



## **Appendix H: Invasive Species Control Plan**

# **Invasive Species Control Plan**

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# Aquatic Invasive Species Control Plan

**Putnam Station, Cementon, and  
Congers Transitional Horizontal  
Direction Drill**

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## NOTE

Section 21.0 of the 2012 BMP Document identifies numerous invasive plant and insect species, both terrestrial and aquatic, that may occur at the Putnam, Cementon, and Congers Stations Transitional HDD Project sites. The Certificate Holders have developed an Overland Invasive Species Control Plan that identifies invasive species monitoring and control measures to be implemented along terrestrial portions of the CHPE Project. The Certificate Holders have additionally developed an Aquatic Invasive Control Plan that identifies invasive species monitoring and control measures to be implemented along aquatic portions of the CHPE Project.

Section 21.0 of the 2012 BMP Document identifies invasive species control procedures that will be implemented during construction within terrestrial and aquatic environments of the Putnam, Cementon, and Congers Stations Transitional HDD Project sites. In general, these BMPs entail careful inspection of construction equipment prior to movement of equipment from one water body to another (e.g., trailering of small vessels). Vessel hulls, decks, propellers, lower units on outboard motors, and mooring lines will be washed and inspected carefully to remove aquatic plants, attached mussels and crustaceans, etc., prior to relocation of the vessels/equipment to another portion of the cable route or another waterbody.

### Putnam Invasive Species List

Plant: Common reed (*Phragmites australis*), Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), Honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.*), Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), Reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*). Aquatic plants: Water chestnut (*Trapa natans*) and Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

Animal: Zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*)

### Cementon Invasive Species List

Plant: Common reed (*Phragmites australis*), Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), Honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.*) and Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*). Aquatic plants: Water chestnut (*Trapa natans*)

Animal: Zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*)

### Congers Invasive Species List

Plant: Common reed (*Phragmites australis*), Water chestnut (*Trapa natans*)



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

TRC Companies has prepared this Aquatic Invasive Species Control Plan on behalf of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (CHPE) for the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project (Project) underwater segments. The CHPE project involves the construction of ±339 miles of high voltage direct current underground and underwater transmission line from Montreal, Quebec, to Queens, New York (See Figure 1 – Project Corridor Overview). The overland portion is approximately 146 miles. It will bring 1,250 megawatts of renewable energy into New York by the end of year 2025, the anticipated Project Commercial Operation Date, to reduce the dependency on fossil fuels and carbon emissions. The proposed Project will provide enough power for more than 1 million homes, along with numerous environmental and economic benefits to millions of residents in New York State communities.

The measures that will be employed for the project are attached as Section 21.0 of the 2012 BMP Document. In an effort, where feasible, to limit the introduction and spread of invasive species, this Best Management Practice (“BMP”) will be employed when performing activities that occur in jurisdictional areas as authorized by the DEC. The BMP identifies procedures that will be incorporated into routine work practices to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species.

### 1.1 Purpose & Goal

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) defines an invasive species as “...a species that is non-native to the ecosystem under consideration; and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health” (6 NYCRR Part 575, 2014). The overall project will involve both aquatic and land disturbance within the Project Corridor using equipment and construction practices with the potential to relocate or spread invasive species. This Aquatic Invasive Species Control Plan (ISCP) is intended to prevent the spread of invasive species, focusing on the Limits of Work (LOW) within the overland portion of the project. It is not the intent of this plan to control or eliminate existing populations of invasive species, but rather to prevent their spread as a result of construction activities.

### 1.2 Applicable laws and regulations

There are several federal and state laws and regulations governing the control of invasive species that are applicable to this project, including Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act and Article 15 and Article 24 of the Environmental Conservation Law. Both the Environmental Conservation Law and the Agriculture and Markets Law authorize the NYSDEC and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) to regulate invasive species. These agencies are also party to the Article 7 (Public Service Law) process by which this project was approved. The Part 575 Invasive Species Regulations are intended to control invasive species by reducing the introduction and spread of invasive species populations by limited commerce in such species, thereby having a positive impact on the environment. The list of Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species (September 10, 2014) is provided in Attachment 1 in the Overland Invasive Species Control Plan.

## 2.0 Putnam Station HDD Site Location

The proposed HDD will begin at the work pad located at the end of Country Road 3 and then continues northeast with an in lake exit in Lake Champlain near the entrance to Mill Bay. The HDD exit in Lake Champlain will be located approximately 750 feet from the western riverbank in an area with charted water depths of approximately 13 feet at Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) (Plan & Profile Drawings, Appendix A of the Segment 17 EM&CP).

### 2.1 Observed invasive species

The Putnam Station HDD Delineation Report identifies invasive plant species found in the wetland boundaries abutting the existing railroad and roadway corridors. Invasive species observed within the shallow emergent marshes include common reed (*Phragmites australis*) and purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*). Invasive species observed within scrub-shrub wetlands includes honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.*) and common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*). Invasive species observed within red maple-hardwood forests included honeysuckle, buckthorn, and reed canary grass. Invasive honeysuckles and buckthorns were also observed in floodplain forests within the Project survey area. Invasive species observed within silver mapleash swamps included honeysuckles and buckthorns (Wetland & Waterbodies Delineation Report, Appendix K of the Segment 17 EM&CP).

The BMP Document (2012 BMPs, Section 21.4) identifies additional invasive species that are either known to occur or have the potential to occur within the shallow and deep-water habitats within Lake Champlain and the fringing lacustrine wetlands within its embayments. These include zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*), spiny water flea (*Bythotrephes cederstroemi*), rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*), Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) and water chestnut (*Trapa natans*). These and other species may also be present within streams and the Hudson River.

In accordance with BMP Section 21.4, the Certificate Holders will perform the measures mentioned in the Overland Invasive Species Control Plan to prevent or control the transport of these invasive species.

## 3.0 Cementon Station HDD Site Location

The proposed HDD is east of Route 9W and will begin at the work pad is located at the end of Alpha Boulevard and then continues south with an in river exit in the Hudson River at approximately River Mile 107. The HDD exit in the Hudson River will be located approximately 500 feet from the western riverbank in an area with charted water depths of approximately 35 feet at Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) (Plan & Profile Drawings, Appendix A of the Segment 17 EM&CP).

### 3.1 Survey reports including invasive species

The Cementon HDD Delineation Report identifies invasive plant species found in the wetland boundaries abutting the existing railroad and roadway corridors. Invasive species observed within the shallow emergent marshes include common reed (*Phragmites australis*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.*) and common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*). Invasive species observed within the Palustrine Scrub-Shrub and Forest Wetland include honeysuckle and common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) (Wetland & Waterbodies Delineation Report, Appendix K of the Segment 17 EM&CP).

The BMP identifies additional invasive species that are either known to occur or have the potential to occur within in the site location in attachment 1 within the Overland Invasive Species Control Plan.

## **4.0 Congers Station HDD Site Location**

The proposed HDD is east of Route 9W and will begin at the work pad located on a salvage yard and then continues northeast with an in river exit in the Hudson River at approximately River Mile 34. The HDD exit in the Hudson River will be located approximately 350 feet from the western riverbank in an area with charted water depths of approximately 23 feet at Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) (Plan & Profile Drawings, Appendix A of the Segment 17 EM&CP).

### **4.1 Survey reports including Invasive Species**

The Congers HDD Delineation Report does not identify exact species names for invasives observed but does recognize that since the land use in the project corridor is mostly roadways, some of the wetlands are characterized by previous anthropogenic disturbance and/ or the presence of invasive plant species (Wetland & Waterbodies Delineation Report, Appendix K of the Segment 17 EM&CP).

The BMP identifies additional invasive species that are either known to occur or have the potential to occur within in the site location in attachment 1 within the Overland Invasive Species Control Plan.

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**APPENDIX N**  
**CASE 10-T-0189**  
**INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL PLAN**

Note: this is the same version submitted with Segments 1 & 2 EM&CP  
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# Champlain Hudson Power Express



## Overland Invasive Species Control Plan

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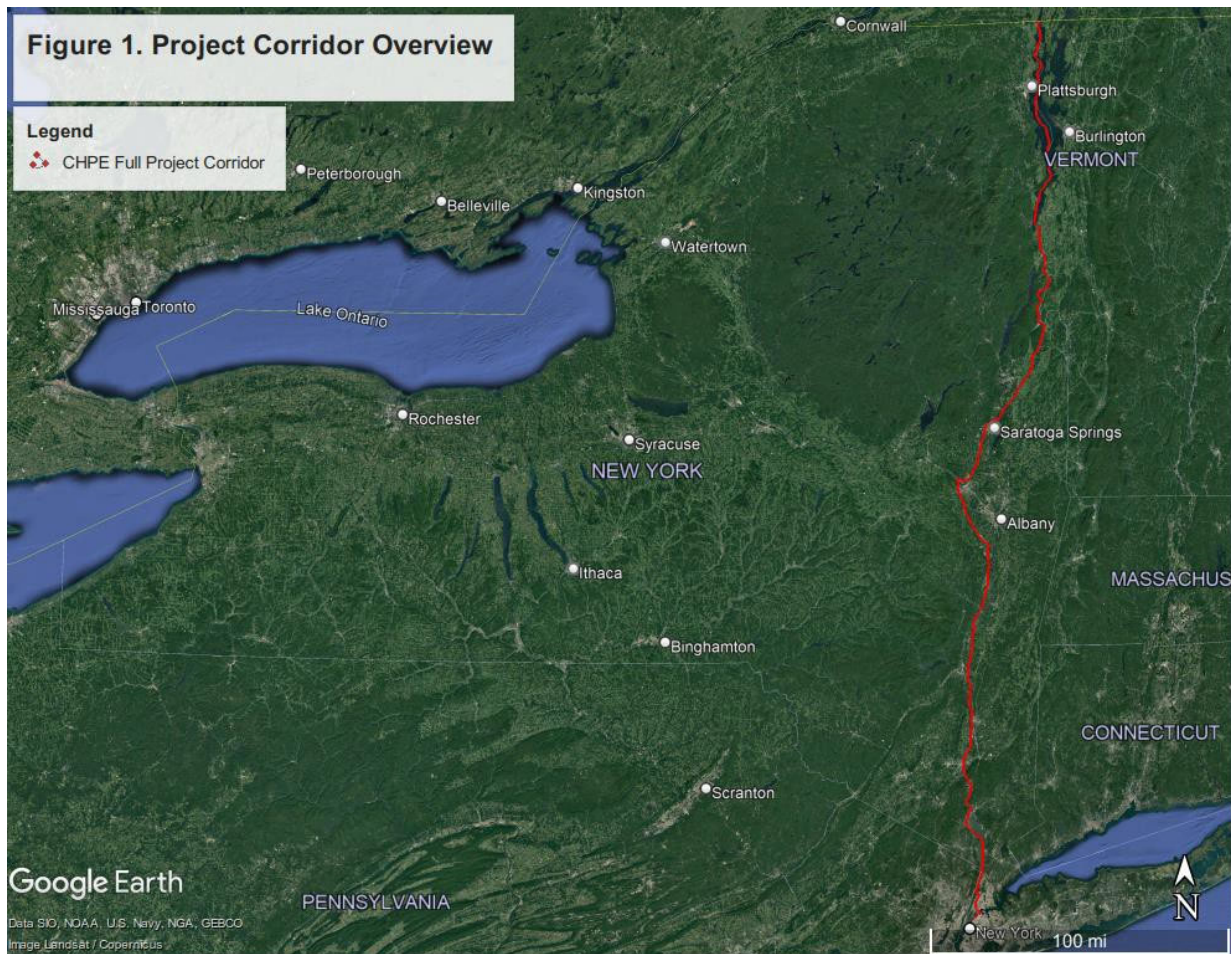
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Attachment 2	New York Utility Company Best Management Practices for Preventing the Transportation of Invasive Plant Species
Attachment 3	Invasive Insect Fact Sheets

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

CHA Consulting, Inc. (CHA) has prepared this Invasive Species Control Plan on behalf of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (CHPE) and Kiewit Construction (Kiewit) for the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project (Project) overland segments. The CHPE project involves the construction of  $\pm 339$  miles of high voltage direct current underground and underwater transmission line from Montreal, Quebec, to Queens, New York (See Figure 1 – Project Corridor Overview). The overland portion is approximately 146 miles. It will bring 1,250 megawatts of renewable energy into New York by the end of year 2025, the anticipated Project Commercial Operation Date, to reduce the dependency on fossil fuels and carbon emissions. The proposed Project will provide enough power for more than 1 million homes, along with numerous environmental and economic benefits to millions of residents in New York State communities.



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## **1.1 PURPOSE & GOAL**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) defines an invasive species as “...a species that is non-native to the ecosystem under consideration; and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health” (6 NYCRR Part 575, 2014). The overall project will involve both aquatic and land disturbance within the Project Corridor using equipment and construction practices with the potential to relocate or spread invasive species. This Overland Invasive Species Control Plan (ISCP) is intended to prevent the spread of invasive species, focusing on the Limits of Work (LOW) within the overland portion of the project. It is not the intent of this plan to control or eliminate existing populations of invasive species, but rather to prevent their spread as a result of construction activities. A separate ISCP will be developed for the aquatic portions of the project.

## **1.2 APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

There are several federal and state laws and regulations governing the control of invasive species that are applicable to this project, including Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act and Article 15 and Article 24 of the Environmental Conservation Law. Both the Environmental Conservation Law and the Agriculture and Markets Law authorize the NYSDEC and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) to regulate invasive species. These agencies are also party to the Article 7 (Public Service Law) process by which this project was approved.

The Part 575 Invasive Species Regulations are intended to control invasive species by reducing the introduction and spread of invasive species populations by limited commerce in such species, thereby having a positive impact on the environment. The list of Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species (September 10, 2014) is provided in Attachment 1.

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## 2.0 INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING

The following monitoring measures will be employed for the project.

### 2.1 PRE-CONSTRUCTION BASELINE SURVEY

Baseline surveys were not included as a Certificate requirement and were not conducted for the Project Corridor. However, during site investigations for all packages and segments, several invasive plant species were identified. Their locations were not recorded at the time. The Project Corridor involves lands within and adjacent to roads and railroads, which tend to support many types of wetland and upland invasive plants. These areas are frequently disturbed, contain fill material, and are subject to pollutants from vehicles, trains, and maintenance activities. These conditions tend to foster the spread of invasives, further exacerbated by long, cleared corridors for transport of seed and plant material.

The vegetative communities within the Project Corridor contain upland, wetland, and some aquatic communities primarily limited to streams. Their cover types include emergent wetlands, meadows and fields, scrub-shrub, forested, and disturbed roadside and railroad ballast with sparse vegetation. The list of observed invasive plants within the Project Corridor include:

- Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*)
- Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)
- Mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*)
- Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
- Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*)
- Spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*)
- Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
- Black swallow-wort (*Cynanchum louiseae*)
- Cut-leaf teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*)
- Autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*)
- Cypress spurge (*Euphorbia cyparissias*)
- Yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)
- Morrow's honeysuckle (*Lonicera morrowii*)
- Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
- Japanese stilt grass (*Microstegium vimineum*)



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- Common reed (*Phragmites australis*)
  - Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*)
  - Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)
  - Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
  - Multi flora rose (*Rosa multiflora*)

These species occur as individuals or dense groupings throughout the Project Corridor.

The only invasive animal that was positively identified within the Project Corridor was the spongy (formerly gypsy) moth (*Lymantria dispar*), identified by egg masses on trees and as larvae and adult moths, particularly in the Phase 1A/B project area.

## 2.2 CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

A third-party Environmental Inspector will be retained and engaged in the project to ensure compliance with all the environmental components/requirements of the Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP) for each Package/Segment. This will include monitoring construction for invasive species.

- a) Prior to construction, an Environmental Inspector or other qualified professional will conduct training to educate the Project Contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) on identifying invasive species and the site-specific protocol for preventing or controlling their transport throughout or off the Project Site as identified in the *Environmental Energy Alliance of New York (EEANY), New York Utility Company Best Management Practices for Preventing the Transportation of Invasive Species* (2015) (Attachment 2). These protocols include the various cleaning or decontamination methods to be used on the Project. In addition, the Contractors will be instructed to stay within access paths and work areas that are designated on the EM&CP Plan & Profile drawings to minimize ground disturbance (2012 BMPs, Section 21.1.1.). The Environmental Inspector will also provide field training for the work crews that will include invasive species identification, specific locations of invasive species and flagging used to demarcate these areas. The crews will be trained in the methods of safely removing and disposing of invasive plants and trees known or expected to be carrying invasive invertebrates, such as the emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) or gypsy moth.

