## Invasive Species Preparedness

- 1. Venue for reviewing and prioritizing threats and responses
- 2. Networking for protocols, best practices
- 3. Data exchange with existing field programs for earliest warning
- 4. Field monitoring in priority habitats
- 5. Info technology resources for assessing and disseminating info
- 6. System for "vouchering" (identifying and archiving) specimens
- 7. Rapid response plan
- 8. Working knowledge of legal and regulatory tools
- 9. Collaboration with industry/trade concerns
- 10. Public education and outreach

# Invasive Species Preparedness

Community-based Rapid Response

Water Chestnut



# **Invasive Species Preparedness**

**Networking and Coordination** 





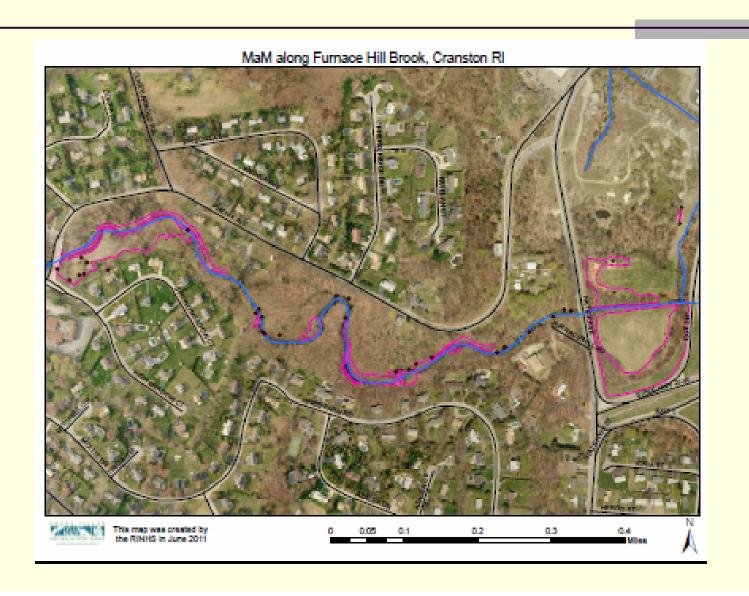
# **Invasive Species Preparedness**

**Public Outreach and Education** 





## **Mile-A-Minute Sites in Cranston**



# Sites at E. Greenwich Highschool

By the parking lot and skate park

Along the power line on both sides of the drive







# **Block Island**

The first location at which Mile-A-Minute was found in RI and by far the worst infestation.

# **Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust**

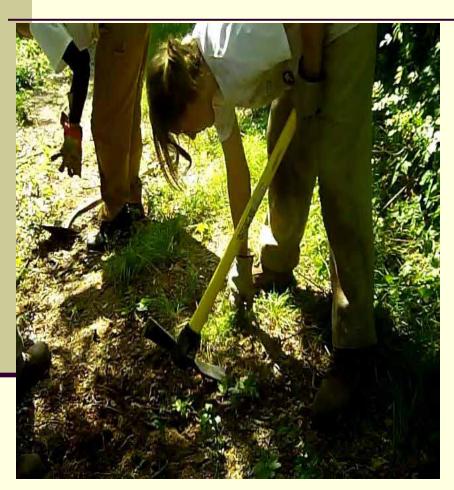


# **East Greenwich Land Trust**





# **Foster Land Trust**





# **Audubon Society of RI**





# **Narrow River Land Trust**





## RI Youth Conservation League (YCL)

- Started in 2010 with Stimulus Funds
- Focus on Conservation Land Stewardship
- •Engage Communities in Conservation
- Youth Employment
- Job Training/Career Modeling
- Leadership and Team Building
- Civics/Giving



# RI Youth Conservation League (YCL)

#### Key Elements:

- Pay
- Community Connections
- Diversity
- Professional Involvement



# RI Youth Conservation League (YCL)

The Future...

#### Thanks to:













## Legal Issues with Trail Cameras

Cooperation with LTA and RI AG Recommendations Coming This Summer Equipment Loans

