

DESCRIPTION

Invasive plant species are non-native plants that have spread into our native fields, forests, and wetlands, as well as, along our roadsides. These problematic plants can spread rapidly, are difficult to remove or control, can cause costly roadside maintenance issues, and compromise driver safety by impairing visibility.

Come to this workshop to learn how to improve your management results and cut costs. You'll learn to identify the most common roadside invasive species, see best management practices for both control and prevention, and discuss the issues associated with vegetation management plans on rights-of-way. Following a morning presentation and lunch, a nearby field trip will provide an opportunity to identify several plants firsthand and discuss control techniques (**lunch/field trip at Chester location only**). The field trip will happen rain or shine, so please dress accordingly.

SPEAKERS

George Batchelor

George is Supervisor of the MassDOT Highway Division Landscape Design Section. His work has included landscape design and design review of road and bridge projects throughout the Commonwealth. Projects have ranged from urban design to landscape restoration, enhancement and beautification initiatives, wetland mitigation, and roadside maintenance.

Randall Probstak

Randy has been a UMass Extension Specialist since 2000 where he specializes in weed management. He is a member of the UMass Extension Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Team and is an active contributor to the Crop Dairy Livestock Equine, Turf, Floriculture and Pesticide Education Extension Programs. He currently serves on the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group and is an active member of the Northeastern Weed Science Society and Weed Science Society of America.

This course counts towards 1 Roads
Scholar Credit/0.3 CEUs



INVASIVE PLANTS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO CONTROL PLANTS AND IMPROVE SAFETY



May 3, 2011	Chester
May 4, 2011	Greenfield
May 10, 2011	Sturbridge
May 11, 2011	Concord
May 25, 2011	Taunton
May 26, 2011	Falmouth



This Baystate Roads Program (LTAP) workshop is a cooperative effort of the Federal Highway Administration, Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the University of Massachusetts Transportation Center.

INVASIVE PLANTS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

Agenda	
8:00 AM	Breakfast/Registration
8:30 AM	Course Introduction/Objectives
8:40 AM	The invasive plant problem and regulation of species in MA
9:20 AM	Common invasive plants found in ROWs
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Invasive plant management: Best management practices
10:45 AM	ROW vegetation management plans and permitting
11:15 AM	Questions and Discussion
11:45 AM	Evaluations and Certificates
--please note--	Adjourn for all locations except Chester at this time!!
12:00 PM	Lunch and Travel to Field Site*
	(*Chester Location Only!!)
1:00 PM	Field Visit Portion (Optional)**
	(**Chester Location Only!!)
3:30 PM	Adjourn

Workshops Coming Soon!!!

- Chainsaw Skills/Storm Debris Cleanup
- Bridge Inspection Reports
- Stormwater BMPs

Who Should Attend

- Highway Supervisors, road maintenance personnel or other professionals interested in learning about the prevention, control and management of invasive plants on roadsides and rights-of-way.

<i>INVASIVE PLANTS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE</i>	
May 3, 2011	
<i>Chester Railway Station (100 person max)</i>	
<i>10 Prospect Street, Chester, MA</i>	
May 4 , 2011	
<i>Green Fields Market (30 person max)</i>	
<i>144 Main Street, Greenfield, MA 01301</i>	
May 10 , 2011	
<i>Publick House (40 person max)</i>	
<i>277 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01605</i>	
May 11 , 2011	
<i>Concord's Colonial Inn (50 person max)</i>	
<i>48 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742</i>	
May 25 , 2011	
<i>The Taunton Inn (50 person max)</i>	
<i>700 Myles Standish Blvd, Taunton, MA 02780</i>	
May 26 , 2011	
<i>The Coonamessett Inn (60 person max)</i>	
<i>311 Gifford Street, Falmouth, MA 02540</i>	

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PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT AFTER REGISTERING ONLINE

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NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN OR CITY & ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Dates Requested: _____

Location (city/town): _____

REGISTRATION FEE

\$25.00/municipal, \$40.00 private sector
(\$50 for Chester Location with Lunch)
Light breakfast, (lunch in Chester only)
and Course Materials are Included

Make checks payable to:

The University of Massachusetts

Call us if you have a special request or concern (413)545-5403

Cash or checks are accepted upon arrival.

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE! www.mass.gov/baystateroads
or Fax to (413)545-6471

SEND TO: Chris Ahmadian, Baystate Roads Program UMTG,
214 Marston Hall, 130 Natural Resources Rd, Amherst, MA 01003

Canellations must be received 4 days prior to the workshop or you will be invoiced.