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- b) The Environmental Inspector will inspect work areas prior to work beginning to identify invasive species. This effort will include flagging the subject area, GPS locating the area, and noting the specie(s) and approximate area(s). This will serve as the baseline data for future comparison with post-construction monitoring. The Environmental Inspector will notify the Contractor of the type and location of the invasive species prior to work beginning and the procedures needed to remove these species from the work area and properly dispose of them in a licensed landfill.

## **2.3 POST-CONSTRUCTION MONITORING**

Post construction invasive plant species surveys will be conducted each year within the first four years following construction. Note that since this is a large, multi-year construction project, post-construction monitoring will occur by Package/Segment following completion of each. Survey methods will include the following:

- Visually identify and estimate the area of invasive species listed in Part 575, including prohibited and regulated plant species.
- GPS locate the center point of the sites and sketch the locations on the project plans.
- Photograph representative species.

Prepare a post construction invasive plant species monitoring report, comparing each year's monitoring results with the pre-construction baseline data. The report will also identify and evaluate any significant deviations in the extent of invasives within each Package/Segment and measures that can be taken to control spread, if necessary.

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### 3.0 CONTROL MEASURES

Control measures will be focused on removal and disposal of invasive plant materials and soils contaminated with invasive plants and preventive methods for spreading invasive species through construction equipment. The project involves the excavation of a trench to install conduit through which with transmission cables will be pulled. This activity will result in the removal of vegetation from the work area and the removal of excess soils. Within areas of high concentrations of invasive species, the vegetation, which could contain seeds (depending on time of year), and the soils will be considered contaminated with seed and rhizomes and will need to be disposed of at a licensed landfill. Contaminated soils and vegetation will also be attached to construction vehicles and equipment and must be removed before leaving each location.

#### 3.1 CONSTRUCTION MEASURES FOR OVERLAND ACTIVITIES

- a) Vehicles (including trailers) machinery, equipment, and materials (including timber mats) will be inspected for, and cleaned of, any visible soils, vegetation, and debris **before** bringing them to the Site or moving them to the next construction area along the construction right of way (ROW). The above measures are specified under the *EEANY, New York Utility Company Best Management Practices for Preventing the Transportation of Invasive Species* (2015) (EM&CP Appendix N) and the BMP Document (2012 BMPs, Section 19).

Equipment used in areas containing invasive plant species will be cleaned using pneumatic brushes and brooms. If sufficient space is not available or is precluded by terrain to provide a cleaning station on site, upon approval of the Environmental Inspector, cleaning may occur adjacent to the infested area provided that the wash water does not discharge within 100 feet of any stream or stormwater conveyance. Hand tools (brush, broom, screwdriver, shovel,) may be allowed per direction of the Inspector and must also be thoroughly cleaned after work is complete.

Loose plant and soil material that has been removed from clothing, boots and equipment, or generated from cleaning operations will be a) rendered incapable of any growth or reproduction, b) appropriately disposed of off-site, or c) handled as follows.

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In the areas that remain infested with invasive plant species following completion of work, the invasive material cleaned from equipment used within the same construction area may remain within the infested area.

If disposed of off-site, the plant and soil material will be transported in a secure manner. Any off-site disposal must occur at either a landfill-incinerator or a State-approved disposal facility.

Revegetation of wetlands will be expedited by stripping the topsoil from over the trench, except in areas with standing water or heavily inundated soils, or where no topsoil layer is evident or where it exceeds the depth of the trench. Topsoil will then be stockpiled separately from subsoil to insure preservation of the seed bank. It is likely that areas containing invasive species will have a significant invasive species seed bank; however, the intent is not to restore native species to areas of invasive species dominance but rather to prevent the spread of these species to other locations.

- b) Following conduit installation, the disturbed areas will be backfilled and the area recontoured to its original grade. Segregated topsoil will be replaced and natural drainage patterns restored to facilitate natural re-establishment of vegetation.
- c) The restored ROW will be seeded with an invasive species free seed mix and mulched (See EM&CP Appendix G – SWPPP) immediately after final regrading to create a rapid cover over the disturbed ROW and to encourage the establishment of native species. However, it is recognized that the soils in currently infested areas are likely to have a significant seed bank of invasive species and that they will likely continue to dominate.
- d) Expediting construction in and around wetlands and limiting the amount of equipment and construction activities within wetlands will reduce the amount and duration of disturbances. In addition, equipment used will be tracked or balloon-tired, often operating on top of timber mats or corduroy. This will minimize the amount of heavily disturbed soils in which invasive species might colonize.
- e) To the extent practicable, water for dust control and other uses will come from municipal water supplies or other potable sources. If surface waters are used, equipment will be disinfected before and afterwards.

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- f) To the extent practicable, the movement of invasive-plant-infested soils, gravel, rock, and other fill materials to relatively-invasive-plant-free locations will be avoided. Soil, gravel, rock, and other fill material will come from invasive-plant-free sources on and off the site, if such sources are available.
  - g) Revegetation of disturbed areas will utilize seed and other plant materials that have been checked and certified as “noxious-weed-free”, as described in Section 20.6 of the BMP Document (2012 BMPs, Section 20.6) and/or the SWPPP (See EM&CP Appendix G).

### **3.2 ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION MEASURES FOR AQUATIC COMMUNITIES**

The BMP Document (2012 BMPs, Section 21.4) identifies additional invasive species that are either known to occur or have the potential to occur within the shallow and deep-water habitats within Lake Champlain and the fringing lacustrine wetlands within its embayments. These include zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*), spiny water flea (*Bythotrephes cederstroemi*), rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*), Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) and water chestnut (*Trapa natans*). These and other species may also be present within streams and the Hudson River. In accordance with BMP Section 21.4, the Certificate Holders will perform the following measures to prevent or control the transport of these invasive species:

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- a. All construction equipment that has been in contact with standing or flowing water will be carefully inspected and thoroughly washed-down prior to moving to another location to remove potentially infested water, attached mussels (and other epiphytes), spiny water fleas, rusty crayfish (or other macrocrustaceans), plant materials and soil.
  - b. Should construction need to occur within an area identified as containing Eurasian water milfoil and/or water chestnut, existing plant beds will be avoided where possible and construction will take place only during the non-germination periods.

As indicated above, a separate ISCP will be developed for the aquatic portions of the project. Please refer to the Aquatic ISCP for additional information about specific control measures for aquatic invasive species.

### **3.3 ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION MEASURES TO PREVENT OR CONTROL THE TRANSPORT OF INVASIVE INSECT SPECIES**

The BMP Document (2012 BMPs, Section 21.2) identifies the Asian longhorned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*), currently limited to New York City and Long Island, and the emerald ash borer, found throughout most of New York State, as two invasive insects that the NYSDEC has identified as a potential problem to native trees and vegetation. The current list of invasive species that may be encountered during construction also includes the hemlock woolly adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*), known to occur on Prospect Mountain in the Town of Lake George and more heavily concentrated in southeastern New York; and spongy (gypsy) moth, throughout New York State. Fact sheets on these species are provided in Attachment 3. If, during construction, these insects are found, they will be reported to the NYSDEC regional forester. In addition, prior to construction, training will be conducted to teach project Contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) to identify invasive insect species and the Project-wide protocol for reporting such insects to the NYSDEC regional forester. Unmerchantable timber will be provided as firewood to interested parties pursuant to the substantive requirements of NYSDEC's firewood restrictions to limit the spread of invasive insect species found in 6 NYCRR Part 192.5.



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**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**PROHIBITED AND REGULATED INVASIVE SPECIES**

**6 NYCRR Part 575**  
**Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species**  
**September 10, 2014**

**ALGAE AND CYANOBACTERIA**

**Prohibited:**

*Caulerpa taxifolia*, Killer Green Algae  
*Didymosphenia geminata*, Didymo  
*Prymnesium parvum*, Golden Algae

**Regulated:**

*Cylindropermopsis raciborskii*, Cylindro  
*Grateloupia turuturu*, Red Algae

**PLANTS**

**Prohibited:**

*Acer pseudoplatanus*, Sycamore Maple  
*Achyranthes japonica*, Japanese Chaff Flower  
*Alliaria petiolata*, Garlic Mustard  
*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*, Porcelain Berry  
*Anthriscus sylvestris*, Wild Chervil  
*Aralia elata*, Japanese Angelica Tree  
*Artemisia vulgaris*, Mugwort  
*Arthraxon hispidus*, Small Carpet Grass  
*Berberis thunbergii*, Japanese Barberry  
*Brachypodium sylvaticum*, Slender False Brome  
*Cabomba caroliniana*, Fanwort  
*Cardamine impatiens*, Narrowleaf Bittercress  
*Celastrus orbiculatus*, Oriental Bittersweet  
*Centaurea stoebe* (*C. biebersteinii*, *C. diffusa*, *C. maculosa* misapplied, *C. xpsammogena*), Spotted Knapweed  
*Cirsium arvense* (*C. setosum*, *C. incanum*, *Serratula arvensis*), Canada Thistle  
*Cynanchum louiseae* (*C. nigrum*, *Vincetoxicum nigrum*), Black Swallow-wort  
*Cynanchum rossicum* (*C. medium*, *Vincetoxicum medium*, *V. rossicum*), Pale Swallow-wort  
*Dioscorea polystachya* (*D. batatas*), Chinese Yam  
*Dipsacus laciniatus*, Cut-leaf Teasel  
*Egeria densa*, Brazilian Waterweed  
*Elaeagnus umbellata*, Autumn Olive  
*Euphorbia cyparissias*, Cypress Spurge  
*Euphorbia esula*, Leafy Spurge  
*Ficaria verna* (*Ranunculus ficaria*), Lesser Celandine  
*Frangula alnus* (*Rhamnus frangula*), Smooth Buckthorn  
*Glyceria maxima*, Reed Manna Grass  
*Heracleum mantegazzianum*, Giant Hogweed  
*Humulus japonicus*, Japanese Hops  
*Hydrilla verticillata*, Hydrilla/ Water Thyme  
*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, European Frogbit  
*Imperata cylindrica* (*I. arundinacea*, *Lagurus cylindricus*), Cogon Grass  
*Iris pseudacorus*, Yellow Iris

*Lepidium latifolium*, Broad-leaved Pepper-grass  
*Lespedeza cuneata*, Chinese Lespedeza  
*Ligustrum obtusifolium*, Border Privet  
*Lonicera japonica*, Japanese Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera maackii*, Amur Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera morrowii*, Morrow's Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera tatarica*, Tartarian Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera x bella*, Fly Honeysuckle  
*Ludwigia hexapetala* (*L. grandiflora*), Uruguayan Primrose Willow  
*Ludwigia peploides*, Floating Primrose Willow  
*Lysimachia vulgaris*, Garden Loosestrife  
*Lythrum salicaria*, Purple Loosestrife  
*Microstegium vimineum*, Japanese Stilt Grass  
*Murdannia keisak*, Marsh Dewflower  
*Myriophyllum aquaticum*, Parrot-feather  
*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*, Broadleaf Water-milfoil  
*Myriophyllum heterophyllum x M. laxum*, Broadleaf Water-milfoil Hybrid  
*Myriophyllum spicatum*, Eurasian Water-milfoil  
*Nymphoides peltata*, Yellow Floating Heart  
*Oplismenus hirtellus*, Wavyleaf Basketgrass  
*Persicaria perfoliata* (*Polygonum perfoliatum*), Mile-a-minute Weed  
*Phellodendron amurense*, Amur Cork Tree  
*Phragmites australis*, Common Reed Grass  
*Phyllostachys aurea*, Golden Bamboo  
*Phyllostachys aureosulcata*, Yellow Groove Bamboo  
*Potamogeton crispus*, Curly Pondweed  
*Pueraria montana*, Kudzu  
*Reynoutria japonica* (*Fallopia japonica*, *Polygonum cuspidatum*), Japanese Knotweed  
*Reynoutria sachalinensis* (*Fallopia sachalinensis*, *Polygonum sachalinensis*), Giant Knotweed  
*Reynoutria x bohemica* (*Fallopia x bohemica*, *Polygonum x bohemica*), Bohemian Knotweed  
*Rhamnus cathartica*, Common Buckthorn  
*Rosa multiflora*, Multiflora Rose  
*Rubus phoenicolasius*, Wineberry  
*Salix atrocinerea*, Gray Florist's Willow  
*Silphium perfoliatum*, Cup-plant  
*Trapa natans*, Water Chestnut  
*Vitex rotundifolia*, Beach Vitex

**Regulated:**

*Acer platanoides*, Norway Maple  
*Clematis terniflora*, Japanese Virgin's Bower  
*Euonymus alatus*, Burning Bush  
*Euonymus fortunei*, Winter Creeper  
*Miscanthus sinensis*, Chinese Silver Grass  
*Robinia pseudoacacia*, Black Locust

**FISH**

**Prohibited:**

*Channa argus*, Northern Snakehead

*Channa marulius*, Bullseye Snakehead  
*Channa micropeltes*, Giant Snakehead  
*Clarias batrachus*, Walking Catfish  
*Gambusia affinis*, Western Mosquitofish  
*Gambusia holbrooki*, Eastern Mosquitofish  
*Hypophthalmichthys harmandi*, Largescale Silver Carp  
*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*, Silver Carp  
*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*, Bighead Carp  
*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*, Oriental Weatherfish  
*Mylopharyngodon piceus*, Black Carp  
*Neogobius melanostomus*, Round Goby  
*Petromyzon marinus*, Sea Lamprey  
*Proterorhinus semilunaris* (*P. marmoratus*), Tubenose Goby  
*Tinca tinca*, Tench

**Regulated:**

*Carassius auratus*, Goldfish  
*Cyprinella lutrensis*, Red Shiner  
*Cyprinus carpio*, Common Carp/ Koi  
*Gymnocephalus cernuus*, Ruffe  
*Monopterus albus*, Asian Swamp Eel  
*Oreochromis aureus*, Blue Tilapia  
*Oreochromis niloticus*, Nile Tilapia  
*Pterois miles*, Common Lionfish  
*Pterois volitans*, Red Lionfish  
*Sander lucioperca* (*Stizostedion lucioperca*), Zander  
*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*, Rudd

**AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES**

**Prohibited:**

*Bellamyia chinensis* (*Cipangopaludina chinensis*), Chinese Mystery Snail  
*Bellamyia japonica*, Japanese Mystery Snail  
*Bithynia tentaculata*, Faucet Snail  
*Bythotrephes longimanus* (*B. cederstroemi*), Spiny Water Flea  
*Cercopagis pengoi*, Fishhook Water Flea  
*Corbicula fluminea*, Asian Clam  
*Crassostrea ariakensis*, Suminoe Oyster  
*Didemnum* spp., Carpet Tunicate  
*Dreissena polymorpha*, Zebra Mussel  
*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*, Quagga Mussel  
*Eriocheir sinensis*, Chinese Mitten Crab  
*Hemigrapsus sanguineus*, Asian Shore Crab  
*Hemimysis anomala*, Bloody Red Shrimp  
*Orconectes rusticus*, Rusty Crayfish  
*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*, New Zealand Mud Snail  
*Rapana venosa*, Veined Rapa Whelk  
*Styela plicata*, Asian Sea Squirt

**Regulated:**

*Carcinus maenas*, European Green Crab  
*Daphnia lumholtzi*, Water Flea  
*Hemigrapsus takanoi* (*H. penicillatus*), Brush-clawed Shore Crab/ Grapsid Crab

**TERRESTRIAL INVERTEBRATES**

**Prohibited:**

*Achatina achatina*, Giant Ghana Snail  
*Achatina fulica* (*Lissachatina fulica*), Giant African Land Snail  
*Adelges tsugae*, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid  
*Agilus planipennis*, Emerald Ash Borer  
*Amyntas* spp., Asian Earthworms  
*Anoplophora glabripennis*, Asian Longhorn Beetle  
*Apis mellifera scutellata* x *A. mellifera ligustica*/ *A. mellifera iberiensis*, Africanized Honey Bee  
*Archachatina marginata*, Giant West African Snail  
*Cryptococcus fagisuga*, Beech Scale  
*Lymantria dispar*, Asian and European Gypsy Moth  
*Monochamus alternatus*, Japanese Pine Sawyer  
*Pityophthorus juglandis*, Walnut Twig Beetle  
*Sirex noctilio*, Sirex Woodwasp

**TERRESTRIAL AND AQUATIC VERTEBRATES**

**Prohibited:**

*Cygnus olor*, Mute Swan  
*Lepus europaeus*, European Hare  
*Myocastor coypus*, Nutria  
*Nyctereutes procyonoides*, Asian Raccoon Dog  
*Sus scrofa* (excluding *Sus scrofa domestica*), Eurasian Boar

**Regulated:**

*Alopochen aegyptiacus*, Egyptian Goose  
*Cairina moschata*, Muscovy Duck  
*Myiopsitta monachus*, Monk Parakeet  
*Oryctolagus cuniculus*, European Rabbit  
*Trachemys scripta elegans*, Red-eared Slider  
*Xenopus laevis*, African Clawed Frog

**FUNGI**

**Prohibited:**

*Amylostereum areolatum*, Sirex Wasp Fungus  
*Geomyces destructans*, White-nose Syndrome  
*Geosmithia morbida*, Thousand Canker Disease  
*Phytophthora ramorum*, Sudden Oak Death

For the official regulations and species lists please see: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/265.html>.

