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Invasive Species in New York State

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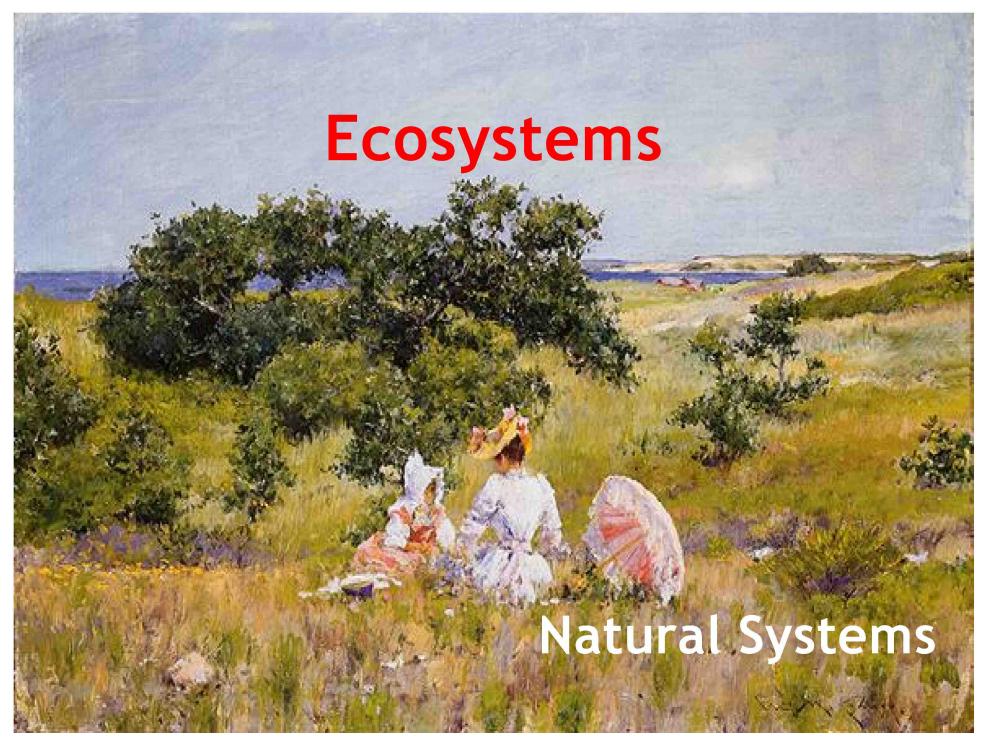
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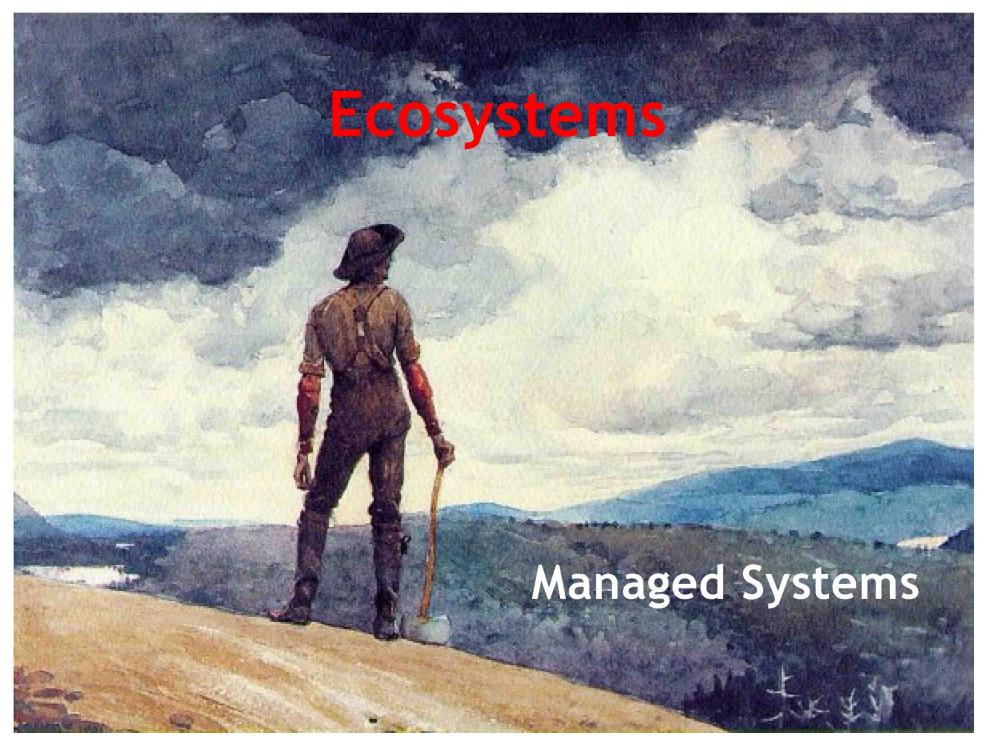
