

## Regional Inlet Invasive Plant Program [www.noknotweed.org](http://www.noknotweed.org)

Inlet and Hamilton County are making great strides in their efforts to control Japanese Knotweed – an invasive plant which threatens the Adirondacks. Yet much remains to be done.

From 2008 to 2014 the Town of Inlet took the lead, and starting 2015, Elizabeth Mangle from the **Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District** (HCSWCD) is coordinating efforts. There are more than a dozen volunteer coordinators across the Adirondacks helping identify sites, collecting permission forms, and fund raising. The **Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program** (APIPP) helps coordinate region-wide efforts.

Since 2008, over 200,000 knotweed canes have been injected and over 200,000 additional plants sprayed with herbicide (glyphosate) in more than 200 sites across the Adirondacks, including in Arietta, Blue Mountain Lake, Bolton Landing, Chestertown, Cranberry Lake, Eagle Bay, Inlet, Johnsburg, Lake Garnet, Lake Piseco, Lake Placid, Long Lake, North Creek, North River, Saranac Lake, Star Lake, Town of Webb, Tupper Lake, and Warrensburg. Many sites are near shores, rivers, and streams, which are very important to treat to prevent downstream spread of knotweed. Some sites have no remaining knotweed, and many are close to having the knotweed eradicated.

Japanese knotweed forms dense thickets of thick bamboo-like hollow stems, with mature heights over 10 feet and an extensive network of underground roots. The leaves are somewhat heart-shaped with white lacy flow clusters that form in August. We recommend not cutting knotweed after June 1st so there is enough growth to allow effective herbicide application. Digging the plant/roots is not recommended since tiny root fragments can start new plants. Treatment with herbicide (glyphosate) done properly is very effective.

Everyone benefits from controlling invasive plants in the Adirondacks. There is no cost to property owners for the herbicide application, though tax-deductible donations are essential for these efforts to continue. Check out our website [www.noknotweed.org](http://www.noknotweed.org) for further information. If you are a property owner and think you have knotweed on your property, contact your invasive plant coordinator.

Please make donations payable to: **Hamilton County SWCD - RIIPP**, and mail to: HCSWCD PO Box 166, 103 Country View Drive Lake Pleasant, NY 12108 with your name, phone, address, and email.

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