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**  
**Part 575 Invasive Species Regulations**  
**Questions and Answers**

**What are invasive species?**

Invasive species means a species that is non-native to the ecosystem under consideration; and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

**Why are invasive species a problem?**

Invasive species have a detrimental effect upon the State's natural communities and systems by out-competing native species, diminishing biological diversity, altering community structure and, in some cases, changing ecosystem processes. They can even harm human health.

**How will these regulations help?**

The regulations were developed by the Department of Environmental Conservation, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and Markets. These regulations, once implemented, are expected to help control invasive species by reducing the introduction and spread of invasive species populations by limiting commerce in such species, thereby having a positive impact on the environment.

**How were the lists of species in the regulations developed?**

The lists of prohibited and regulated species were developed using the standardized species assessment and listing process outlined in the 2010 report "A Regulatory System for Non-native Species". Lists of candidate non-native invasive species were compiled by reviewing other state regulations, reports, lists and consulting with agency experts. A rapid assessment was conducted to determine if the species warranted listing and was already federally regulated. Ecological invasiveness assessments were conducted on each potential invasive species followed by a socio-economic assessment for those ranking High or Very High. The assessment team then placed the species in the appropriate regulatory classification of Prohibited or Regulated. The initial recommendations were submitted to the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (25 Non-Government Organizations) and Council (9 State Agencies) for review and comment. The lists were then incorporated into the regulations.

**Why isn't a particular species included on the prohibited or regulated lists?**

Due to staffing limitations and time constraints, the initial list of prohibited and regulated species is not all-encompassing. We anticipate that the regulations will be updated on a regular basis. The regulations include language for petitioning for addition or removal of species from the prohibited and regulated lists. Some species were assessed, but do not meet the criteria for prohibition or regulation.

**Aren't some of the species listed as either prohibited or regulated already established?**

Yes, however, there are areas of the State in which they have not yet established populations and these regulations are intended to slow the spread by reducing the number of individuals of a species released into a region, to which they are not native, associated with the sale and introduction of such species.

**When did the regulation become final?**

The part 575 invasive species regulations were proposed, and a 60 day to public comment held between October and December 2013. During this time, four public hearings were scheduled across the State. All comments received were reviewed and a summary of public comments and agency responses was compiled. Required changes were made to the final regulations. A summary of the final regulations was published in the State Register September 10, 2014 and the full express terms were published on the Department's website.

**Once finalized, when will the regulations become implemented?**

A summary of the final regulations was published in the State Register September 10, 2014. The part 575 regulations take effect 6 months later (March 10, 2015).

**What is the difference between prohibited and regulated invasive species?**

Prohibited invasive species cannot be knowingly possessed with the intent to sell, import, purchase, transport or introduce. In addition, no person shall sell, import, purchase, transport, introduce or propagate prohibited invasive species. Regulated invasive species, on the other hand, are species which cannot be knowingly introduced into a free-living state, or introduced by a means that one should have known would lead to such an introduction, although such species shall be legal to possess, sell, buy, propagate and transport.

**What is considered a free-living state?**

A species is considered in a free-living state if it is introduced to public lands or lands connected to public lands, natural areas, and public waters or waters connected to public waters.

**Are there any exceptions to the definition of a free-living state?**

Yes, such exceptions include artificial ponds and water gardens with no outlet to public waters, waters entirely within private land not connected to public waters, and water-use facilities with outflows not providing access to public waters.

**Do the regulations require existing populations of species on the prohibited and regulated lists be managed or destroyed by the land-owner?**

No, existing populations of non-native invasive species listed as prohibited or regulated and established prior to the implementation of the final part 575 regulations do not require management by the owner. However, once implemented, the final regulations do prohibit commerce involving those species listed as prohibited species and the release of regulated species into a free-living state.

**What species have grace periods established in the regulations?**

A one year grace period is included in the regulations for Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), during which existing stock of this species may be sold. In addition, a person may possess, sell, offer for sale, distribute, transport, or otherwise market or trade live Eurasian boars (*Sus scrofa*) until September 1, 2015. No person shall knowingly import, propagate or introduce Eurasian boars into a free-living state.

**Will there be a fee for permits?** No fee is anticipated for permits issued for research, education or other approved activity.

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The regulations will be enforced by the Department of Environmental Conservation, with assistance from the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

# New York State Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Plants

September 10, 2014



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**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
NYCRR Part 575 Invasive Species Regulations  
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Invasive species can harm natural communities and systems (plants and animals found in particular physical environments) by out-competing native species, reducing biological diversity, altering community structure and, in some cases, changing ecosystems. Invasive species threaten New York's food supply, not only agriculture but also harvested wildlife, fish and shellfish; our landscaping, parks, gardens, and pets; and our recreation resources and even animal and human health. All New Yorkers have a stake in the invasive species issue.

**How will these regulations help?**

These regulations are to help control invasive species by reducing the introduction and spread of them by limiting commerce in such species. By preventing introduction of new invasive species, New York will save time, effort, and money in the future.

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# TERRESTRIAL PLANTS

PROHIBITED



**Amur Cork Tree** *Phellodendron amurense*

PROHIBITED



**Amur Honeysuckle** *Lonicera maackii*

PROHIBITED



**Autumn Olive** *Elaeagnus umbellata*

PROHIBITED



**Beach Vitex** *Vitex rotundifolia*

PROHIBITED



**Black Swallow-wort** *Cynanchum louiseae*  
(*C. nigrum*, *Vincetoxicum nigrum*)

PROHIBITED



**Bohemian Knotweed** *Reynoutria x bohemica*  
(*Fallopia x bohemica*, *Polygonum x bohemica*)

PROHIBITED



**Border Privet** *Ligustrum obtusifolium*

PROHIBITED



**Broad-leaved Pepper-grass**  
*Lepidium latifolium*

PROHIBITED



**Canada Thistle** *Cirsium arvense*  
(*C. setosum*, *C. incanum*, *Serratula arvensis*)



# TERRESTRIAL PLANTS

PROHIBITED



**Chinese Lespedeza** *Lespedeza cuneata*

PROHIBITED



**Chinese Yam** *Dioscorea polystachya* (D. batatas)

PROHIBITED



**Cogon Grass** *Imperata cylindrica*  
(*I. arundinacea*, *Lagurus cylindricus*)

PROHIBITED



**Common Buckthorn** *Rhamnus cathartica*

PROHIBITED



**Cup-plant** *Silphium perfoliatum*

PROHIBITED



**Cut-leaf Teasel** *Dipsacus laciniatus*

PROHIBITED



**Cypress Spurge** *Euphorbia cyparissias*

PROHIBITED



**Fly Honeysuckle** *Lonicera x bella*

PROHIBITED



**Garden Loosestrife** *Lysimachia vulgaris*





# TERRESTRIAL PLANTS

PROHIBITED



**Garlic Mustard** *Alliaria petiolata*

PROHIBITED



**Giant Hogweed** *Heracleum mantegazzianum*

PROHIBITED



**Giant Knotweed** *Reynoutria sachalinensis*  
(*Fallopia sachalinensis*, *Polygonum sachalinensis*)

PROHIBITED



**Golden Bamboo** *Phyllostachys aurea*

PROHIBITED



**Gray Florist's Willow** *Salix atrovirens*

PROHIBITED



**Japanese Angelica Tree** *Aralia elata*

PROHIBITED



**Japanese Barberry** *Berberis thunbergii*

PROHIBITED



**Japanese Chaff Flower** *Achyranthes japonica*

PROHIBITED



**Japanese Honeysuckle** *Lonicera japonica*



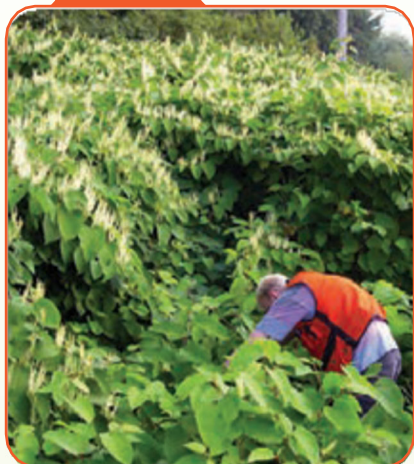
# TERRESTRIAL PLANTS

PROHIBITED



**Japanese Hops** *Humulus japonicus*

PROHIBITED



**Japanese Knotweed** *Reynoutria japonica*  
(*Fallopia japonica*, *Polygonum cuspidatum*)

PROHIBITED



**Japanese Stilt Grass** *Microstegium vimineum*

PROHIBITED



**Kudzu** *Pueraria montana*

PROHIBITED



**Leafy Spurge** *Euphorbia esula*

PROHIBITED



**Lesser Celandine** *Ficaria verna*  
(*Ranunculus ficaria*)

PROHIBITED



**Mile-a-minute Weed** *Persicaria perfoliata*  
(*Polygonum perfoliatum*)

PROHIBITED



**Morrow's Honeysuckle** *Lonicera morrowii*

PROHIBITED



**Mugwort** *Artemisia vulgaris*



# TERRESTRIAL PLANTS

PROHIBITED



**Multiflora Rose** *Rosa multiflora*

PROHIBITED



**Narrowleaf Bittercress** *Cardamine impatiens*

PROHIBITED



**Oriental Bittersweet** *Celastrus orbiculatus*

PROHIBITED



**Pale Swallow-wort** *Cynanchum rossicum*  
(*C. medium*, *Vincetoxicum medium*, *V. rossicum*)

PROHIBITED



**Porcelain Berry** *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*

PROHIBITED



**Slender False Brome**  
*Brachypodium sylvaticum*

PROHIBITED



**Small Carpetgrass** *Arthraxon hispidus*

PROHIBITED



**Spotted Knapweed** *Centaurea stoebe*  
(*C. biebersteinii*, *C. diffusa*, *C. maculosa* misapplied, *C. xpsammogena*)

PROHIBITED



**Sycamore Maple** *Acer pseudoplatanus*



## TERRESTRIAL PLANTS

PROHIBITED



**Tartarian Honeysuckle** *Lonicera tatarica*

PROHIBITED



**Wavyleaf Basketgrass** *Oplismenus hirtellus*

PROHIBITED



**Wild Chervil** *Anthriscus sylvestris*

PROHIBITED



**Wineberry** *Rubus phoenicolasius*

PROHIBITED



**Yellow Groove Bamboo**  
*Phyllostachys aureosulcata*

## TERRESTRIAL PLANTS

REGULATED



**Black Locust** *Robinia pseudoacacia*

REGULATED



**Burning Bush** *Euonymus alatus*

REGULATED



**Chinese Silver Grass** *Miscanthus sinensis*

REGULATED



**Japanese Virgin's Bower**  
*Clematis terniflora*

REGULATED



**Norway Maple** *Acer platanoides*

REGULATED



**Winter Creeper** *Euonymus fortunei*



# WETLAND PLANTS

PROHIBITED



**Common Reed Grass** *Phragmites australis*

PROHIBITED



**Marsh Dewflower** *Murdannia keisak*

PROHIBITED



**Purple Loosestrife** *Lythrum salicaria*

PROHIBITED



**Reed Manna Grass** *Glyceria maxima*

PROHIBITED



**Smooth Buckthorn** *Frangula alnus*  
(*Rhamnus frangula*)

PROHIBITED



**Yellow Iris** *Iris pseudacorus*



# AQUATIC PLANTS

PROHIBITED



**Brazilian Waterweed** *Egeria densa*

PROHIBITED



**Broadleaf Water-milfoil Hybrid**  
*Myriophyllum heterophyllum* x *M. laxum*

PROHIBITED



**Curly Pondweed** *Potamogeton crispus*

PROHIBITED



**Eurasian Water-milfoil**  
*Myriophyllum spicatum*

PROHIBITED



**Fanwort** *Cabomba caroliniana*

PROHIBITED



**Floating Primrose Willow**  
*Ludwigia peploides*

PROHIBITED



**Frogbit** *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*

PROHIBITED



**Hydrilla/Water Thyme** *Hydrilla verticillata*

PROHIBITED



**Parrot-feather** *Myriophyllum aquaticum*



# AQUATIC PLANTS

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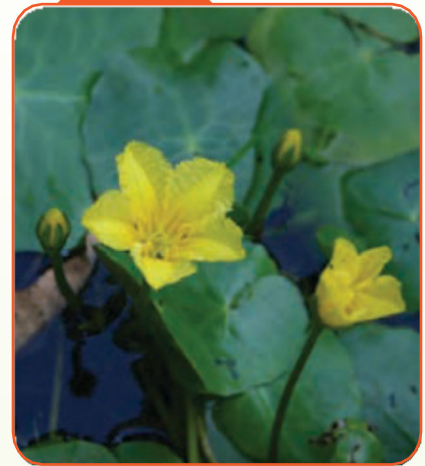
**Uruguayan Primrose Willow**  
*Ludwigia hexapetala* (L. grandiflora)

PROHIBITED



**Water Chestnut** *Trapa natans*

PROHIBITED



**Yellow Floating Heart** *Nymphoides peltata*

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**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**NEW YORK UTILITY COMPANY**  
**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**  
**FOR PREVENTING THE TRANSPORTATION OF**  
**INVASIVE SPECIES**



# New York Utility Company Best Management Practices for Preventing the Transportation of Invasive Species

Environmental Energy Alliance of New York  
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## 1.0 Introduction

Invasive species are non-native plant, animal, or microbial species that cause, or are likely to cause, economic or ecological harm or harm to human health (Presidential Executive Order 13112). Invasive species means, “A species that is nonnative to the ecosystem under consideration; and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Harm must significantly outweigh benefit” [New York Environmental Conservation Law §9-1703(10)(a)] Invasive species have been introduced by human action into a region outside their natural geographic range. Introductions occur along a variety of pathways or vectors, either intentionally such as intentional transport of a species for trade, or by accidental means, as in the case of stowaway species found in the ballast-water of ocean-going vessels.

Most scientists regard invasive species as second only to habitat loss as a threat to biodiversity. The presence of invasive species in a given region is one of the leading causes of endangerment to species native to that region. On a nationwide basis, about half of plant and animal species listed as federally Endangered or Threatened are at risk because of invasive species.

Annual economic losses due to invasive species in the U.S. have been estimated at over \$138 billion (Pimentel et al. 2000). These losses include damage to crops and pasture, forest losses, damage from insect and other invertebrate pests, human diseases, and associated control costs.

In an effort, where feasible, to limit the introduction and spread of *invasive species*, this Best Management Practice (“BMP”) will be employed when performing activities that occur in *jurisdictional areas* as authorized by the DEC. The BMP identifies procedures that will be incorporated into routine work practices to prevent the introduction and spread of *invasive species*.

## 2.0 Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this BMP.

***Environmental Energy Alliance of New York (EEANY)*** – is an association of electric and gas Transmission and Distribution (T&D) companies and electric generating companies that provide energy services in the State of New York. This BMP was prepared by the Land Use Subcommittee of the T&D Committee, which currently represents the following members: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Long Island Power Authority, National Grid USA Service Company, Inc., New York Power Authority, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Orange and Rockland Utilities, and Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation.