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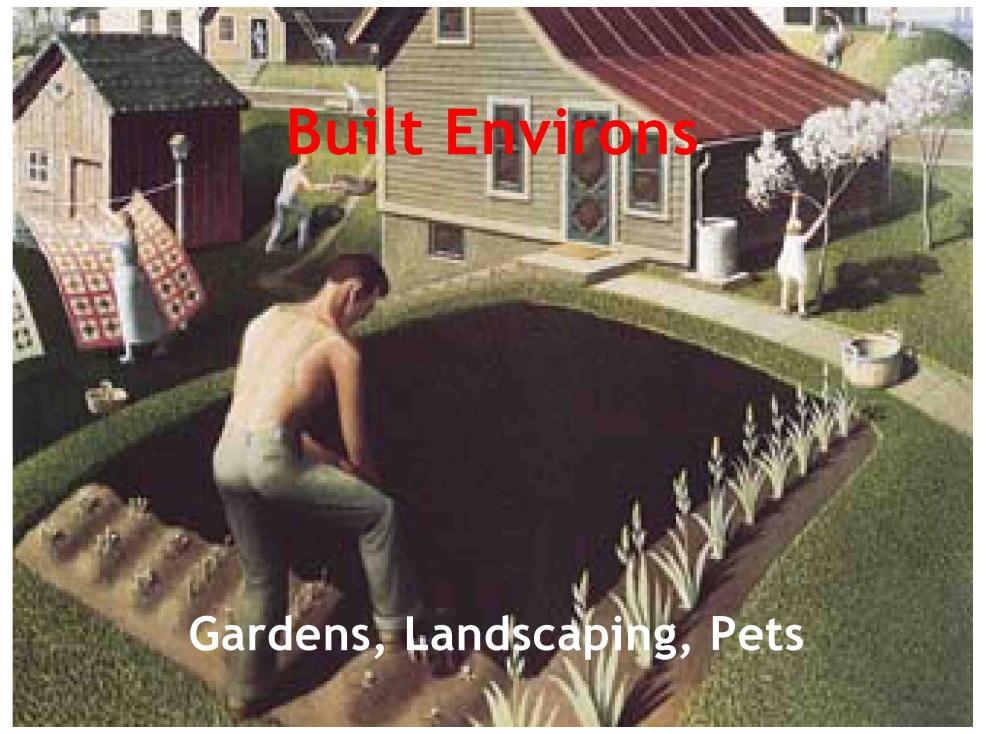
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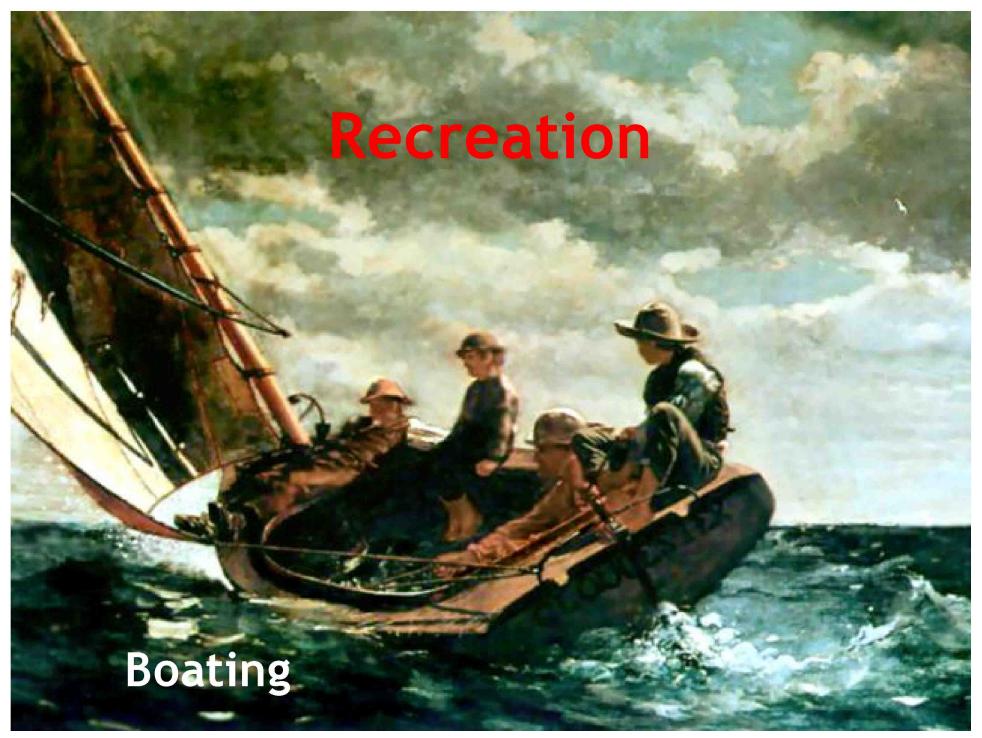
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What (was) the IS Task Force?

