



CRISP Engagement Policy  
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Objective:

The top priorities for CRISP program efforts will be in the areas of education, prevention and early detection. The Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership will engage in active management of invasive species based on criteria that consider the potential negative impacts of the invasive species and a clear definition of a successful outcome.

Before engaging in eradication or control efforts CRISP will:

- Review available data, and conduct a comprehensive inventory if necessary, to determine the size and scope of the invasive species population and distribution within CRISP.
- Utilize the Invasive Plant Management Decision Analysis Tool (<http://www.ipmdat.org/>) to determine the feasibility of the project, appropriate control strategy, and outcome
- Determine if areas adjoining CRISP have committed to keeping the species under adequate control
- Consider the sustainability of funding sources to ensure that resources will be available for long term success
- Ensure the vectors for reintroduction and conditions for additional spread are adequately addressed
- Determine that the control techniques used can result in eradication within a reasonable timeframe
- Conduct an assessment of the negative impacts from control measures.
- Conduct an assessment of the consequences of a decision not to engage