***Invasive species*** – species that are non-native to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health (Management Plan National Invasive Species Council, 2001). For purposes of this document, *invasive species* are those contained on the list contained within 6 NYCRR Part 575 Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species (Appendix – 2).

***Invasive species plant material*** – seeds, roots, or pieces of plant material that could germinate into live plants.

***Jurisdictional Area*** – lands under the statutory jurisdiction of the NYSDEC such as certain freshwater wetlands and adjacent areas, tidal wetlands, certain water bodies, and any protected and species habitat areas specified by natural resource supervisors.

***NYSDEC General Permit*** – a NYSDEC permit authorizing certain utility line activities under Articles 15, 24, and 25 of NYS Environmental Conservation Law. These activities include: inspection, maintenance, repair, restoration, reconstruction of pre-existing structures, vegetation cutting and trimming, and emergency actions affecting tidal wetlands, protected waters, regulated freshwater wetlands, adjacent areas, and protected habitat areas.

***Regulated Activity*** – an activity taking place within a *jurisdictional area* that requires authorization from the NYSDEC.

***Utility Rights-of-Way*** - is an easement-acquired or fee-owned corridor in which gas or electric transmission facilities are located.

## 3.0 Purpose

This BMP provides guidance for inspecting and cleaning vehicles and equipment to help prevent the spread of invasive species. The procedures identified within this manual outline cost-effective and realistic practices that *Environmental Energy Alliance of New York (EEANY)* utility members will implement when conducting a *regulated activity* within a *jurisdictional area*.

## 4.0 Applicability

This management practice applies to all *EEANY* utility members performing NYSDEC *regulated activities* within *jurisdictional areas* with populations of *invasive species*.

## 5.0 Procedures

There are two procedural options for *EEANY* companies to follow; one is to conduct the BMPs as detailed in the following sections of this plan or to conduct vegetation surveys for invasive species as outlined in Section 5.6. Field crews will be provided a flowchart to assist with determining when to implement these best management practices (Appendix 1).

The following detailed practices will apply where feasible when invasive species are present and when the work is covered by a GP or individual wetland permit.

### 5.1 Equipment

- a. Equipment must arrive clean without visible soil clumps, plant or animal material.
- b. Equipment includes, but is not limited to, vehicles, trailers, machinery, matting, boats, barges, and other watercraft, tools, and other materials.
- c. Transporting equipment will be cleaned before accepting a new load.
- d. Consider tracking pads as a means to remove soil from equipment. If tracking pads are used they must be cleaned after each use in a specific area.
- e. Equipment will be cleaned using one of the methods listed below (use the most effective method that is practical):
  - Brush, broom, shovel or other similar hand tools (used without water)
  - High pressure air (when feasible)
- f. Equipment must be cleaned within one of the below areas:
  - the infested work area
  - an area immediately adjacent to the work area that is itself currently infested with *invasive species*
- g. Do not clean equipment in or near waterways as it may promote the spread of *invasive species* downstream.
- h. Where possible, staging areas will be established in locations that are free of *invasive species*. Otherwise, all equipment will be cleaned using the techniques described in 5.3 before leaving the area.
- i. When wetland matting is required, it will arrive on site visibly clean, be installed prior to any activities, and will be appropriately cleaned before leaving the area.

## 5.2 Inspection and Cleaning

- a. Inspections and cleaning should be conducted especially when moving from an infested area to an uninfested area.
- b. Prior to exiting work area clothing, footwear, and gear should be cleaned of visible signs of plant material.
- c. Carry appropriate cleaning equipment (e.g. wire brush, small screwdriver, boot brush) to help remove soils, seeds, and plant material.
- d. Preferred locations for cleaning are those where:
  - Work activities are taking place;
  - *Invasive species* are already established; or
  - An area immediately adjacent to the work site that is itself currently infested with *invasive species*.
- e. No cleaning of clothing, footwear, gear in or adjacent to waterways – it may promote the spread of *invasive species* downstream.
- f. Cleaning will include brushing or self “pat down” of clothing, footwear, and other personal gear within the infested work area.

## 5.3 Disposal of Impacted Material

- a. Preferred locations for equipment cleaning are those areas where work activities are taking place or immediately adjacent areas currently impacted with *invasive species*.
- b. Do not clean equipment, vehicles or trailers in or near waterways.
- c. Do not dispose of soil, seeds, or plant material in storm drains.
- d. Any plant materials that are incidentally removed after completion of steps a-c from site will be properly disposed of in a manner that prevents viable plant parts and propagules from being spread

## 5.4 Other Prevention Measures

- a. Reasonable steps to avoid transportation of *invasive species*, including small, isolated, populations, will be taken.
- b. As an alternative to cleaning, ancillary equipment such as spare tires and winches when feasible will be covered when entering *jurisdictional areas* containing populations of *invasive species*.
- c. Vehicular access into areas containing populations of *invasive species* will be reduced or minimized to the maximum extent practical. When practical vehicles will be parked outside of the impacted area and crews will enter on foot.

## 5.5 Site Restoration

- a. Minimize soil disturbances by reducing work areas and reducing activities that may result in soil disturbances.
- b. Re-vegetate bare soils as soon as feasible to minimize the possible establishment of *invasive species*. When seeding, non-invasive or local native species must be used (seed mixes will vary from region to region). Seed will be broadcasted over all bare soil areas and covered with a mulch layer such as straw. Choose appropriate seed mixes based on site conditions.

- c. On steep sloping areas (i.e. slopes exceeding 20 percent), soil erosion control matting (i.e. jute mesh or straw blankets) must be installed over the seeded area. The matting should be secured with biodegradable tacks.
- d. Stabilize disturbed soils using appropriate erosion and sediment control procedures as soon as possible. Use invasive free materials such as straw or wood chips; avoid using hay.

## 5.6 Vegetation Survey (Optional)

If the above BMPS are not followed, then vegetation surveys of site(s) to detect populations of invasive species should be made in advance prior to any activities. If the optional vegetation survey is performed and no invasive species are found, then the procedures outlined above in section 5.1 through 5.5 will not be followed. Survey inspections can be integrated with other activities such as ROW inspections and should be kept as simple as possible to meet invasive species management objectives. If significant populations of invasive species are detected on surveys, then Sections 5.1 to 5.5 apply.

- a. Prior to implementing activities scout for, locate and document significant invasive species infestations.
- b. Consider the need for actions based on: 1) the degree of invasiveness; 2) severity of the current infestation; 3) amount of additional habitat or host at risk for invasion; and 4) feasibility of managing the spread.
- c. Plan activities to limit the potential for introduction and spread of invasive species, prior to construction.
- d. Provide appropriate resources in identification of known invasive species for corridor workers.

## 6.0 Training

A flowchart (Appendix 1) to assist field crews on when to implement the above procedures will be distributed to all field crews.

All transmission vegetation management planners, foresters, and ROW maintenance personnel will be trained in the procedures outlined in Section 5.0 above. Additionally, training sessions focused on the identification of *invasive species* identified in Appendix 2 will be conducted by the individual utility companies. This may take the form of hard copy materials, tail gate briefings and/or presentations during regular staff meetings.

## 7.0 Emergency Work

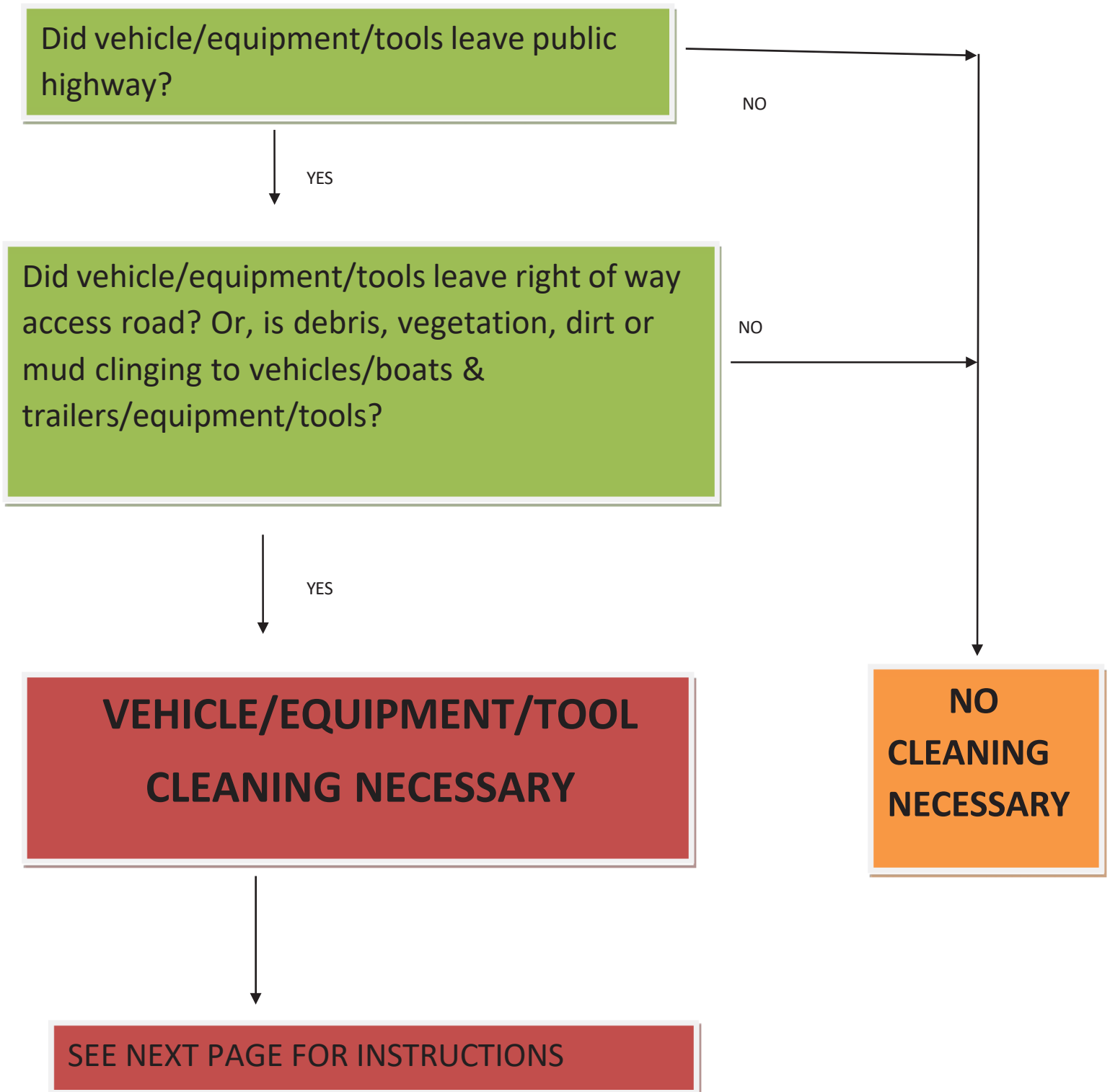
During emergencies, *EEANY* utility members will strictly comply with the Emergency Action condition protocol outlined in the *NYSDEC General Permit*. Appropriate site-specific *invasive species* controls and restoration efforts will be determined on an individual basis in conjunction with the regional NYSDEC office.

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## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP'S) for INVASIVE SPECIES TRANSPORT PREVENTION



## PRIOR TO LEAVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

- Prior to loading vehicle/equipment/tools remove as much debris, vegetation, dirt and mud clinging to the equipment as feasible using a brush, broom, shovel or other similar hand tool.
- High pressure air can be used on site for cleaning debris, vegetation, dirt and mud off vehicles/equipment/tools.
- Pick-ups and other small road vehicles shall remove on the right-of-way, as much debris, vegetation, dirt and mud clinging to vehicle as feasible prior to entering the highway.
- Small equipment/tools/boots shall be cleaned on site before removal or storage.
- Arrangements can be made for onsite cleaning or washing of vehicles/equipment/tools if deemed necessary.

## PRIOR TO LEAVING A BOAT LAUNCH:

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY -- Prior to leaving a boat launch, **Clean** any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment; **Drain** all water holding compartments including live wells, bait wells and bilge areas; **Dry** the boat, trailer and all equipment before use in another water body

## APPENDIX - 2

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### Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species September 10, 2014

#### ALGAE AND CYANOBACTERIA

##### Prohibited:

*Caulerpa taxifolia*, Killer Green Algae  
*Didymosphenia geminata*,  
*Didymo Prynmesium parvum*, Golden Algae

##### Regulated:

*Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii*, Cylindro  
*Grateloupia turuturu*, Red Algae

#### PLANTS

##### Prohibited:

*Acer pseudoplatanus*, Sycamore Maple  
*Achyranthes japonica*, Japanese Chaff Flower  
*Alliaria petiolata*, Garlic Mustard  
*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*, Porcelain Berry  
*Anthriscus sylvestris*, Wild Chervil  
*Aralia elata*, Japanese Angelica Tree  
*Artemisia vulgaris*, Mugwort  
*Arthraxon hispidus*, Small Carpet Grass  
*Berberis thunbergii*, Japanese Barberry  
*Brachypodium sylvaticum*, Slender False Brome  
*Cabomba caroliniana*, Fanwort  
*Cardamine impatiens*, Narrowleaf Bittercress  
*Celastrus orbiculatus*, Oriental Bittersweet  
*Centaurea stoebe* (*C. biebersteinii*, *C. diffusa*, *C. maculosa* misapplied, *C. xpsammogena*), Spotted Knapweed  
*Cirsium arvense* (*C. setosum*, *C. incanum*, *Serratula arvensis*), Canada Thistle  
*Cynanchum louiseae* (*C. nigrum*, *Vincetoxicum nigrum*), Black Swallow-wort  
*Cynanchum rossicum* (*C. medium*, *Vincetoxicum medium*, *V. rossicum*), Pale Swallow-wort  
*Dioscorea polystachya* (*D. batatas*), Chinese Yam  
*Dipsacus laciniatus*, Cut-leaf Teasel  
*Egeria densa*, Brazilian Waterweed  
*Elaeagnus umbellata*, Autumn Olive  
*Euphorbia cyparissias*, Cypress Spurge  
*Euphorbia esula*, Leafy Spurge  
*Ficaria verna* (*Ranunculus ficaria*), Lesser Celandine  
*Frangula alnus* (*Rhamnus frangula*), Smooth Buckthorn  
*Glyceria maxima*, Reed Manna Grass

*Heracleum mantegazzianum*, Giant Hogweed  
*Humulus japonicus*, Japanese Hops  
*Hydrilla verticillata*, Hydrilla/ Water Thyme  
*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, European Frogbit  
*Imperata cylindrica* (*I. arundinacea*, *Lagurus cylindricus*), Cogon Grass  
*Iris pseudacorus*, Yellow Iris  
*Lepidium latifolium*, Broad-leaved Pepper-grass  
*Lespedeza cuneata*, Chinese Lespedeza  
*Ligustrum obtusifolium*, Border Privet  
*Lonicera japonica*, Japanese Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera maackii*, Amur Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera morrowii*, Morrow's Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera tatarica*, Tartarian Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera x bella*, Fly Honeysuckle  
*Ludwigia hexapetala* (*L. grandiflora*), Uruguayan Primrose Willow  
*Ludwigia peploides*, Floating Primrose Willow  
*Lysimachia vulgaris*, Garden Loosestrife  
*Lythrum salicaria*, Purple Loosestrife  
*Microstegium vimineum*, Japanese Stilt Grass  
*Murdannia keisak*, Marsh Dewflower  
*Myriophyllum aquaticum*, Parrot-feather  
*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*, Broadleaf Water-milfoil  
*Myriophyllum heterophyllum x M. laxum*, Broadleaf Water-milfoil Hybrid  
*Myriophyllum spicatum*, Eurasian Water-milfoil  
*Nymphoides peltata*, Yellow Floating Heart  
*Oplismenus hirtellus*, Wavyleaf Basketgrass  
*Persicaria perfoliata* (*Polygonum perfoliatum*), Mile-a-minute Weed  
*Phellodendron amurense*, Amur Cork Tree  
*Phragmites australis*, Common Reed Grass  
*Phyllostachys aurea*, Golden Bamboo  
*Phyllostachys aureosulcata*, Yellow Groove Bamboo  
*Potamogeton crispus*, Curly Pondweed  
*Pueraria montana*, Kudzu  
*Reynoutria japonica* (*Fallopia japonica*, *Polygonum cuspidatum*), Japanese Knotweed  
*Reynoutria sachalinensis* (*Fallopia sachalinensis*, *Polygonum sachalinensis*), Giant Knotweed  
*Reynoutria x bohemica* (*Fallopia x bohemica*, *Polygonum x bohemica*), Bohemian Knotweed  
*Rhamnus cathartica*, Common Buckthorn  
*Rosa multiflora*, Multiflora Rose  
*Rubus phoenicolasius*, Wineberry  
*Salix atrocinerea*, Gray Florist's Willow  
*Silphium perfoliatum*, Cup-plant  
*Trapa natans*, Water Chestnut  
*Vitex rotundifolia*, Beach Vitex