Laws of New York, 2003 Chapter 324

Government agencies

Conservation organizations

Trade groups

Academia



ISTF Report

2004										2005										
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New York invasions since ISTF established in 2004...

European Crane Fly Southern Bacterial Wilt Swede Midge **Brown Fir Longhorn Beetle Chronic Wasting Disease European Wood Wasp** Northern Snakehead Fish **Bloody Red Shrimp** Chinese Mitten Crab Didymo Oak Wilt ...next ???

Good News

Most of the Task Force recommendations are being implemented with EPF funding...

...equipping NYS agencies and partners to meet IS challenges.

Strategic Elements

Coordination

Prevention

Education

Early detection

Rapid response

Control or management

Research

Overarching Principles

Deliver program primarily through partners

Allocate EPF resources primarily to partners

NYSISC and Advisory Committee

NYSIS Council supported by NYS staff

Regional Partnerships

PRISMs - partnerships for regional invasive species management

Critical means of delivering IS programs throughout NYS



Core Functions

Coordination (among partners)

Volunteers (recruit & train)

Education (identify & meet needs)

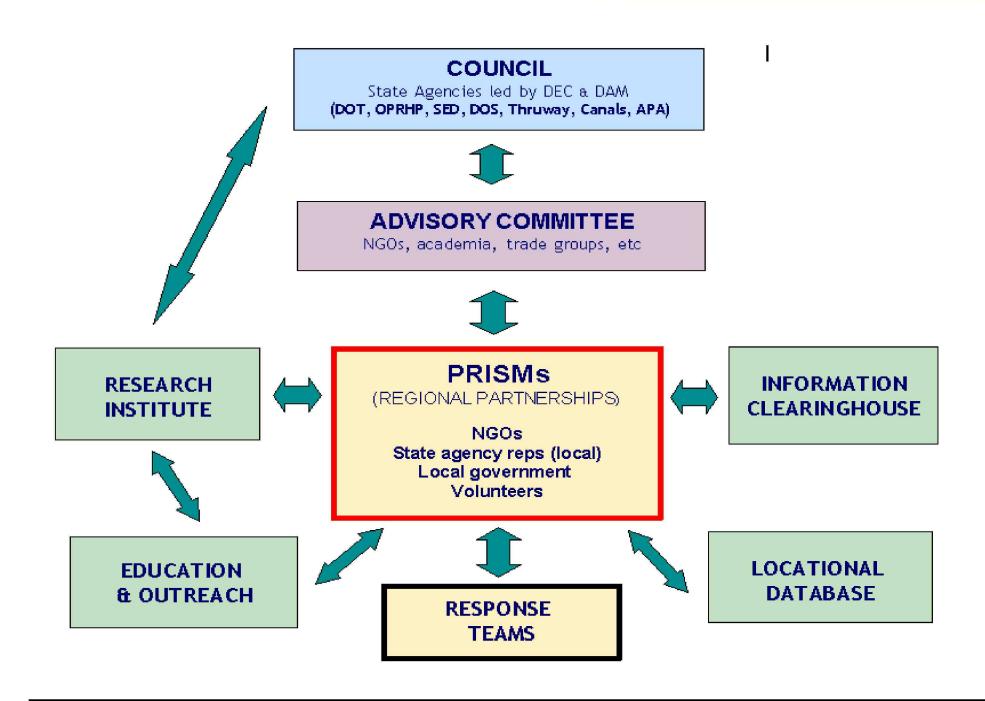
Early Detection (monitoring network)

Rapid Response (pilots)

Eradication (implement projects)

Research (citizen science)

Planning (integrate existing plans)



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Establish a permanent leadership structure to coordinate IS efforts.

Federal model

What are NYISC & NYSISAC?

Laws of New York, 2008 Chapter 26

ECL Article 9, Title 17

New Structure

Council

(9 agency reps)

Advisory
Committee
(25 groups)

Office of Coordination

(4 agency staff)

Council Members

DEC & DAM (co-leaders)

Education
Parks
State
State
Transportation
Thruway
Canals
APA

New York invasions since IS Council established in 2008...

Asian Clam (Champlain Canal)
Chinese Mitten Crab (Hudson River tribs)
Northern Snakehead Fish (Orange Co.)
