

***Setting the Road Map:
A Workshop for Developing Pennsylvania's Invasive Species Management Plan***



**October 26, 2005 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and
October 27, 2005 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Hilton Garden Inn, 1221 East College Avenue, State College, Pennsylvania, United States 16801

Who should attend: Members of the Pennsylvania Invasive Species Council, resource managers, policy makers, recreational and commercial user groups, conservation and environmental groups, and others interested in developing a plan to prevent and control the introduction and spread of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species in Pennsylvania.

Why: Each year, invasive species impose significant impacts to the ecological and economic health of Pennsylvania. Zebra mussels have invaded Lake Erie and some inland waters, and kudzu and giant hogweed threaten agricultural lands and natural areas around the Commonwealth. In addition, Pennsylvania's economy and biodiversity are threatened by the potential invasion of emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle as well as other unknown species which could cause significant additional damage.

Coordination of management activities, with an emphasis on prevention, early detection, and rapid response, will increase the effectiveness of tackling our invasive species problems. A coordinated management plan will also help leverage federal funding. The workshop will highlight success stories, and identify gaps, unmet needs and means to overcome obstacles that impede the prevention and control of invasive species within Pennsylvania. This workshop will support the goals of Executive Order 2004-1 to develop and implement a comprehensive invasive species management plan for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Registration: This workshop is free, however pre-registration is required. The registration deadline is Tuesday, October 11, 2005. Please email, mail or fax your completed registration form to Sarah Whitney, PA Sea Grant, 1450 Edgmont Ave., Suite 150, Chester, PA 19013, email: swhitney@psu.edu, fax: 206-202-5212. Please contact Sarah Whitney (telephone 610-304-8753) if you have further questions.

Hotel Reservations: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn State College, 1221 East College Avenue, State College, Pennsylvania, United States 16801. Phone: 814-272-1221. The rate is \$89 single or \$99 double, plus tax. The block is reserved under the group name Pennsylvania Sea Grant; rooms will be held until Tuesday, October 4, 2005.

Sponsored By: The workshop is organized by Pennsylvania Sea Grant with planning support from the departments of Agriculture, Environmental Protection, Conservation and Natural Resources, Health, and Transportation, and the Fish and Boat Commission and Game Commission. Funding for the workshop was provided in part by the Great Lakes Commission.

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