**Regulated:**

Acer platanoides, Norway Maple  
Clematis terniflora, Japanese Virgin's Bower  
Euonymus alatus, Burning Bush  
Euonymus fortunei, Winter Creeper  
Miscanthus sinensis, Chinese Silver Grass  
Robinia pseudoacacia, Black Locust

**FISH****Prohibited:**

Channa argus, Northern Snakehead  
Channa marulius, Bullseye Snakehead  
Channa micropeltes, Giant Snakehead  
Clarias batrachus, Walking Catfish  
Gambusia affinis, Western Mosquitofish  
Gambusia holbrooki, Eastern Mosquitofish  
Hypophthalmichthys harmandi, Largescale Silver Carp  
Hypophthalmichthys molitrix, Silver Carp  
Hypophthalmichthys nobilis, Bighead Carp  
Misgurnus anguillicaudatus, Oriental Weatherfish  
Mylopharyngodon piceus, Black Carp  
Neogobius melanostomus, Round Goby  
Petromyzon marinus, Sea Lamprey  
Proterorhinus semilunaris (P. marmoratus), Tubenose Goby  
Tinca tinca, Tench

**Regulated:**

Carassius auratus, Goldfish  
Cyprinella lutrensis, Red Shiner  
Cyprinus carpio, Common Carp/ Koi  
Gymnocephalus cernuus, Ruffe  
Monopterus albus, Asian Swamp Eel  
Oreochromis aureus, Blue Tilapia  
Oreochromis niloticus, Nile Tilapia  
Pterois miles, Common Lionfish  
Pterois volitans, Red Lionfish  
Sander lucioperca (Stizostedion lucioperca), Zander  
Scardinius erythrophthalmus, Rudd

**AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES****Prohibited:**

Bellamy chinensis (Cipangopaludina chinensis), Chinese Mystery Snail  
Bellamy japonica, Japanese Mystery Snail  
Bithynia tentaculata, Faucet Snail  
Bythotrephes longimanus (B. cederstroemi), Spiny Water Flea  
Cercopagis pengoi, Fishhook Water Flea  
Corbicula fluminea, Asian Clam  
Crassostrea ariakensis, Suminoe Oyster  
Didemnum spp., Carpet Tunicate

Dreissena polymorpha, Zebra Mussel  
Dreissena rostriformis bugensis, Quagga Mussel  
Eriocheir sinensis, Chinese Mitten Crab  
Hemigrapsus sanguineus, Asian Shore Crab  
Hemimysis anomala, Bloody Red Shrimp  
Orconectes rusticus, Rusty Crayfish  
Potamopyrgus antipodarum, New Zealand Mud Snail  
Rapana venosa, Veined Rapa Whelk  
Styela plicata, Asian Sea Squirt

**Regulated:**

Carcinus maenas, European Green Crab  
Daphnia lumholtzi, Water Flea  
Hemigrapsus takanoi (H. penicillatus), Brush-clawed Shore Crab/ Grapsid Crab

**TERRESTRIAL INVERTEBRATES****Prohibited:**

Achatina achatina, Giant Ghana Snail  
Achatina fulica (Lissachatina fulica), Giant African Land Snail  
Adelges tsugae, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid  
Agrilus planipennis, Emerald Ash Borer  
Amyntas spp., Asian Earthworms  
Anoplophora glabripennis, Asian Longhorn Beetle  
Apis mellifera scutellata x A. mellifera ligustica/ A. mellifera iberiensis, Africanized Honey Bee  
Archachatina marginata, Giant West African Snail  
Cryptococcus fagisuga, Beech Scale  
Lymantria dispar, Asian and European Gypsy Moth  
Monochamus alternatus, Japanese Pine Sawyer  
Pityophthorus juglandis, Walnut Twig Beetle  
Sirex noctilio, Sirex Woodwasp

**TERRESTRIAL AND AQUATIC VERTEBRATES****Prohibited:**

Cygnus olor, Mute Swan  
Lepus europaeus, European Hare  
Myocastor coypus, Nutria  
Nyctereutes procyonoides, Asian Raccoon Dog  
Sus scrofa (excluding Sus scrofa domestica), Eurasian Boar

**Regulated:**

Alopochen aegyptiacus, Egyptian Goose  
Cairina moschata, Muscovy Duck  
Myiopsitta monachus, Monk Parakeet  
Oryctolagus cuniculus, European Rabbit  
Trachemys scripta elegans, Red-eared Slider  
Xenopus laevis, African Clawed Frog

**FUNGI****Prohibited:**

Amylostereum areolatum, Sirex Wasp Fungus

Geomyces destructans, White-nose Syndrome

Geosmithia morbida, Thousand Canker Disease

Phytophthora ramorum, Sudden Oak Death

For the official regulations and species lists please  
see: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/265.html>

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## **ATTACHMENT 3**

### **INVASIVE INSECT FACT SHEETS**

# ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE



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*Anoplophora glabripennis*

## What is the Asian longhorned beetle?

The Asian longhorned beetle, or ALB, is an invasive wood-boring insect that feeds on a variety of hardwoods including maple, birch, elm, ash, poplar, horse chestnut and willow, among others. Native to China and Korea, the beetles are approximately 1.5 inches long and shiny black, with white spots on their wing cases. They have black and white antennae that can be up to twice as long as their body.

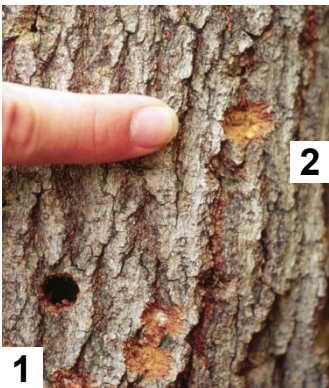
## What are the signs of an infestation?

Trees being attacked by ALB often have wilted foliage and canopy dieback, but the main signs to look for include:

1. Round, ½ inch exit holes from adults emerging from trees beginning in late July.
2. Round, ½ inch depressions (egg-laying sites) in the outer bark.
3. Sap oozing from egg-laying sites and exit holes.
4. Deep exit holes, insert a pencil to determine if the hole is at least an inch deep.
5. Sawdust, or frass, collecting at the base of the tree or on branches.



An adult ALB  
Joe Boggs, Ohio State, Bugwood.org



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Dennis Haugen, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org



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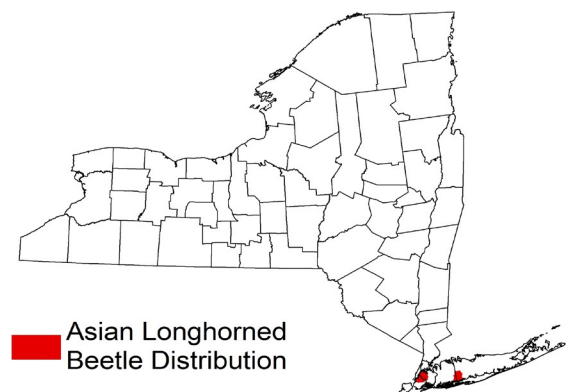
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Joe Boggs, Ohio State, Bugwood.org



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Robert A. Haack, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org

## Where are ALB located?

In 1996, ALB were found infesting Norway maple trees in Brooklyn. Larvae and pupae likely hitchhiked from China in wooden packing material, and the adult beetles emerged after the materials reached the New York Harbor. Additional infestations were later discovered in Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island, Islip and central Long Island. To date, the Manhattan, eastern Queens, Staten Island and Islip infestation sites have been eradicated.



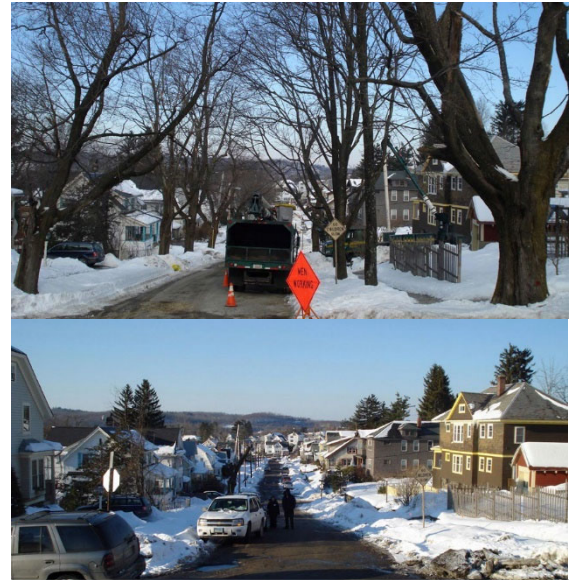


## What do they do to trees?

Females often chew depressions in the bark where they deposit one to two eggs at a time, laying up to sixty eggs on average. After they hatch, the larvae bore into the tree and begin feeding on the living tissue just underneath the bark which disrupts the nutrient and water flow within the tree. The larvae then continue deep into the heartwood where they continue to feed until they are ready to pupate. Repeated attacks from scores of larvae, generation after generation, eventually girdles the tree and kills it. Tree death usually occurs 7-9 years after the initial infestation, depending on site conditions and the tree's overall health.

## What is the risk to NYS?

Since maples are a preferred host for ALB, the spread of the beetle into the rest of the state would mean devastating impacts to the maple syrup industry through the loss of healthy sugar bush. Maples are also a valuable hardwood for furniture, flooring, and other uses. Larval galleries through the heartwood may degrade the wood enough to make it useless for milling, costing the forest products industry billions of dollars. The larval galleries also compromise the structural integrity of the tree, resulting in falling limbs and trunks under heavy rain, snow or wind pressure. Removing these hazard trees in parks and towns would be expensive and have serious impacts on property values and tourism.



Before and after the removal of ALB infested trees in Worcester, MA.  
Kenneth R. Law, USDA APHIS PPQ, Bugwood.org

## What is being done?

- International standards require wooden packing materials to be chemically treated or kiln dried to help stop new introductions from occurring.
- Quarantines have been established around infested areas to prevent the movement of infested materials.
- The NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets has taken the lead on surveying for infested trees, tree removal and tree treatment to eradicate the ALB populations in New York City and on Long Island.

## What can I do?

- Adhere to the NYS firewood regulation which limits untreated firewood movement to no more than 50 miles and obey the rules of the ALB quarantines (<https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/PI/alb.html>), which prevent regulated materials from leaving those areas.
- If you have a pool, you can participate in the ALB Swimming Pool Survey. Whenever you clean your pool, check your filter and skimmers for anything that resembles an ALB. Send a photo of what you find to [foresthealth@dec.ny.gov](mailto:foresthealth@dec.ny.gov).

If you believe you have found an ALB...

- Take pictures of the infestation signs as described above (include something for scale such as a coin or ruler).
- Note the location (intersecting roads, landmarks or GPS coordinates).
- Contact DEC (see below) or your local Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) by visiting [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/47433.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/47433.html).
- Call the ALB tip line at 1-866-702-9938.
- Report the infestation to iMapInvasives at [www.NYiMapInvasives.org](http://www.NYiMapInvasives.org).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

The emerald ash borer (EAB) (*Agrilus planipennis*) is an invasive beetle from Asia that infests and kills North American ash species (*Fraxinus* sp.) including green, white, black and blue ash. All of New York's native ash trees are susceptible to EAB.

### EAB Identification

The emerald ash borer is a very small but very destructive beetle. It has four life stages: adult, egg, larva and pupa.



Notice the coppery red color of the EAB's upper abdomen.



EAB are smaller than a penny.  
(Howard Russell, MI State U.  
[www.forestryimages.org](http://www.forestryimages.org))

The adult beetle has a shiny emerald green body with a coppery red or purple abdomen. Adult beetles leave distinctive D-shaped exit holes in the outer bark of the branches and the trunk. Adults are roughly 3/8 to 5/8 inch long with metallic green wing covers and a coppery red or purple abdomen. The adults may be seen from late May through early September but are most common in June and July.

### Signs of Damage

Signs of infestation in the tree canopy include dieback, yellowing, and browning of leaves.

Increased woodpecker activity is often the first sign of an EAB infestation. This activity can lead to "blonding", or large strips of bark falling off. On the trunk and branches, look for small, D-shaped holes that are left by emerging beetles. When the tree's bark splits or falls off, S-shaped larval galleries may be visible.



EAB larva  
Photo: David Cappaert

Most trees die within 2 to 4 years of becoming infested.

### How EAB Spread

Adult EABs typically fly less than 1/2 mile from their emergence tree. **Most long-distance movement of EAB has been directly traced to ash firewood or ash nursery stock.** Other untreated ash wood, wood chips



S-shaped larval galleries may be visible as an infested tree's bark falls off or is removed.

greater than one inch, and ash product movement (logs, lumber, pallets, etc.) generally present lesser risks.

Wood chips less than one inch or mulch are considered to pose little risk of movement. New York State currently has a [regulation](#) restricting the movement of firewood to protect our forests from invasive pests.

## Confirmed New York State Locations

The first infestation of emerald ash borer (EAB) in New York State was discovered in Cattaraugus County in 2009. As of the spring of 2021, the presence of EAB has been confirmed in **all New York counties except:** Essex, Hamilton, Lewis, and Washington.

DEC works with partners such as NYC Parks and Cornell Cooperative Extension to detect and confirm new infestations across the state.

## Current Efforts

While DEC is still collecting new EAB location information, we are not actively managing infestations.

New York has a [regulation to restrict the movement of firewood](#) of any tree species to within 50 miles of its source or origin. If you must move ash wood that is not firewood, be sure to follow [DEC's guidelines on moving ash wood responsibly](#). The firewood regulation remains unchanged and in effect despite the changing or lifting of any EAB quarantines.

EAB is listed as a prohibited invasive species by [6 NYCRR Part 575](#). Under this regulation, no person shall sell, import, purchase, transport, introduce or propagate, or have the intent to take any of these actions on the regulated species, unless issued a permit by DEC for research, education, or other approved activity.

DEC is also cooperating in efforts to identify potentially resistant "[lingering ash](#)" trees (leaves DEC website) in areas thoroughly infested with EAB, and to [conserve ash seed](#) (leaves DEC website) for future restoration efforts.

## What to Do if You Have Found EAB

Visit our webpage on [EAB Recommendations and Resources](#) for information on ash tree identification, insecticide options, and other resources for landowners, municipalities, and the wood products industry.

If you confirm your tree is infested with EAB, you do not have to take it down unless the tree could pose a hazard by falling (check for nearby structures, roads, etc.). DEC can confirm if the signs of tree damage are from EAB and provide tree removal information, but unfortunately there are no DEC programs to assist landowners with tree removal. If you choose to have a tree removed, we suggest visiting our [tips for selecting an arborist or tree service](#) for guidance.



*A D-shaped exit hole from an EAB.*

## How to Report a New Infestation Location

After reviewing the identification material on this website, if you

think you have found EAB and are outside of the [counties known to already have infestation areas in New York State](#):

1. Take photos of the insect and/or signs of damage.
2. Email photos and location information to us at [foresthealth@dec.ny.gov](mailto:foresthealth@dec.ny.gov).

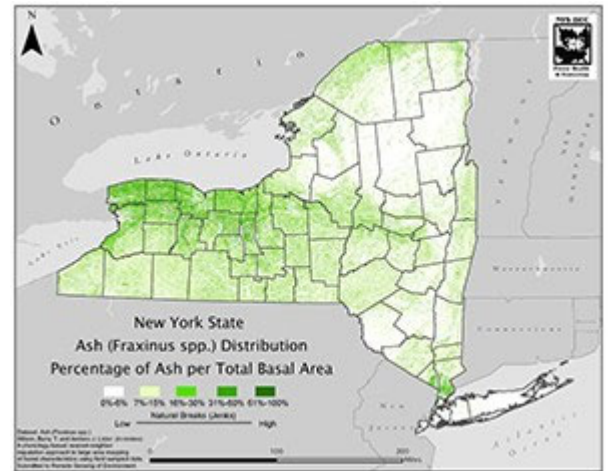
DEC staff will analyze the photos and may reach out for more information to determine if it is EAB. Photos and confirmation from DEC are required for a new location to be added to the infestation map. You may also call DEC's Forest Health information line at 1-866-640-0652.

