

## 2024 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 2024:

- Projects that target restoration, recovery and revegetation at sites impacted by invasive species, particularly forest pests and pathogens.
- 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 target high priority aquatic invasive species in inland lakes and waterbodies (note that these aquatic projects must operate independently of the former Aquatic Invasives Strike Force Crew in 2024)
- 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 implement chemical and non-chemical methods for Tier 2 species control and/or biocontrol methods for more established forest pests. Please refer to [New York State Invasive Species Tiers - New York Natural Heritage Program](#) for most current Tiers. Make sure to filter by Lower Hudson PRISM geography for appropriate regional tier.
  - <https://www.nynhp.org/invasives/species-tiers-table/>
- Education and outreach programs to municipal planners, public works, nurseries, town and county parks staff, and/or to those in transportation and utility sectors with messages encouraging detection and ways to mitigate spread
- Development of updated summary best management practice documents and guides that supplement current inventory on LH PRISM's website

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