



Capital Region Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management

Boot Brush Station Program

Program Purpose

Boot brush stations are a great way to increase awareness and prevent the spread of invasive species in recreational and natural areas. The stations serve to educate the public on the impact of invasive species and help demonstrate the steps a participant can take to keep their environment free of undesirable invasive species. Boot brush stations are strategically placed in high traffic areas which help encourage the public to act and remove mud, dirt, seeds, and other invasive plant fragments from their clothing and gear.

If you are a group or entity seeking to prevent the spread of invasive species with an awareness sign and would like assistance with funding to design and install a station, please complete the following application and contact the Capital Region Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (CR-PRISM).

About the Program

The Capital Region PRISM has a dedicated but limited source of funding to help those interested across the region through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process to fund the purchase of a PlayCleanGo Boot Brush Station kit or construct a personalized sign. Templates are available for review and use through the PRISM. The Boot Brush Station Program exists to help improve invasive species awareness and prevention measures that the public can adopt when entering or exiting natural areas.

Applications

Applicants should submit a single page typed document requesting services that describe the following:

1. Project manager and contact information.
2. A proposed property and trailhead for the sign, Include a photo of the area as an attachment. Please include a physical address and GPS coordinates for the proposed installation location.
3. A brief description of why you'd like a boot brush at this location and targeted audience reached.
4. A primary species to highlight along with three additional species to potentially include depending on sign format.
5. Property and/or municipal owner permissions.
6. Please include a quick quote by line of supplies, materials, and other fees as appropriate.
7. Anticipated date of installation (All projects must be completed by November 1st)





Eligibility and Requirements

- Participants must be located within the [CR-PRISM](#) boundary.
- Participants must recognize the Capital Region PRISM and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation on the sign with an acknowledgment statement and appropriate logos.
- Application Deadline April 1st
- CR-PRISM does not work on private residential properties.
- Products will be reviewed and proofed by the CR-PRISM staff prior to final production.
- The PRISM requires final photo proof of fully installed boot brush stations.
- The CR-PRISM is not obligated or required to fund all requests. Applicants must demonstrate the need and capacity to complete a boot brush project.
- The boot brush station program is a cost reimbursement contract and is good for one year.

Other Notes

The best species to highlight are the ones that are the most likely to be encountered by visitors to your property and spread via seeds and other boot-borne propagules. When appropriate, invasive forest pest and aquatic invasive species can also be included.

Suggestions for Species Highlights

- Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*)
- Burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*)
- Asian bush honeysuckles (*Lonicera* spp.)
- Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
- Japanese Knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*)
- Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)
- Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*)

The CR-PRISM

The PRISM works within a network of participants to promote prevention, education, and outreach strategies, create detection and management networks, and execute best management practices for invasive species control, including post-treatment monitoring and restoration actions. To promote regional cohesiveness and reduce the spread and impact of invasive species, CR-PRISM collaborates with several dozen entities across the region. All are welcome, for more information check out our [Invite and Acknowledgement](#) on our website.

The PRISM is a not-for-profit quasi-governmental agency hosted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County that strategically operates across [eleven counties](#), and is financially supported by the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC). The CR-PRISM is one of eight such Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management throughout New York State.

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