

Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop: Developing a Rapid Response Plan for Ohio

The introduction and spread of non-native aquatic invasive species (AIS) is a serious environmental problem that confronts Ohio along with the other Great Lakes states in the region. Great Lakes aquatic invasions, a constant since the 1800s, cause devastating impacts to Ohio's ecological and economic health. Effective AIS management requires a timely response to new aquatic invasions, allowing for the implementation of appropriate eradication and/or control measures. A "rapid response" strategy for newly discovered aquatic invasions is urgently needed to prevent and/or slow the spread of these introduced populations and mitigate associated impacts.

The Ohio Sea Grant College Program, ODNR Division of Wildlife, and the Great Lakes Commission **invite you to attend a workshop to lay the groundwork for developing a rapid response plan for Ohio.** At this workshop, we will provide an overview of aquatic invasive species issues as they relate to rapid response planning and describe current efforts in Ohio and the Great Lakes region to address rapid response. Participants will then have the opportunity to provide ideas for developing a rapid response plan for Ohio. As significant stakeholders, **your input is vital to effectively address this issue.** We hope you will attend and contribute your comments and expertise.

Please Join Us: Wednesday, April 18th, 2007; 10:00am – 5:00pm
Lake Erie Nature and Science Center
28728 Wolf Rd.
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This workshop is free and lunch will be provided.
We do request that you **please RSVP by April 6, 2007 to:**

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