## Importance of Ash



Ash is a very common street tree in many New York communities. It was widely planted to replace native elms lost to Dutch elm disease. In Michigan, the first state in the U.S. infested with EAB, the greatest economic impact has been on communities faced with removal of thousands of dead ash on streets and in yards. Many of these dead trees pose significant public safety hazards and liability problems for municipalities.

Ash is also a common and valuable forest species. Ash seeds are a food source for birds and mammals. Ash species (white, green and black) comprise almost 8% of all trees in NY State. Ash is a commercially-valuable species, and is used for baseball bats, flooring, furniture, lumber, and pallet manufacture. Black ash is also prized by Native American tribes, including the Akwesasne, for traditional basket making. The estimated annual contribution of forest-based manufacturing and forest related recreation and tourism to the New York State economy is over \$9 billion.



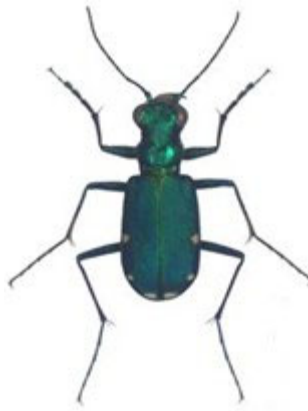
## Insects That Look Similar to EAB

The insects below are often mistaken for emerald ash borer beetle.

*Ash distribution in New York State before EAB.  
Click on the above map to view a PDF version*



*Japanese beetle  
(Popillia japonica)*  
*Bronze birch borer  
(Agrilus anxius)*



*Six-spotted tiger beetle  
(Cicindela sexguttata)*



*Metalic wood borer*



*Metalic wood borer*

*(Dicerca divaricate) (Buprestis striata)*



*Two-lined chestnut borer  
(Agrilus bilineatus)*

## Additional Resources

- [Don't Move Firewood](#) - help protect our forests from invasive insects and diseases
- [Multi-state website devoted to EAB information](#) (leaves DEC website)

- [EAB Cost Calculator](#) (leaves DEC website) - Purdue University
- [USDA APHIS EAB webpage](#) (leaves DEC website) - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- [US Forest Service Northeast Research Station](#) (leaves DEC website) - EAB Research
- [Time Magazine](#) (leaves DEC website) - DEC Forestry staff in Region 3 working on the Department's Slow Ash Mortality (SLAM) program to slow the spread of the destructive emerald ash borer
- [USDA Animated Video](#) (leaves DEC website) - great for elementary aged children
- Watch a clip about [emerald ash borer](#) and check out other clips on DEC's [YouTube Channel](#) (leaves DEC website)

## More about Emerald Ash Borer (EAB):

[Emerald Ash Borer Recommendations and Resources](#) - Recommendations and resources for ash trees infested with the emerald ash borer (EAB) (*Agrilus planipennis*)

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# HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID

*Adelges tsugae*



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## What is the hemlock woolly adelgid?

The hemlock woolly adelgid, or HWA, is an invasive, aphid-like insect that attacks North American hemlocks. HWA are very small (1.5 mm) and often hard to see, but they can be easily identified by the white woolly masses they form on the underside of branches at the base of the needles. These masses or ovisacs can contain up to 200 eggs and remain present throughout the year.



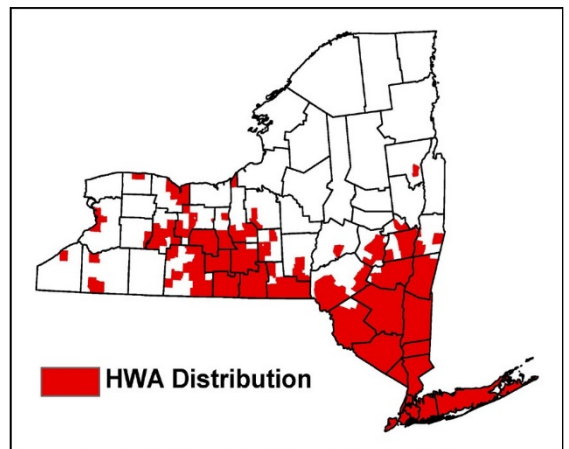
White woolly ovisacs on an eastern hemlock branch  
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station,  
Bugwood.org

## Where is HWA located?

HWA was first discovered in New York State in 1985 in the lower Hudson Valley and on Long Island. Since then, it has spread north to the Capitol Region and west through the Catskill Mountains to the Finger Lakes Region, Buffalo and Rochester. In 2017, the first known occurrence in the Adirondack Park was discovered in Lake George.

## Where does HWA come from?

Native to Asia, HWA was introduced to the western United States in the 1920s. It was first observed in the eastern US in 1951 near Richmond, Virginia after an accidental introduction from Japan. HWA has since spread along the East Coast from Georgia to Maine and now occupies nearly half the eastern range of native hemlocks.



## What does HWA do to trees?

Once hatched, juvenile HWA, known as crawlers, search for suitable sites on the host tree, usually at the base of the needles. They insert their long mouthparts and begin feeding on the tree's stored starches. HWA remain in the same spot for the rest of their lives, continually feeding and developing into adults. Their feeding severely damages the canopy of the host tree by disrupting the flow of nutrients to its twigs and needles. Tree health declines, and mortality usually occurs within 4 to 10 years.

## What trees are affected?

All species of hemlock are vulnerable to attack, but severe damage and death typically occurs in eastern (*Tsuga canadensis*) and Carolina (*Tsuga caroliniana*) hemlocks only. Eastern hemlock is the most common species of hemlock in New York State.



HWA damage to needles and branches  
Chris Evans, University of Illinois, Bugwood.org

## What are the signs of an infestation?

- White woolly masses (ovisacs) about one-quarter the size of a cotton swab on the underside of branches at the base of needles
- Needle loss and branch dieback
- Gray-tinted foliage

## What is the impact on NYS ecosystems?

Hemlocks are ecologically important due to the unique environmental conditions they create under their dense canopies. These cooler, darker and sheltered environments are critical to the survival of a variety of species that rely on them for food, protection, and ideal growing conditions. Moose, black bears, salamanders, and migrating birds, as well as unique lichen and plant communities, are all closely associated with the hemlock ecosystem. Well suited for growing on steep slopes where not many other species can grow, hemlocks stabilize shallow soils and provide erosion control. In addition, they are often found along streams, where their shade helps moderate water temperatures, maintaining a suitable environment for cold-water species such as trout. Removal of hemlocks from NYS ecosystems can dramatically change ecosystem processes and may result in the loss of unique plants and wildlife.

## What is being done?

### Biological Control

Several predators from Asia have been successfully introduced in HWA- infested areas. In addition, *Laricobius nigrinus*, a beetle native to the Pacific Northwest, has been released at various locations in the Finger Lakes region with promising results, though more controls are needed to stop HWA.

### Chemical Control

Chemical insecticides can be used to treat an already infested tree or as a preventive measure in a high-risk infestation area. They are useful for treating individual, ornamental, or high-value trees, but are not practical or economical in a forest setting. Two insecticides that have shown promising results are Imidacloprid and Dinotefuran. Both must be applied by a licensed pesticide applicator, and either can kill HWA on its own. Applying both insecticides to an infested tree, however, combines the immediate effectiveness of the fast-acting Dinotefuran with the long-term protection of Imidacloprid, leaving the tree adelgid free for up to seven years.



*Laricobius nigrinus* feeding on HWA  
US Forest Service, Bugwood.org

### Integrated Pest Management

The most effective management strategy for controlling HWA combines the short-term protection of insecticides with the long-term solution of biological control agents. As research continues on the effectiveness of natural enemies to control HWA populations, chemical insecticides can keep trees alive and free of infestation until natural enemies take over.

## What can I do?

If you believe you have found HWA...

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- Note the location (intersecting roads, landmarks or GPS coordinates).
- Contact DEC (see below) or your local Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) by visiting [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/47433.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/47433.html).
- Report the infestation to iMapInvasives at [www.NYiMapInvasives.org](http://www.NYiMapInvasives.org).
- Slow the spread of HWA in our forests by cleaning equipment or gear after it has been near an infestation, and by leaving infested material where it was found.

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# SPONGY MOTH (FORMERLY KNOWN AS GYPSY MOTH)

*(Lymantria Dispar dispar)*



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## What are spongy moths?

Spongy moths are defoliating insects native to France that were first introduced to the United States in 1869. They are now widespread in the Northeast and considered "naturalized," meaning they will always be a part of our ecosystem. Spongy moth populations rise and fall in cycles, varying over the years from very few (most years) to large numbers, which cause very noticeable leaf damage and tree defoliation. In New York, we tend to see regional outbreaks, or large spikes in population numbers, every 10–15 years. Outbreaks usually end when disease and predator populations increase to a level at which they can naturally control the LDD population.

### New Common Name

The Entomological Society of America removed the former common name from its Common Names of Insects and Related Organisms list in July 2021 due to it being a derogatory term for the Romani people.

### Identification

Spongy moth caterpillars (larval stage) can be seen starting in early to mid-May, grow to about 2.5 inches in length, and are black and hairy, with five pairs of raised blue spots followed by six pairs of raised red spots along their backs. Adult moths can usually be seen starting in July. Females are white with brown markings, have a 2-inch wingspan, and cannot fly. Males are brownish, have a 1.5-inch wingspan, and have feathery antennae.

Egg masses are light brown and covered with a dense mat of fine hairs. They are often laid on tree trunks and branches, but can also be found on sheltered surfaces, from firewood to lawn furniture.



Caterpillars start off completely black, with the blue and red spots showing up after their second molt. Photo by Karla Salp, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org

## What Do They Do?

Spongy moth caterpillars feed on more than 300 species of trees and shrubs, eating the young, tender leaves in the spring. In New York, they are known to feed on oak, maple, apple, crabapple, hickory, basswood, aspen, willow, and birch, although oak is their preferred species. When populations of spongy moths are high, or when oak and other preferred trees are limited, they will eat conifer species, including pine, spruce, and hemlock. During outbreaks, they can damage thousands of acres of trees.

## Can Trees Recover?

While the caterpillars pupate and turn into moths, a healthy tree that has been fed on will grow new leaves and have a full canopy again within a few weeks. However, defoliation (loss of leaves) can reduce the health and vigor of a tree, causing it to become more susceptible to other stressors such as extreme drought, flooding, or attacks by disease or other insects. Tree death can occur when one or more of these stressors is present at the same time as spongy moth caterpillars. Long-term damage depends on the type of tree, as well as the amount of defoliation.



Adult female moths lay egg masses on trees and other hard surfaces.



- **Conifers:** If a needle-bearing tree loses more than 50% of its needles, it probably won't recover. Check it for new needle growth in the months after the caterpillars are gone.
- **Hardwoods:** If there are no other stressors, deciduous/hardwood trees can usually withstand 2–3 successive years of defoliation, though new leaves will probably be smaller than usual. If a tree loses ALL its leaves and does not grow any new ones in late summer, it could still be alive. Check it in the spring, and if it still does not leaf out, it has died.

## Control Options for Landowners

**Note:** Although these options may help protect individual trees or small areas, they will not eliminate a local spongy moth population. In most cases, spongy moth outbreaks end naturally as disease becomes more prevalent and predator populations increase in response to the larger amount of available host/prey.

### Squishing and Scraping

You can help decrease future spongy moth populations by squishing the caterpillars and moths and destroying egg masses when you see them. To make sure an egg mass is destroyed, scrape the mass into a bucket of warm, soapy water and then leave it overnight before discarding it in the trash.

### Using Traps

In late April, before spongy moth eggs hatch, you can place sticky/barrier bands around a tree's trunk to prevent the caterpillars from crawling up the tree and into the canopy. You can buy these bands or make them at home using common household materials. Check sticky/barrier bands often, in case unintended wildlife, such as birds and small mammals have been caught; to remove debris that would act as a bridge for caterpillars over the band; and to replace as needed, such as after rain events. The hairs on the caterpillars can cause skin irritation, so wearing gloves is recommended when handling used traps.

In mid-June, when caterpillars are larger, replace sticky/barrier bands with a burlap trap. These traps do not prevent the caterpillars from going into the canopy but provide excellent shelter when they rest during the day, making it easier to collect and destroy the caterpillars, pupae, adults, and eggs found in the burlap. This should be done at least several times a week so that the trap doesn't just become a shelter for them. Detailed instructions for making your own sticky/barrier bands and burlap traps are available on DEC's website: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83118.html>.

### Insecticide Options

Treating an individual property with an insecticide is unlikely to impact a larger, regional outbreak, but may impact other invertebrates. **Carefully consider these potential impacts prior to application.**

**Microbial insecticides** are biopesticides made from naturally occurring bacteria, viruses, fungi, or protozoans that can be targeted to a specific pest. The most common of these is *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), which occurs naturally in soil and on plants. The Bt subspecies kurstaki (Btk) is the most appropriate to use for spongy moth control and works best on young caterpillars since they become more resistant to treatment as they mature. When a caterpillar eats Btk, it becomes paralyzed, stops feeding, and dies of starvation. Btk is harmless to people, animals, and plants, but does affect other young moth and butterfly larvae. Proper timing of application will help limit exposure to non-spongy moth larvae.

**Horticultural oil insecticides** (aka dormant oils) are solutions refined from petroleum or plants, and when applied, can smother insects or disrupt the protective coating around their eggs. Horticultural oils will impact any insects that they are sprayed on, not just spongy moths, but they are relatively safe for humans and other wildlife. The oils should be applied to egg masses in late March–early April before caterpillars emerge, and again in October–early November after adults have ceased activity.

**Chemical insecticides** are contact poisons. These chemicals can have a serious impact on a variety of beneficial, native insects (such as bees), as well as nesting birds and other wildlife, **so use should be limited.** Spraying is not effective against spongy moth pupae or egg masses, and it is less effective once caterpillars reach one inch in length.



Egg masses can contain 600–700 eggs, so destroying them when you see them can have a big impact.  
Photo by Karla Salp, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org

## More Information

Visit DEC's spongy moth webpage for more information, including how to help trees recover from spongy moth damage, how to help predict next year's caterpillar populations, and annual outbreak updates:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83118.html>.

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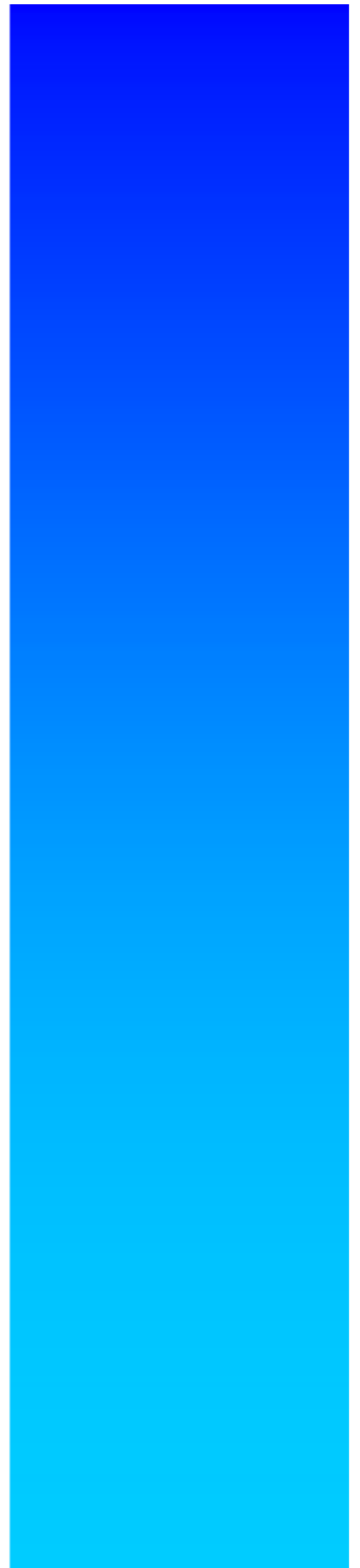
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## **Section 21.0 of the 2012 CHPE BMP Document**

## 21.0 INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL PROCEDURES

The Certificate Holders has identified certain invasive species that potentially occur along the Facility route, on the basis of field surveys, published studies and data, and/or consultation with federal and state agencies. Invasive species are typically nonindigenous and include both terrestrial and aquatic species that can spread rapidly in the environment, resulting in the displacement of native species and sometimes causing economic impacts. The movement of vehicles, equipment and personnel, and the transport of materials and/or construction debris to and from areas that are inhabited by invasive species could result in the unintentional spread of these species. Additionally, areas that have been disturbed by human activity may provide opportunity for the colonization and spread of invasive species, which are often more disturbance-tolerant than the native communities. The Certificate Holders have included BMPs to control the transport of invasive species from areas where they may occur along the Facility route. Measures such as training personnel in the identification of invasive species, inspecting and cleaning vessels and equipment, and practices to encourage rapid stabilization, restoration and revegetation of disturbed work areas, have been incorporated to minimize any adverse impacts due to invasive species.

