

Help Protect Our Rivers from Invasive Species!

Training Offered July 23 from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Riverview Town Hall in Oconto county.

The Wisconsin Department of natural Resources will host a classroom training to teach citizens how to monitor for invasive species in rivers. Paddlers, anglers, water quality monitors, shoreline owners, and river enthusiasts are encouraged to attend.

The River Alliance of Wisconsin's Project RED (riverine early detectors) is a monitoring program that trains citizens to identify and report 16 invasive species within river corridors statewide. During the free training, the River Alliance will teach you to monitor your river by canoe, kayak, or on foot for 16 species of concern. They will help you choose locations and a monitoring schedule that are convenient to you and your volunteers. The River Alliance will also provide you with online data management tools available from the Wisconsin DNR that help you report your findings. The protocols are easy and fun. In addition, you can use this activity to become more familiar with your river or stream and to engage your friends and neighbors!

The 16 species of concern are purple loosestrife, Japanese knotweed, Japanese hops, phragmites, flowering rush, hydrilla, curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian water milfoil, yellow floating heart, Brazilian waterweed, didymo, zebra mussel, quagga mussel, New Zealand mudsnail, faucet snails, and Louisiana red swamp crayfish..

To learn more about invasive species in our river corridors and how you can help in the fight against invasives, please visit the River Alliance's website: <http://wisconsinrivers.org>.