Hydrilla (Orange Co. + Suffolk Co.)
Oak Wilt (Schenectady County)
Kudzu (Rockland County)
Spiny Waterflea (Great Sacandaga Lake)

Emerald Ash Borer? Asian Swamp Eel?

Advisory Committee

Broad stakeholder representation

Most slots ID'd in statute

Meeting Fall 2008

Core Functions (NYSISC, NYSISAC, Office of Coordination)

Coordinate with all stakeholders
Communicate (Governor & Legislature)
Identify program needs
Identify resource needs
Develop programs
Pursue resources
Implement Title 17

2

Prepare and implement a comprehensive

IS management plan.

Contract

Plan Outline

Roles

Responsibilities

Authorities

Resources

Integration

Gaps

Strategies

3

Allocate appropriate resources to invasive species efforts.

SFY 05-06 \$ 1.0 M AtL SFY 06-07 \$ 3.25 M EPF SFY 07-08 \$ 5.0 M EPF SFY 08-09 - \$ 5.0 M EPF

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Establish a comprehensive education and outreach effort.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Outreach & Education

Identify needs Catalog what's available Develop new materials Develop new training Deliver training Coordinate with PRISMs Integrate with Research Institute Integrate with Clearinghouse

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Integrate databases and information clearinghouses.

Natural Heritage Program
Sea Grant

Locational Database

The invasive "map" for NYS

Available on www

GIS for all species

Link to others

Identify/meet needs

Integrate with Clearinghouse

Information Clearinghouse

The invasive "library" for NYS
Available on www
Info about all species
Link to others
Identify/meet needs
Integrate with Database

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Convene a regular invasive species conference.

Invasive Plant Council - February 2007

American Wildlife Conservation Foundation - March 2007

Northeast Natural History Conference - April 2008

BIENNIAL SUMMIT - 2009

- # 7 Formalize NYS IS policy and practices.
- # 9 Coordinate and streamline regulatory processes.