The Certificate Holders are aware that invasive species management is a topic of significant discussions within the State and new guidance and management plans are being developed. In order to provide the most current and site appropriate Invasive Species Management for the construction and operation of the , the Certificate Holders will develop an Invasive Species Management Plan in consultation with NYSDEC, DPS Staff, and APA (for portions of the Facility within the Adirondack Park) for inclusion in the EM&CP. This section describes some of the concerns and measures that will be addressed in the Invasive Species Management Plan for the Facility.

### 21.1 PLANTS

The presence of some invasive plant species in wetlands crossed by the Facility route was documented during the wetland delineation surveys which took place during October and November 2009 and April through June 2010. The NYSDEC and APA have compiled an Interim Invasive Plant Species (Table 21.1) list that includes:

Table 21.1 NYSDEC Interim Invasive Plant Species	
Floating and Submerged Aquatic Plants	
Common Name	Scientific Name
Carolina Fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
Rock Snot (diatom)	<i>Didymosphenia geminata</i>
Brazilian Elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>
Water Thyme	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
European Frog's Bit	<i>Hydrocharis morus-ranae</i>
Floating Water Primrose	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>
Parrot-feather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
Variable Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
Eurasian Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>

Table 21.1 NYSDEC Interim Invasive Plant Species	
Brittle Naiad	<i>Najas minorjed</i>
Starry Stonewort (green alga)	<i>Nitelloopsis obtusa</i>
Yellow Floating Heart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
Water-lettuce	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>
Curly-leaf Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
Water Chestnut	<i>Trapa natans</i>
Emergent Wetland and Littoral	
Common Name	Scientific Name
Flowering Rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>
Bohemian Knotweed	<i>Fallopia bohemica</i>
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>
Giant Knotweed	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>
Yellow Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Reed Canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Common Reed-nonnative variety	<i>Phragmites australis</i> var. <i>australis</i>
Herbaceous Terrestrial	
Common Name	Scientific Name
Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
Wild Chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>
Brown Knapweed	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
Black Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
Spotted Knapweed	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> ssp. <i>micranthos</i>
Canada Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Bull Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Crown Vetch	<i>Coronilla varia</i>
Black Swallow-wort	<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i> (nigrum)
European Swallow-wort	<i>Cynanchum rossicum</i>
Fuller's Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>
Cutleaf Teasel	<i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i>
Cypress Spurge	<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>
Giant Hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
Japanese Stilt Grass	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>
Wild Parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>
Cup Plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>
Vines	
Common Name	Scientific Name
Porcelain Berry	<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>
Oriental Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Mile-a-minute Weed	<i>Persicaria perfoliata</i>
Kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i>
Shrubs and Trees	
Common Name	Scientific Name
Norway Maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>

<p align="center"><b>Table 21.1</b> <b>NYSDEC Interim Invasive Plant Species</b></p>	
Japanese Barberry	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>
Russian Olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>
Cherry Eleagnus	<i>Eleagnus multiflora</i>
Autumn Olive	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>
Glossy Buckthorn	<i>Frangula alnus</i>
Border Privet	<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i>
Amur Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera maackii</i>
Shrub Honeysuckles	<i>Lonicera morrowii/tatarica/x bella</i>
Bradford Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>
Common Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>
Black Locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>
Multiflora Rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>
False Spiraea	<i>Sorbaria sorbifolia</i>

### ***21.1.1 Measures to Prevent or Control the Transport of Invasive Plant Species***

On a Facility-wide basis, the Certificate Holders will perform the following measures to prevent or control the transport of invasive plant species:

- a) Prior to construction, training will be conducted to educate Facility contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) on identifying invasive plant species and the site-specific protocol for preventing or controlling their transport throughout or off of the Facility site. These protocols include the various cleaning or decontamination methods to be used on the Facility. In addition, the contractors will be instructed to stay within access paths and work areas that are designated on the EM&CP Plan & Profile drawings to minimize ground disturbance;
- b) Sediment and erosion control devices will be installed across the construction right-of-way on slopes leading into wetlands and along the edge of the construction right-of-way to prevent spoil from migrating into these areas. This will also help to prevent the dispersion of seeds from invasive plant species into uninfested wetlands during construction;
- c) Vehicles, equipment, and materials (including swamp mats) will be inspected for, and cleaned of, any visible soils, vegetation, and debris before bringing them to the Facility area or moving them to the next wetland along the construction right-of-way. As specified under NYSDEC's General Permit for Routine ROW Maintenance Activities, DEC No. 0-0000-01147/00001:
  - i. "Equipment used in areas containing invasive plant species will be power-washed and cleaned with clean water (no soaps or chemicals) before leaving the invasive-infested area or Facility ROW for another project, to prevent the spread of seeds, roots or other viable plant parts, and the wash water, including spray, will not be discharged within one hundred (100) feet of any stream, existing or proposed wetland or adjacent area, or stormwater conveyance (ditch, catch basin, etc). If sufficient space is not available or is precluded by terrain to provide a cleaning



station on site, upon approval of the Environmental Monitor, equipment used within an infested area may be power-washed adjacent to the area, provided that the wash water, including spray, does not discharge within one hundred (100) feet of any stream, existing or proposed wetland or adjacent area, or stormwater conveyance (ditch, catch basin, etc).

- ii. Loose plant and soil material that has been removed from clothing, boots and equipment, or generated from cleaning operations will be a) rendered incapable of any growth or reproduction, b) disposed of off-site, or (c) handled as per paragraph iii) below. If disposed of off-site, the plant and soil material will be transported in a secure manner. Any off-site disposal must occur at either a landfill-incinerator or a State-approved disposal facility.
  - iii. If upon completion of work, the area remains infested with invasive plant species, the invasive material cleaned from equipment used within the same construction area may remain within the infested area, provided that no filling of a wetland will occur.”
- d) Revegetation of wetlands will be expedited by stripping the topsoil from over the trench, except in areas with standing water or heavily inundated soils, or where no topsoil layer is evident or where it exceeds the depth of the trench. Topsoil will then be stockpiled separately from subsoil to insure preservation of the native seed bank;
  - e) Following cable installation, the trench will be backfilled and the area recontoured to its original grade. Segregated topsoil will be replaced and natural drainage patterns restored to facilitate natural re-establishment of native vegetation;
  - f) The restored right-of-way will be seeded with an invasive species free seed mix immediately after final regarding to create a rapid cover over the disturbed right-of-way and help to prevent establishment of invasive species which typically colonize disturbed sites;
  - g) Expediting construction in and around wetlands and limiting the amount of equipment and construction activities within wetlands will reduce the amount and duration of disturbances. In addition, equipment used will be tracked or balloon-tired, often operating on top of timber mats or corduroy. This will minimize the amount of heavily disturbed soils in which invasive species might colonize;
  - h) To the extent practicable, water for dust control and other uses will come from municipal water supplies or other potable sources. If surface waters are used, equipment will be disinfected afterwards;
  - i) To the extent practicable, the movement of invasive-plant-infested soils, gravel, rock, and other fill materials to relatively-invasive-plant-free locations will be avoided. Soil, gravel, rock, and other fill material will come from invasive-plant-free sources on and off the site, if such sources are available; and

- j) Revegetation of disturbed areas will utilize seed and other plant materials that have been checked and certified as noxious-weed-free.

## **21.2 INVASIVE INSECT CONTROL**

The Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) and the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) are two insects that the NYSDEC has identified as a potential problem to native trees and vegetation. If, during construction, these insects are found, they will be reported to the NYSDEC regional forester. In addition, prior to construction, training will be conducted to teach Facility contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) to identify invasive insect species and the Facility-wide protocol for reporting to the NYSDEC regional forester. Unmerchantable timber will be provided as firewood to interested parties pursuant to the substantive requirements of NYSDEC's firewood restrictions to protect forests from invasive species found in 6 NYCRR Part 192.5.

## **21.3 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL PROCEDURES**

An aquatic invasive species is defined in the National Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act (NANPCA) of 1990 as: A nonindigenous species that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species or the ecological stability of infested waters, or commercial, agricultural, aquacultural, or recreational activities dependent upon such waters. For the purposes of this Facility, the term "aquatic" is intended to include freshwater, marine, estuarine, and wetland species (NYSDEC 2010). During cable installation, the Certificate Holders, will comply with all federal, state and local ordinances for *Invasive Species Best Management Practices*. This includes, but is not limited to, boat decontamination and/or washing and ballast water provisions.

The cable route traverses a range of aquatic environments, including deep and shallow limnetic habitats, freshwater wetlands and riverine habitats, freshwater tidal riverine habitats, estuarine, and marine conditions. Within these environments, a wide range of invasive, non-native plant and animal species proliferate. Within the Lake Champlain basin, twelve (12) invasive mollusks and six (6) invasive crustaceans have been identified, and the Hudson River and Estuary has experienced considerable invasion, with over one hundred (100) non-indigenous species established since colonial times (Mills et. al. 1996).

Cable installation activities will utilize available BMPs to prevent or minimize the spread of invasive plants and animals within Lake Champlain and the Hudson, Harlem and East Rivers. In general, these BMPs entail careful inspection of construction equipment prior to movement of equipment from one water body to another (e.g., trailering of small vessels). Vessel hulls, decks, propellers, lower units on outboard motors, and mooring lines will be washed and inspected carefully to remove aquatic plants, attached mussels and crustaceans, etc., prior to relocation of the vessels/equipment to another portion of the cable route or another waterbody.

On a Facility-wide basis, the Certificate Holders will perform the following measures to prevent or control the transport of aquatic invasive species in accordance with applicable regulations and guidance from NYSDEC and the New York Invasive Species Council:

- a) Train and educate Facility contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) to identify aquatic invasive species and site-specific prescriptions for preventing or controlling their transport throughout or off of the Facility site;
- b) Require that vessels, equipment, and materials be inspected for, and cleaned of, any visible vegetation, algae, organisms and debris before bringing them to the Facility area;
- c) Train Facility contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) on the various cleaning or decontamination methods to be used on a site-by-site basis for the Facility;
- d) Require that vessels, equipment, and materials be inspected for, and cleaned of, any visible vegetation, algae, organisms and debris before leaving the waterbody for another; and
- e) Where the NYSDEC has identified the presence of Rock Snot or Didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*), any footwear used in streams or waterbodies will be soaked in a one (1) percent solution of Virkon® Aquatic for ten (10) minutes before leaving the area adjacent to the affected waterbody.
- f) No vessel discharges of ballast water or sanitary waste will be allowed within the Facility area.

## 21.4 FRESHWATER

The freshwater environments along the cable route include the shallow and deep water habitats within Lake Champlain, fringing lacustrine wetlands within embayments of Lake Champlain, and riverine and wetland habitats in the upper Hudson River. A variety of non-indigenous, invasive species have been documented from Lake Champlain, and the Upper Hudson River; notable species include:

### **Zebra mussel**

The invasive non-native zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) arrived in Lake Champlain in the early 1990s and has since colonized the entire basin system. Zebra mussels are filter feeders that consume large quantities of plankton. The result has been increased water clarity and subsequent aquatic plant growth in shallow areas of the lake which has dramatically altered the lake's native benthic community. The zebra mussel has also colonized the tidal freshwater portion of the Hudson River Estuary but is excluded from the lower Estuary and the marine portion of the cable route by the species' intolerance of saline water. Zebra mussels readily attach to hard surfaces by mean of byssal threads, and are transported throughout a waterbody, or from one waterbody to another on vessel hulls, floating docks, pontoon, and other submerged or floating construction equipment.

The Certificate Holders will perform the following measures to prevent or control the transport of zebra mussels:

- a) All construction equipment will be carefully inspected and washed-down to remove attached mussels (and other epiphytes) from hulls, decks, and mooring lines.

### **Spiny Water Flea (*Bythotrephes cederstroemi*)**

This invasive zooplankter is widely distributed throughout the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. It has recently been documented in Sacandaga Lake, which connects to Lake Champlain and the Hudson River via the Sacandaga River and Lake Champlain Canal. To date, no spiny water fleas have been collected within Lake Champlain or the upper Hudson River; however, it is anticipated that it will make its way into these waterbodies in the near future. Spiny water fleas are difficult to detect by virtue of their small body size and transparent appearance, and they readily attach to vessel mooring lines and other submerged structures.

The following measures will be performed to prevent or control the transport of spiny water fleas:

- a) All construction vessels and equipment (including mooring lines) will be washed and inspected prior to leaving a waterbody for another.

### **Rusty Crayfish**

A variety of crayfish species are present in the Hudson River and Lake Champlain drainages, many of which are non-native to the region. However, the rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*) has in recent years rapidly expanded within the Hudson drainage and nearby waters, where it has competitively displaced other native and non-indigenous crayfish species.

Although it is unlikely that rusty crayfish would be encountered in the deeper waters where the majority of cable installation activity is likely to take place, the following measures will be employed to prevent transportation of rusty crayfish (or other macrocrustaceans) from one waterbody to another:

- a) Equipment used in shallow waters and stream crossings will be inspected for and cleaned of rusty crayfish (or other macrocrustaceans) prior to leaving a waterbody for another.

### **Eurasian Water-Milfoil**

Several species of non-indigenous submerged aquatic plants occur in the Lake Champlain and Hudson River drainages. Of these, the most aggressive invader is Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*). Eurasian water-milfoil is widespread in Lake Champlain, particularly the southern end of the lake, in the Champlain Canal, and also in the Hudson River, where it is abundant in shallow areas throughout the tidal freshwater portion of the estuary and into the brackish estuary as far south at Piermont, New York. Eurasian water-milfoil continues to occupy an extensive range throughout the lake. New infestations of Eurasian water-milfoil are discovered nearly every year. Fragments attached to trailered boats are the likely cause of these overland introductions.

The Certificate Holders will perform the following measures to prevent or control the transport of Eurasian water-milfoil:

- a) Existing submerged plant beds will be avoided where possible. For the majority of the cable route in the lake, water depths exceed those that support submerged plant beds; it is only in the narrow southern end of the lake that cable installation activity is likely to occur in proximity to these habitats;
- b) Construction in infested areas will take place only during non-germination periods; and
- c) Vessel hulls, decks, mooring lines and submerged construction equipment will be carefully inspected and cleaned prior to deployment to another location.

### **Water Chestnut**

Water chestnut, an annual aquatic plant native of Europe, Asia, and Africa, was first documented in Lake Champlain in the early 1940s in shallow bays in the southern end on both the Vermont and New York shores. It is generally assumed that water chestnut seeds entered Lake Champlain on boats traveling through the Champlain Canal from the Mohawk or Hudson River, where it had initially become established in the 1870s. Water chestnut displaces other aquatic plant species, is of little food value to wildlife, and forms dense mats that alter habitat and interfere with recreational activities. Currently, extensive growth of water chestnut in southern Lake Champlain restricts boat traffic and other recreational uses.

Prevention and minimization of the transport of water chestnut from one portion of the cable route to another, especially from the lower end of Lake Champlain to more northern reaches, is similar to that for other aquatic vegetation species. The following measures will be performed to prevent or control the transport of water chestnut:

- a) Existing submerged plant beds will be avoided where possible. For the majority of the cable route in the lake, water depths exceed those that support water chestnut beds; it is only in the narrow southern end of the lake that cable installation activity is likely to occur in proximity to these habitats;
- b) Construction in infested areas will take place only during non-germination periods; and
- c) Vessel hulls, decks, mooring lines and submerged construction equipment will be carefully inspected and cleaned prior to deployment to another location.

