



Upper Delaware Scenic Byway

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New Japanese Knotweed Brochure Out

NARROWSBURG – “Spread the Word ... Not the Weed! Battle the Invasion of Japanese Knotweed on our Native Plants, Riverbanks, and Views”, urges a new brochure produced through a partnership grant project coordinated by Upper Delaware Scenic Byway (UDSB), Inc.

Twenty-five thousand copies of the glossy color brochure were delivered in late March. They are available free of charge to property owners, gardeners, highway departments, and others interested in learning about best practices to manage this prolific, invasive plant species.

Two public seminars will be held on Saturday, April 30, to raise further awareness about the detrimental effects of Japanese knotweed and discuss potential eradication strategies. Repeat sessions will take place from 4-5:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. at the Tusten Town Hall meeting room at 210 Bridge St. in Narrowsburg, NY.

The Federal Highway Administration’s National Scenic Byways Program awarded a \$12,400 grant to UDSB, Inc. for this Invasive Plant Species Educational Campaign, as well as for an unrelated project to install eight UDSB interpretive signs in each of the byway’s member communities along New York State Route 97.

The New York State Scenic Byways Program at the NYS Department of Transportation is administering the federal grant funding, which requires a minimum 20% local match.

Supplemental funding was provided through a 2010 Environmental Initiative Grant in the amount of \$1,900 awarded by Sullivan Renaissance, a program of the Gerry Foundation; and a \$500 contribution from the Lumberland Environmental Council.

Participating Municipalities: Village of Hancock, Towns of Delaware, Cohecton, Tusten, Highland, Lumberland and Deerpark, and City of Port Jervis, in Delaware, Sullivan and Orange Counties, NY

The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway's additional partners include the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District/New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP).

Creative services for the brochure were provided by Duba Design of Kingston, NY, while Spencer Printing & Graphics of Honesdale, PA submitted the winning bid for printing.

The new brochure updates a May 2005 pamphlet of the same title produced by a former Japanese Knotweed Initiative partnership.

It provides information on the exotic plant's characteristics, shows photos to identify Japanese knotweed throughout its seasonal stages, describes its ability to quickly overwhelm native vegetation and the serious problems that causes, and offers helpful tips on management practices.

To request bulk supplies or individual copies of the "Spread the Word ... Not the Weed!" brochure, e-mail info@upperdelawarescenicbyway.org, call (845) 252-3022, or plan to attend one of the April 30 seminars.

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