

## 2023 LH PRISM Steering Committee: Project Topic Focuses

The Lower Hudson PRISM Steering Committee would especially like to encourage proposals related to (but not limited to) the following for 2023:

- Projects that target restoration, recovery and revegetation at sites impacted by invasive species, particularly forest pests and areas impacted by beech leaf disease
- Pilot projects that incorporate approved biocontrol methods into invasive species management (must have plans to fund continued work in subsequent years for continued monitoring)
- Projects that target high priority aquatic invasive species in inland lakes and waterbodies (note that these aquatic projects must operate independently of the Aquatic Invasives Strike Force Crew in 2023)
- Supporting student internships focused on the management of invasive species. Projects which focus on recruiting members of groups underrepresented in the environmental field are encouraged
- Projects that link invasive species management activities to protection of rare, threatened or endangered species and restoration of native critical habitat for those species
- Projects that implement chemical and non-chemical methods for Tier 2 species control (see Species Categorization/Tier document updated in January 2023 for both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species)  
<https://www.lhprism.org/document/species-categorization-priorities>
- Educational programs to municipal planners and DOT with messages encouraging detection and ways to mitigate spread

Applications involving survey, control or restoration must include provisions for uploading applicable data to iMapInvasives (<http://www.nyimapinvasives.org/>) and collection of voucher specimens for deposit at New York Botanical Garden, when appropriate.