

**2025 Regional Conference  
Updates in Invasive Management  
and Research**

October 20 - 21, 2025

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden | Richmond, Virginia



**Schedule of Events**

<b>Monday, October 20, 2025</b>		
<b>9:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Norris Muth</b> MAIPC President	Welcome & Introduction
<b>9:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Jeremy French</b> Southern Grassland Institute	Uplifting Grassland Conservation in 40 Eastern National Parks
<b>9:55 a.m.</b> (20 min)	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Ryan McClean</b> NY-NJ Trail Conference	Managing EDRR species across boundaries - NY case study: a community approach
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Deah Lieurance</b> Pennsylvania State University	Evidence-based tools for invasive species prevention and management to protect Pennsylvania's ecological and economic future
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Eric Pratt</b> Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Virginia pesticide applicator regulatory updates
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sandwich Lunch Buffet</b>	
	<p>The Garden and Greek Salad are both gluten and dairy-free. Portobello Wrap is vegan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greek Salad</li> <li>• Caprese Sandwich</li> <li>• Smoked Turkey</li> <li>• Garden Salad</li> <li>• Fruit Salad</li> <li>• Chips + Cookies</li> <li>• Iced Water + Coffee + Tea</li> </ul>	

<b>Monday, October 20, 2025 (continued)</b>		
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Jim Hurley, Lauren Taylor, &amp; Rod Walker</b> Blue Ridge PRISM	PRISM's formation history and how you can start a PRISM as a fiscally sponsored project. Origin story of the 12/23 Future Search Workshop, and what inspired that Future Search. VIPC now, and PRISM's role in managing VIPC. Q&A Panel
<b>2:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Hallie Harriman</b> Invasive Species Collaborative at Virginia Tech	Growing Together: The Past, Present, and Future of the Invasive Species Collaborative at Virginia Tech
<b>2:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Patricia Greenberg</b> Fairfax County Park Authority	Volunteer use of herbicide to control invasive species -SOPs
<b>3:10 p.m.</b> (20 min)	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>State Briefs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Rohrbaugh (PA),</li> <li>• Michelle Fonda (WV),</li> <li>• Lauren Taylor (VA),</li> <li>• Damien Ossi (DC),</li> <li>• Judy Fulton (MD, DE, NJ)</li> </ul>	Updates on invasive plant and invasive species regulations, actions, and changes to state agencies. (approximately 10 mins each)
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Adjourn for Reception</b>	

<b>Tuesday, October 21, 2025</b>		
<b>8:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Norris Muth, Damien Ossi, Nathan Hartshorne</b> MAIPC Business Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates from President, Secretary, and Treasurer.</li> <li>• Board elections</li> </ul>
<b>9:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Matthew Tancos</b> USDA APHIS	Emerging genetic biocontrol technologies for invasive weed management
<b>10:00 a.m.</b> (15 min)	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Jenica Allen</b> UMass Amherst	Invasive plants and climate change (e.g., an overview of the invasive plant-climate change situation or a discussion of available tools)
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Giles Garrison, Josh Stutz</b> James River Park System	Development of a natural resource management plan for the James River Park System. Presentation and panel discussion.

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025 (continued)**

<p><b>11:20 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Film Screening</b>                  Western Pennsylvania                  Conservancy with Great Lakes                  Media &amp; Film</p>	<p><b><u>"Seeing The Unseen: Aquatic Invaders &amp; What's at Stake"</u></b>                  "This film shows how conservation-minded people, groups, and organizations, including the Conservancy, are working on efforts to combat and reduce the threat of invasives in the Lake Erie watershed and nearby region, and provides actions and measures we can all take to slow the spread of invasives entering the watershed."</p>
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**12:05 p.m. Sandwich Lunch Buffet**

	<p>The Garden Salad is gluten and dairy-free. Portobello Wrap is vegan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caesar Salad</li> <li>• Italian Mortadella</li> <li>• Portabella Wrap</li> <li>• Garden Salad</li> <li>• Fruit Salad</li> <li>• Chips + Cookies</li> <li>• Iced Water + Coffee + Tea</li> </ul>
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<p><b>1:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Catherine McGuigan</b>                  James River Parks</p> <p>Field session at Pony Pasture</p> <p>James River Park System</p> <p>7300 Riverside Drive, Richmond, VA</p>	<p>This site has been the target of successful volunteer and staff restoration efforts over several years, demonstrating that invasive management takes time. Work here has focused primarily on removing ivy from trees (Free-a-Tree) and clearing out the invasive shrub layer around some sensitive vernal pool habitats. Join us as we discuss some of the challenges of working in a floodplain that borders a neighborhood and demonstrate proper tool usage</p>
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**4:00 p.m. Adjourn**

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