NY Natural Heritage Program, Albany, NY.

**11:15 a.m. Priority Conservation Areas (PCA's), Highly Probable Areas (HPA's) and Early Detection Rapid Response Approaches for Invasive Species Management in the St. Lawrence-Eastern Lake Ontario (SLELO) PRISM**  
Robert Williams, Coordinator, St. Lawrence-Eastern Lake Ontario PRISM, Pulaski, NY.

**11:45 a.m. Forest Pest Detection and Management on Long Island**  
Robert Cole, Forester, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany, NY.

**12:30 p.m. Lunch and Visit Exhibitors**

**OR**

**12:30 p.m. Concurrent Lunchtime Workshops**

- 1) Terrestrial Invasive Plant Field Identification Workshop**  
Rusty Schmidt, President, Long Island Native Plant Initiative, Hampton Bays, NY.
- 2) Aquatic Invasive Species Hands On Identification Workshop**  
Chart Guthrie, Regional Fisheries Manger, NYS Department of Environment Conservation Region 1, Stony Brook, NY.
- 3) Southern Pine Beetle Signs And Symptoms Field Identification Workshop**  
John Wernet, Supervising Forester, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 1, Stony Brook, NY.

**1:45 p.m. Concurrent Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species Concurrent Sessions**

**Terrestrial Invasive Species Concurrent Session**

**1:45 p.m. New and Approaching Invasive Plant Species**

Lara Pomi-Urbat, Permitting Specialist, Certified Ecologist, PSEG Long Island, Hicksville, NY.

**2:15 p.m. Using the IPM DAT Tool for Invasive Species Management Planning**

Dr. Jennifer Dean, Invasive Species Biologist, NY Natural Heritage Program, Albany, NY.

**2:45 p.m. Anticipating the Need for Restoration: Post Control Management – Speaker TBA**

**3:15 p.m. Break and Visit Exhibitors**

**3:30 p.m. What Can You Do in Your Backyard? Prevention and Management Practices to address Invasive Species for Homeowners**

Patricia Manzi, District Manager, Nassau County Soil & Water Conservation District, Syosset, NY.

**4:00p.m. Tools For Improving the Management of Non-Native Phragmites**

Karen Alexander, Senior Program Specialist, Great Lakes Commission, Ann Arbor, MI.

**4:30 p.m. An Integrated Approach to Swallow-wort Containment, Suppression and Eradication - What Works (30 Minutes)** Robert O'Brien, Invasive Species Control Field Director, NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, New Paltz, NY.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Concurrent Session**

**1:45 p.m. Aquatic Ecosystems as Unique Habitats for Invasive Species Management**

Dr. Judith Pederson, Research Affiliate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

**2:15 p.m. New and Emerging Species and Pathways in Freshwater Ecosystems**

Chart Guthrie, Regional Fisheries Manger, NYS Department Environment Conservation Region 1, Stony Brook, NY.

**2: 45 p.m. A New Frontier for NY iMapInvasives**

Emily Runnells, Marine Zoologist, NY Natural Heritage Program, East Setauket, NY.

**3:15 p.m. Break and Visit Exhibitors**

**3: 30 p.m. Health and Safety: Toxic Blue Green Algae, What Every Lake Manager Needs to Know**

Dr. Christopher Gobler, Associate Dean of Research School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY.

**4:00 p.m. Aquarium Trade Risk for Non-native Aquatic Species Introductions**

Gregory Bugbee, Associate Scientist, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT.

**4:30 p.m. Clean Drain and Dry – Access Site Boat Steward Program**

Miranda Ciardulli, Access Site Steward

Talia Haik, Access Site Steward, Bureau of Fisheries, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 1, Stony Brook, NY.

**5:00 p.m. Conclusion**

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For More information please contact LIISMAPRISM.org or call (631)560-9945.**

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