



## Mapping for Healthy Forests Volunteer and Make a Difference

**Our forests and natural areas are under threat from invasive plant species.**

**We're mobilizing our forces to fight and eliminate these damaging plants and we need your help!**

### **We're looking for:**

- 4 **or more** individuals for a volunteer project
- for 3-4 hours in 2016

### **Volunteers from your group will:**

- enjoy time outside on nearby Town/State land or roads
- help with a critical conservation effort: mapping the location of invasive plants
- learn invasive plant ID and how to use their mobile devices or gps to map invasive plants
- skills they can use at home or in their community
- work to restore and protect our Vermont lands

### **We will:**

- provide protective gear, guidance, and a staff person
- teach any skills volunteers will need
- provide letters documenting community service hours for any participants desiring them

### **These programs:**

- provide an easy, supported, and economical way to serve in your community
- are trainings, but will also collect real information to be used in local and state mapping projects, so volunteers are contributing immediately to conservation efforts!
- publicize your group's efforts within your community via traditional and social media
- are tailored to your group's needs

Organizations, families, friends, and neighbors are welcomed.

Please join us for fun and rewarding work. Contact the Invasive Plant Coordinator at [elizabeth.spinney@state.vt.us](mailto:elizabeth.spinney@state.vt.us) or (802) 477-2134 to set up your program or to learn more.

**We look forward to working with your group on this important effort.**

Thank you sincerely,

*Elizabeth Spinney*

**Vermont Department of Forests Parks & Recreation**

