A Friendly Notice about Invasive Plants

It appears your property may contain

Japanese Knotweed

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Invasive plants are aggressive non-native species that reproduce rapidly, outcompete native species, and can negatively impact agriculture, industry, recreation, forestry, human health, and the environment. Invasive plants may be introduced unintentionally, as hitchhikers on clothing, gear, or equipment, or unknowingly, often for ornamental purposes.

This notice is part of the early detection, response, and monitoring plan for the **Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program** whose mission is to protect the region from the negative impacts of invasive species.

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<u>JAPANESE KNOTWEED (*Fallopia japonica*)</u>
Origin: Asia

THE PROBLEM: Japanese knotweed is considered one of the worst invasives in the eastern U.S. It invades forest edges, stream banks, and open or disturbed areas such as roadways and yards. Its early spring emergence and dense growth enable it to take over large areas and displace native species. Its thick root systems can extend horizontally for 60 feet or more, damaging buildings, flood defenses, and roadway infrastructure.

HOW TO IDENTIFY: Japanese knotweed has hollow, red and green stems and large, alternate, oval-shaped leaves. A cascade of white flowers blooms in August, and dormant reddish stems are visible in winter. Dense bushes may reach heights of more than 10 feet.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Knotweed is very difficult to control. Mowing is not advised as it can contribute to its spread. A stem injection or foliar spray treatment with herbicide is recommended. Always read and follow label instructions to ensure safe and appropriate use of any herbicide. Repeated controls are often necessary. Do not compost, as plants can survive, spread, and decompose slowly.

Observer name: _____
Phone #: _____
Date species was observed:_____
Comments: _____
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Thank you for your help in the fight against invasive species!