

2026 LH PRISM Steering Committee: Project Focus Ideas

The Lower Hudson PRISM Steering Committee would especially like to encourage proposals related to (but not limited to) the following for 2026:

- Projects that implement chemical and non-chemical methods for Tier 2 species control as well as projects that implement biocontrol and other innovative management methods to expand capacity for more established invasive species.
-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.
- Projects that target restoration, recovery and revegetation at sites impacted by invasive species, particularly invasive forest pests and pathogens.
-Special consideration to those projects that factor in herbivory control measures and local seed/ecotype sourcing into the project planning and implementation process.
- Projects that link invasive species management activities to protection of rare, threatened or endangered species and the restoration of critical native habitat for those species.
- Purchasing and installing invasive species prevention awareness signage and decontamination stations such as bootbrush stations at strategic locations.
- 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 2026).
- Supporting student internships focused on the management of invasive species. Projects that focus on recruiting members of groups underrepresented in the environmental field are encouraged.
- Projects that incorporate advanced techniques such as eDNA, remote sensing, or innovative community science that help build the region's early detection survey and monitoring capacity and repertoire.
-Survey, monitoring and predictive habitat suitability modeling projects that build capacity to identify Tier 2 and Tier M species regionally are also encouraged.
- Education and outreach programs to municipal planners, homeowner's associations, 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 of invasive species and promote native species restoration and recovery.

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.