

INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

The URI Outreach Center and the RI Natural History Survey (RINHS) are pleased to announce a joint invasive plant management training opportunity for green industry professionals this March.

The ***Coastal / Forest Invasive Plant Management Certification Program*** will be held on March 4, 5 and 8th, 2010. Completion of the Coastal portion of the training program will certify green industry professionals as Coastal Invasive Managers through the Coastal Resources Management Council. Completion of the Forest portion of the training program will certify professionals as Forest Invasive Managers through the RINHS.

Applicants may also obtain both certifications for a discounted registration fee.

Coastal Invasive Plant Management Certification

The URI Outreach Center, in partnership with the RI Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC), has certified over 100 professionals as Coastal Invasive Managers through the Invasive Plant Management Certification Program (IPMCP) since 2008. The IPMCP certifies green industry professionals in invasive plant management in CRMC-designated coastal buffer zones.

Topics Covered

Coastal Buffer Plant Communities, The Science of Coastal Buffers, CRMC Rules and Regulations, Common Invasive Plants Species, Alteration of Native Ecosystems, Site Assessment, Development of a Management Plan, Invasive Species Management, Methods and Selection of Control Measures, Invasive Plant Disposal, Monitoring, Data Sharing and Maintenance, and Native Plant Re-vegetation Techniques

Intended Audience

Landscape Management Company Owners, Landscape Crew Foremen, Landscape Architects, Environmental Consultants, Environmental Engineers, Coastal Property Managers, Coastal Property Owners

For more information about certification as a Coastal Invasive Manager, visit the URI Outreach Center website at www.uri.edu/cels/ceoc and the CRMC website at www.crmc.ri.gov/coastallandscapes.html.

Forest Invasive Plant Management Certification Program

Through a grant awarded to the RIDEM and the RINHS, a new program, the Forest Health Works Project (FHWP), will provide job opportunities and job training in forest invasive plant management. This certification fulfills required training to bid on 2010-2011 forest invasive control projects through the FHWP.

Topics Covered

Common Invasive Plants Species, Alteration of Native Ecosystems, Invasive Species Management, Methods and Selection of Control Measures, Invasive Plant Disposal, Invasive Plant Identification, and Demonstration of Control Techniques

Intended Audience

Owners, Foremen, & Contractors in the landscaping, arborist, land clearing, forestry, nursery, & related industries

For more information about certification as a Forest Invasive Manager and the FHWP, visit the RI Natural History Survey website at www.rinhs.org

TRAINING LOGISTICS

Dual Coastal/Forest Invasive Manager Certification - \$175.00

March 4th & March 5th 9:00am – 4:00pm (Classroom)

March 8th 1:00pm – 4:30pm (Field)

The fee for the dual Coastal/Forest Invasive Manager Certification includes classroom and field instruction, training materials, and refreshments and lunch on March 4th and 5th. For more information, visit the URI Outreach Center website at www.uri.edu/cels/ceoc.

Coastal Invasive Manager Certification - \$150.00

March 4th & March 5th 9:00am – 4:00pm (Classroom)

The fee for the Coastal Invasive Manager Certification includes classroom instruction only, training materials, and refreshments and lunch on March 4th and March 5th. For more information, visit the URI Outreach Center website at www.uri.edu/cels/ceoc.

Forest Invasive Manager Certification - \$100.00*

March 5th 9:00am – 4:00pm (Classroom)

March 8th 1:00pm – 4:30pm (Field)

The fee for the Forest Invasive Manager Certification includes classroom and field instruction, training materials, and refreshments and lunch on March 5th. For more information visit the RINHS website at www.rinhs.org

WHERE?

March 4th & March 5th: URI Bay Campus, Coastal Institute, Hazard Rooms A&B

March 8th: Location TBA

* **\$80.00 job training scholarships** are available through the RINHS. These funds are provided by the U.S. Forest Service through a grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. For more information, visit the RINHS website at www.rinhs.org.