New Office

Four-tier System

Report by January 2010

- ~ List of **prohibited** species
- ~ List of regulated species
- ~ List of unregulated species
- Procedure for the review of "new" species

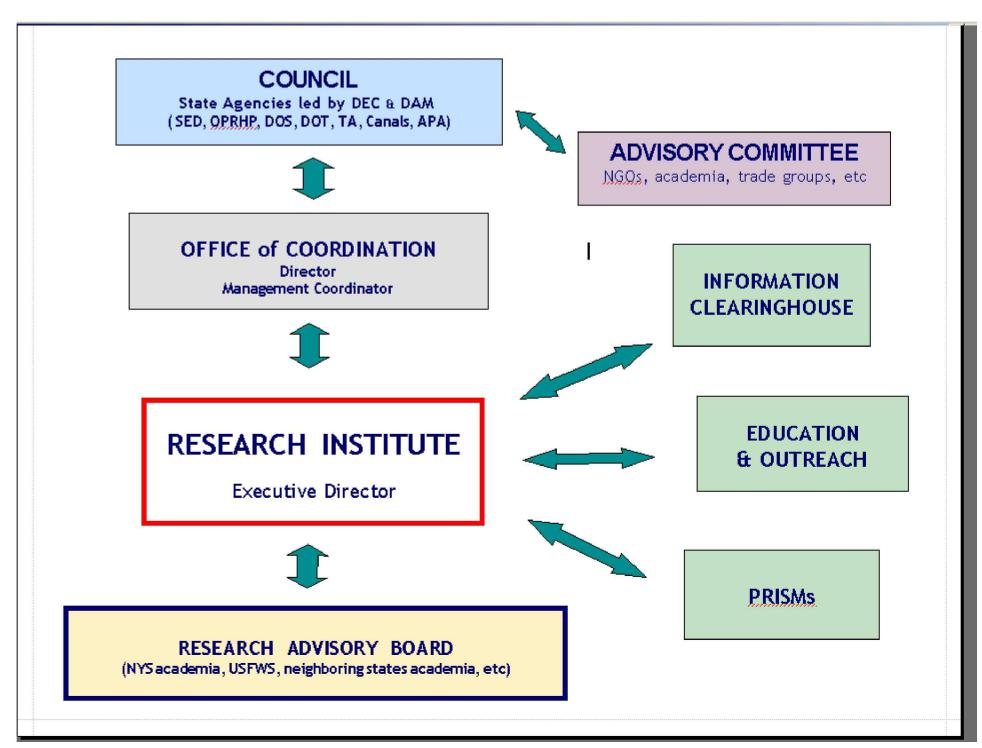
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Establish the Invasive Species Research Institute

Cornell University

Research Coordination

Establish IS Research Advisory Board Catalog existing research Identify research needs Prioritize research needs Identify researchers Catalog available funding Recommend research priorities to NYSISC Track progress/report to NYSISC





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Applied Research

Supplement NYSDOT research funds to complete *Phragmites* biocontrol

Priority based on existing information

Future priorities guided by Council and Institute

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Encourage non-regulatory approaches to prevention.

Clean Stock Pilot Green Certification



Clean Stock Pilot

NYS Ag Experiment Station (Geneva)

Virus-free before propagation or distribution

Grapes, small fruits (Currants), tree fruits

Protocol for voluntary self-certification

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Influence Federal actions to support invasive species prevention, eradication and control.

New Office

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Recognize and fund demonstration projects.

PRISMs

Eradication Grants

\$ 1 million for Grants

- Eradication only
- Aquatic and Terrestrial species
- \$ 100,000 cap, 1:1 match
- Municipalities, NFPs, agencies
- Aquatics awarded Fall 2007
- Terrestrial announced Fall 2008

First Priorities

OISC Staffing
Advisory Committee (NYS + Fed)
Implementing Recommendations
Comprehensive Plan
"4-Tier" List Process
Ballast Water legislation
Rapid Response Framework

Think pathways!

Bait,
Boats,
Boots
(and Ballast Water)



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