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Happy New Year to all the Forest Hero! Volunteers

This is the January edition of the quarterly newsletter for our network. Quarterly newsletters will come out for January, April, July and October 2019. Let me know if there are any resources, news, or events to share in future network newsletters.

Cheers,
Elizabeth Spinney



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Grow Native MA - Evenings w/ Experts

Grow Native Massachusetts hosts a public lecture series at the Cambridge Public Library. These are recorded and posted online, available for free to view. Topics have included native plant adaptations, how cultivars impact pollinators, and native plant gardening. [Watch the recorded presentations](#)



NY Dept. Env. Cons. Educator resources

Interested in doing a project with schools? Here is a list of K-12 Educator Resources focused on teaching about invasive species.

[Visit the website to view resources](#)



FEMC Conference proceedings

The Forest Ecosystem Monitoring Cooperative held a conference in December, and most



sessions and presentations are available for viewing on their website. There was a track that focused on Forest Health, and included presentations on invasive plants.

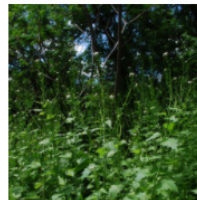
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News

UMass Amherst: The Dirt on Managing for Garlic Mustard

Here's a long read for a cold Saturday morning. [Grab a warm cup of coffee and check out these new management recommendations.](#)



VPR - 18 Things that Made VT Smile includes invasive plant removal

At our training in October, we heard from volunteer John M. that a great effort had sprung forth in his town to tackle wild parsnip. VPR Year in Review recalls that great work of Monkton residents. And John M. even gets a mention and photo credit in the original article! [Read more about the year in review and the Monkton project.](#)



Collaboration Corner: Buckthorn and missing birds....

A forum has been set up as a way to spur discussion and sharing between network volunteers. A few items of discussion have been started, including a case study on buckthorn, and an inquiry about whether invasive species are having an impact to winter feeder birds! This forum is for network volunteers and support staff only. If you are interested in participating, [contact Elizabeth](#) and she'll share the direct link.



Events

Time to set up meetings to discuss 2019 volunteer projects

Elizabeth is available for brainstorming sessions, discussions of logistics, or any other form of preparation you may need to give your volunteer projects' "wings" (err, leaves? roots?). [Contact Elizabeth](#) to set up a meeting in person, or over the phone. No rush, but if you feel like you could use some inspiration, sooner is better.



Still looking for volunteers

Talk at the Waterbury Library in collaboration with Master Gardeners and A River Runs Through It

Wednesday April 3rd, 6:30pm-8:00pm
A Discussion on Invasive Plants

[Contact Elizabeth](#) for more details, chance to tailor this presentation to your interests. This could count as your community outreach event, though it could just be a chance to practice!



Spread the Word, Not the Plant

New Recruits for Spring 2019



If you know of anyone that may be interested in participating in the Spring 2019 Forest Hero! training (just like yours!), [have them watch this website for the latest news](#). Tentative Date April 6th (Saturday), in Rutland, VT.



Save the Date: Forest Hero! Plant ID and Control Workshop

The plant ID and control workshop will be held June 1st, 2019, location TBD (most likely Castleton). A follow-up advertisement for the event will be sent out to the network in the coming months with instructions for signing up. This will be the first workshop of the year, and will include participants from the inaugural and second class of the Forest Hero! training, and Coverts Cooperators.



VT Coverts still taking applications for 2019 training dates

May 17 – 19
September 6 – 8
Annual Meeting September 7th



To learn more about this training opportunity, and this Forest Hero! Network partner, [check out their website](#).



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