### **Invasive Wetland Plants (e.g., Common Reed, Purple Loosestrife)**

In the event that cable installation or activities will entail construction or transport of equipment through freshwater wetlands in the vicinity of Lake Champlain or of the upper Hudson River), care will be taken to avoid the spread of invasive wetland plant species, notably common reed (*Phragmites australis*) and purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*). In wetland areas, where these invasive species are known to occur, the following measures will be implemented:

- a) Construction equipment and field gear (including waders or rubber boots) will be inspected and washed to remove stems, root or rhizome structures and marsh sediments which could contain seeds of these species.

## **21.5 ESTUARINE**

The estuarine environments along the cable route include the shallow and deep water habitats within the lower Hudson, Harlem and East Rivers, and fringing tidal wetlands within the freshwater tidal and brackish portions of the lower Hudson River. A variety of non-indigenous, invasive species have been documented from the lower Hudson River and nearby coastal waters. Notable species include:

### **Atlantic Rangia**

Native to the United States Gulf coast, the Atlantic rangia (*Rangia cuneata*) bivalve was first introduced in the lower Hudson River Estuary in 1988 and is now abundant in the Tappan Zee and Haverstraw Bay. Potential vectors of introduction to East Coast waters include ship ballast water and oyster restoration programs (using Gulf Coast shells or live oysters). The long-term ecological significance of the Atlantic rangia's introduction to the Hudson River is poorly understood; however, the potential effects of a successful benthic suspension feeder on trophic dynamics, native bivalves, and plankton communities in the lower Hudson River may be significant.

Unlike zebra mussels, Atlantic rangia are not able to attach to hard surfaces, and remain partially buried in the substrate. Thus, they are not able to "hitchhike" from one waterbody to another by attaching to vessel hulls or construction equipment. Nonetheless, care will be taken during construction or trenching activities in the lower Hudson to be sure that sediment containing Atlantic rangia is not transported to other coastal waters.

The following measures will be performed to prevent or control the transport of Atlantic rangia:

- a) Vessel decks, hulls, and construction equipment will be carefully inspected and washed prior to moving to a new waterbody.

### **Invasive Estuarine Crustaceans**

Three invasive crustaceans may be encountered among rocky shoreline habitats or man-made structures (e.g. bulkheads, cribbing, piers) in the marine portion of the cable route (Hudson River and Harlem/East Rivers). The Asian shore crab (*Hemigrapsus sanguineus*), native to the western Pacific, began to aggressively spread along the United States East coast in the 1990s and is now abundant in many shoreline areas, particularly in the vicinity of jetties or rock revetments as well as in natural rocky intertidal areas. The Asian shore crab is an aggressive omnivore and may out-compete native crustaceans such as blue crabs (*Callinectes sapidus*) and American lobster (*Homarus americanus*) for nursery and foraging habitat. The European green crab (*Carcinus maenus*) is native to the northeast Atlantic and Baltic seas but has colonized coastal areas and estuaries worldwide, mainly via introduction of early life stages present in ballast water and in

association with bivalve shells transported for aquaculture. Green crabs out-compete native crustaceans for food resource and habitat and they are aggressive predators on small bivalves, posing a serious threat to commercial shellfish and aquaculture industries in areas where this species has colonized. Both green crabs and Asian shore crabs are already widely distributed within shallow coastal environments in the northeast and mid-Atlantic United States.

Recently, another invasive crustacean has appeared in the Hudson River Estuary - the Chinese mitten crab (*Eriocheir sinensis*). Native to eastern Asia, the Chinese mitten crab is an important food in its native waters and supports a large aquaculture industry. The Chinese mitten crab is highly prolific and omnivorous, competing aggressively with native macrocrustacean populations where it has become established. Burrowing activity by Chinese mitten crabs resulted in extensive damage to shoreline infrastructure in western European rivers during the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Currently, the Hudson River population is being monitored. While observation/collections have increased within the past several two to three years, mitten crabs have not yet been implicated in population or ecosystem impacts such as competitive displacement of the native Hudson River blue crab.

Vessel hulls, props, lower units, and any sampling equipment of field gear used in the lower Hudson Estuary or East River portion of the cable route will be inspected to prevent the transport of adult green crabs, Asians shore crabs, or mitten crabs to other coastal waterbodies; however, the early life stages of these crabs are planktonic, and would be difficult, if not impossible to detect if they were to be attached to submerged construction equipment or mooring lines. As such, it will be necessary to wash all equipment with freshwater to remove species at this life stage.

In accordance with BMPs for other invasive species, the following measures will be performed to prevent or control the transport of invasive crustaceans:

- a) All vessel hulls, submerged construction equipment, and mooring lines used in the lower Hudson Estuary or East River will be carefully inspected and washed with freshwater prior to moving to a different waterbody.

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# **Invasive Species Control Plan – Spotted Lanternfly Addendum**

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## 1.0 Introduction

The invasive Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) is now present in several counties in the state of New York. The Spotted Lanternfly poses a significant threat to New York's agricultural and forest health and spreads primarily through human activity. In response, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has identified current detection and control plans to slow the spread (Attachment 1, 2).

## 2.0 Monitoring

As stated in the Overland Invasive Species Control Plan, a third-party Environmental Inspector (EI) will be retained and engaged to ensure compliance with the environmental requirements of the Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP) for each Package/Segment. This will include monitoring construction for invasive species. All vegetation and construction equipment will be inspected for invasive species infestations prior to cutting, pruning, or removal. If, during construction, these insects are found, they will be reported to the NYSDEC regional forester. In addition, prior to construction, training will be conducted to inform Project Contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) of the Project-wide protocols for invasive species management, including reporting such insects to the NYSDEC regional forester. Additionally, this training will teach Project personnel how to identify invasive insect species, including the Spotted Lanternfly.

## 3.0 Control Measures

In an effort to detect Spotted Lanternflies early and respond in a timely manner, NYSDEC has established a Protective Zone encompassing 20 counties located near the Pennsylvania and New Jersey infestations (Statutory authority: Agriculture and Markets Law, §§ 18, 164, 167; Executive Law, § 102[2]; State Administrative Procedures Act, § 203[1]; NYSDEC n.d.). This Protective Zone includes Rockland County and Greene County, among others. Protective Zones allow NYSDEC and its partners to conduct activities such as surveying, monitoring, and management to find and prevent the spread of Spotted Lanternflies. Additionally, the NYSDEC has established external quarantine areas in neighboring states where infestations are extensive (1 NYCRR III C 142). The quarantine restricts the movement of goods and outdoor products and is inclusive to construction equipment. The following describes the transportation requirements:

- Transportation of goods *from* quarantine areas require a certificate of inspection or permit which will be checked by the appropriate agencies.
- Transportation of goods *to* quarantine areas also require an inspection certificate from the state department of agriculture from the originating state for that load/truck.

The Protective Zone pertains to the Congers and Cementon Transitional HDD Project sites, in addition to the Tomkins Cove laydown yard. Material and equipment delivered and temporarily stored at these sites during construction will be inspected for invasive species upon arrival and prior to leaving, as stated in the section above. Any equipment or material transported from an external quarantine area to any Transitional HDD site or laydown yard will be inspected and

permitted in accordance with 1 NYCRR III C 142. The SWPPP (Appendix I of the Segment 17 EM&CP) provides information on general material and equipment staging requirements and includes general statements for acquiring all permits and certificates required.

If a Spotted Lanternfly is observed at any point during Transitional HDD construction, the following mitigation procedures will be followed:

- If an individual insect is observed, the Environmental Inspection (EI) shall attempt to capture the insect in a sealed container. The EI shall freeze the sealed container or fill the container with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer for preservation. If the insect cannot be captured by the EI, any personnel shall immediately kill the specimen by crushing it. If more than one insect is observed, any personnel shall kill any additional specimens. Preference is to eliminate and report the invasive species.
- If an egg mass is observed, the EI shall attempt to scrape the egg mass into a sealed container. The EI shall fill the container with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer for preservation. If more than one egg mass is observed, the EI shall destroy any additional egg masses by scraping them into a bucket of hot, soapy water or rubbing alcohol/hand sanitizer. Preference is to eliminate and report the invasive species.
- Take pictures of the insect, egg mass, or infestation. If possible, include an object for scale, such as a coin or pen.
- Note the location of the insect, egg mass, or infestation (address, intersecting roads, or GPS coordinates).
- Email pictures, location, and any other relevant information to [spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov).

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# INVASIVE SPECIES & EXOTIC PESTS

## Spotted Lanternfly *Lycorma delicatula*

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The spotted lanternfly is a planthopper native to China and Southeastern Asia. Discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014, the spotted lanternfly presents a threat throughout much of the United States. While its list of hosts is large, the greatest agricultural concern falls on grapes, hops, apples, blueberries, and stone fruits.

### Concern

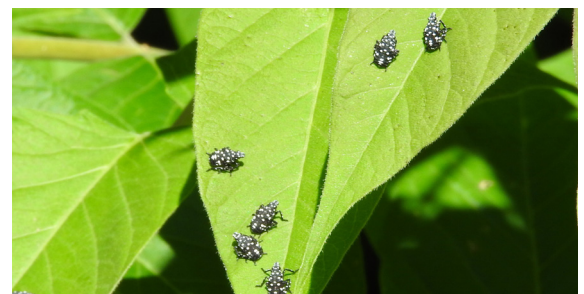
There is great concern about its effect on vineyards, orchards, and hardwood trees. Its presence has led to crop loss, exporting issues, and increased management costs. Spotted lanternfly eggs are laid on practically any hard surface, including tree trunks, stones and metal. Because of this, egg masses may be transported unknowingly. Spotted lanternfly nymphs are able to feed on many hosts, while adults prefer certain trees such as Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*), Maples (*Acer spp.*), and Grapevines (*Vitis spp.*). Furthermore, abundant excretions of sticky honeydew by swarms feeding on shade trees, and the associated growth of sooty mold, can restrict people's enjoyment of parks and their own backyards.

### Description

Spotted lanternfly adults are very colorful when their interior hind wings are displayed. The hind wings are red with black spots. They have a black head, and a yellow abdomen with black bands. Their beige-gray forewings have also black spots and a distinctive black brick-like pattern on the tips. There is one generation per year, with adults developing in the summer, laying eggs in the late summer through fall, and overwintering as eggs. Each egg mass normally contains 30-50 eggs which are laid in rows and usually covered in a waxy substance. The first nymphs to hatch from the eggs in the spring are wingless, black, and have white spots, while the final nymph stage turns red before becoming winged adults. Adult males are slightly smaller than the inch-long females, but are almost identical in appearance. Adults and nymphs commonly gather in large numbers on host plants to feed, and are easiest to see at dusk or at night.



Spotted lanternfly egg mass. Photo: Holly Raguza, Bugwood.org.



The black and white nymphs as they appear after hatching in the spring until their third molt in mid-summer. Photo: Richard Gardner, Bugwood.org.



The final nymph stage of the spotted lanternfly, shown on a branch, is distinctively colored. Photo: Lawrence Barringer, PA Dept. of Agriculture, Bugwood.org.

## Damage

This planthopper is able to feed using specialized mouthparts that can pierce the plant and suck up sap. Both nymphs and adults feed this way, on leaves, stems, and trunks. Spotted lanternflies also excrete honeydew while feeding, which, over time, may encourage the growth of sooty mold. Piercing the plant's tissues and feeding on the sap weakens the plant, sometimes causing it to ooze and weep, which may result in a fermenting odor and a gray/black trail on the bark. The presence of the fermenting odor and honeydew may also attract other insects. Spotted lanternfly feeding can cause wilting, defoliation, flagging, yield loss, reduction in crop quality and cold hardiness, dieback and plant death.

## Found a Spotted Lanternfly in New York?

1. Take pictures of the insect, egg masses, or infestation you see and, if possible, include something for size, such as a coin or ruler.
2. If possible, collect the insect. Place in a bag and freeze, or in a jar with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer.
3. Note the location (street address and zip code, intersecting roads, landmarks, or GPS coordinates).
4. Email pictures and location: [spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov)

## For More Information

New York State Integrated Pest Management Program: Spotted Lanternfly [nysipm.cornell.edu/environment/invasive-species-exotic-pests/spotted-lanternfly](https://nysipm.cornell.edu/environment/invasive-species-exotic-pests/spotted-lanternfly)

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets: Spotted Lanternfly [agriculture.ny.gov/plant-industry/spotted-lanternfly](https://agriculture.ny.gov/plant-industry/spotted-lanternfly)

United State Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Pest Alert: Spotted Lanternfly [aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/spotted-lanternfly/spotted-lanternfly](https://aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/spotted-lanternfly/spotted-lanternfly)

PennState Extension: Spotted Lanternfly [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly)



Spotted lanternfly adult at rest on a branch. Photo: Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org.



Collected spotted lanternfly adult with wings spread. The yellow sides of the abdomen are visible because this is a mated female, full of eggs. Photo: Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org.



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## Reporting Spotted Lanternfly

- Take pictures of the insect, egg masses, or infestation. Include something in the photograph for scale, such as a coin or pen.
- Collect the insect and place it in a freezer or a jar with rubbing alcohol/hand sanitizer.
- Note the location (address, intersecting roads, or GPS coordinates), shipping information, and any other relevant information.
- Email the information to:  
[spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov)



## Contact Information

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# SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

*(Lycorma delicatula)*

## PREVENTION GUIDANCE



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## Spotted Lanternfly (SLF)

SLF is an invasive insect from Asia that primarily feeds on Tree-of-Heaven. It feeds on a wide variety of plants, trees and crops, such as grape, hops, apple, maple, walnut, and others. SLF can threaten New York's agricultural, forest, recreation, and tourism industries and can impact farmers, residents, transport companies, travelers, outdoor enthusiasts, and other individuals.

### Where to Spot SLF

SLF can be transported on outdoor goods and equipment. SLF can also hitchhike in vehicles. Look for SLF on:



Landscaping, remodeling, or construction materials and waste.



Packing materials, such as wood crates or boxes.



All plants and plant parts, including, but not limited to, nursery stock, green lumber, fruit and produce, and other material, such as roots, branches, and mulch.



Outdoor household articles, including, but not limited to, tarps, tile, stone, deck boards, and mobile fire pits.

### SLF Quarantine

A quarantine is in place on counties in states known to have a SLF infestation—Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland. The quarantine restricts the movement of goods and outdoor products. For a list of quarantine counties within these states, please visit [agriculture.ny.gov/spottedlanternfly](https://agriculture.ny.gov/spottedlanternfly).

If you transport goods across state lines, here's what you need to know.

### Transporting Goods from Quarantine Areas

Companies transporting goods from quarantine areas should remember the following:

- A certificate of inspection or permit is required. These will be checked by the appropriate New York State agencies.
- Trucks must be inspected before they leave the quarantine area, and when they arrive to their destination. If SLF are found, report it to [spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov).

### Transporting Goods to Quarantine Areas

Companies transporting goods to a quarantine area should remember the following:

- Avoid stopping within quarantine areas other than for deliveries, emergencies, fueling, and when necessary due to traffic.
- Trucks must be inspected prior to leaving the quarantine area and should be inspected again upon return.
  - Complete an inspection certificate from the state department of agriculture from the originating state for that load/truck. Present both the checklist and a copy of your SLF permit to regulatory staff for inspection when requested.
  - If SLF are found in New York, report it to [spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov).
- If applicable, you may also need to:
  - Obtain a nursery certificate/permit from a licensed nursery for nursery stock.
  - Obtain an inspection certificate or permit for Christmas trees.

### Receiving Goods from Quarantine Areas

Companies receiving landscape or other materials from quarantine areas should:

- Double-check the materials, packaging, and conveyance for SLF adults, juveniles, and eggs.
- Report any findings of SLF, in any life stage, to [spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov).



### SLF Permits, Certificates, and Training

Each state department of agriculture has its own permits. For more information, please visit [agriculture.ny.gov/spottedlanternfly](https://agriculture.ny.gov/spottedlanternfly). The Department will recognize the Pennsylvania permit as valid for items coming from any SLF-regulated areas, regardless of the state of origin. A free two-hour SLF permit training is available at:

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-permit-training>.