

**Position:** *Invasive Species Management Volunteer*

**Purpose:** To monitor and manage invasive plant species in order to protect the native plant and animal species that make up our natural ecosystem. Species of concern in the area include Japanese Knotweed, Oriental Bittersweet, Purple Loosestrife, and Autumn Olive, among others.

**Responsibilities:** Volunteer duties may vary depending on your interest and desired level of involvement. Duties may include:

- Monitoring and recording invasive species concentration in areas of concern
- Occasional cutting and clearing of manageable invasive plant concentrations
- If properly licensed in herbicide application, volunteer may be asked to assist with herbicide management techniques

**Qualifications:**

- The desire and motivation to protect the native species and natural habitat of RI's environment
- The initiative and flexibility to work independently
- Some plant management/removal projects may require a moderate amount of physical exertion

**Time Commitment:** The time commitment is very flexible. Certain removal and management processes are season specific, and volunteers will be informed on the best time of year to work on these projects. Some group management projects will be offered for those interested. Individual monitoring and management can be completed as fitting with your schedule.

**Training:** We will provide an individual or group training to cover identification of invasive plants and management/removal processes. Additional trainings may be offered throughout your service.

**Supervision:** Due to the independent nature of the projects, supervision will mainly be off site once the volunteer is comfortable with the project, but the volunteer manager and staff will be available via phone and email to answer questions.