



Invasive Species Workday

**July 15th, 2016
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge
340 Smith Road
Shirley, NY 11967**

Celebrate New York State's Invasive Species Awareness Week (July 10-16) by getting your hands dirty! Check out the new Invasive Species display in the Visitor's Center and learn about the effects of invasives on wildlife and their habitats. Then join Refuge staff and volunteers to help stop the invasion of Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*). Volunteers will assist with hand-pulling, cutting and bagging plants for disposal to prevent further spreading.

Provided: Snacks, water, work gloves, insect repellent and other work equipment.

Bring/Wear: Light colored clothing (white or khaki recommended), long pants, long sleeve shirt, sturdy close-toed shoes, long socks, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and lunch/water bottle.
Please be aware that ticks are abundant on the Refuge.

Contact: Please contact our Invasive Species Intern at tori_bryceson@fws.gov or 631-848-7148 for more information and to register if you are interested in assisting with this scheduled workday.

The mission of New York Invasive Species Awareness Week is to promote knowledge and understanding of invasive species, and the harm they can cause by engaging citizens in a wide range of activities across the state, and empowering them to take action to stop the invasion! For more information please visit

<http://www.nyis.info/blog>

***Registration is required at least two days prior to the workday to have a volunteer count for work planning, equipment, etc.**

****Volunteers must complete a volunteer services agreement; volunteers under age 18 must have parental permission to participate**