

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES IN OUR COMMUNITY?

WHAT ARE INVASIVE SPECIES?

Species become invasive when they are introduced to an area outside their native range and are free from natural competitors and predators, allowing them to proliferate and persist to the detriment of native species.

WHY ARE INVASIVE PLANTS A PROBLEM?

Invasive plants can cause widespread harm by out-competing native plants, increasing erosion along stream banks, clogging streams and waterways, and providing less nutritious food and insufficient cover for wildlife. Because invasive species are free of natural restraints they are able to quickly establish themselves in new areas, to grow and spread rapidly, and to choke out native species.

INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP – Sat. May 16th – 10am-11:45am Underhill Town Hall

**Sponsored by the Underhill Conservation Commission
No Charge / Lunch provided**

A focus on terrestrial plants which will include a summary of the biggest threats in Underhill, what the problem is, how to identify, prevent and control them. There will also be a presentation on invasive insects.

SCHEDULE

10:00-10:05 am – Welcome - introductions

10:05-11:15 am – Invasive Terrestrial Plants – Keith Thompson

11:15-11:45 am – Invasive Insects – Dan Steinbauer

Noon-1pm – Lunch – provided by the Underhill Conservation Commission

1:15 – 3:00 pm – Work Project – off-site – TBD (optional)

Keith Thompson – Chittenden County Forester
VT Dept. Forest, Parks, and Recreation

Dan Steinbauer – Underhill Conservation Commission

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