

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 17 **Eagle Day**
Hawley, PA

DEC 1 **Eagle Watch Volunteer Training Day**
Hawley, PA

JAN 12 **Eagle Watch Bus Tour**
Lackawaxen, PA, 10am-1pm

JAN 26 **Eagle Watch Bus Tour**
Lackawaxen, PA, 10am-1pm

FEB 2 **Eagle Watch Bus Tour**
Lackawaxen, PA, 10am-1pm

FEB 9 **Eagle Watch Bus Tour**
Lackawaxen, PA, 10am-1pm

APR 27 **Foods of the Delaware Highlands Dinner**
Hawley, PA

Visit www.DelawareHighlands.org, or call 570-226-3164/845-583-1010 to learn more.

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Conserving our natural heritage and quality of life in partnership with landowners and the communities of the Upper Delaware River region.

Fall 2018

A Guide to the Stewardship of Protected Lands with the Delaware Highlands Conservancy

Discover New Ways to Care for and Enjoy Your Woods with MyWoodlot

by Tyler Van Fleet, Watershed Agricultural Council

A new website by the Watershed Agricultural Council, a Walton, New York-based nonprofit, helps landowners like you discover activities that fit you, your woods, and your lifestyle. It's called **MyWoodlot**.

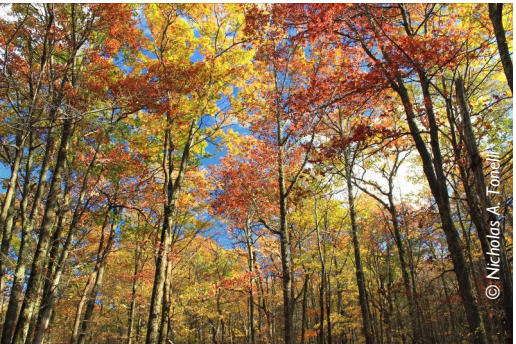
"Think of MyWoodlot as a 24/7 library of on-the-ground projects people can do either by themselves or with professional help," says Tom Pavlesich, the Council's Forestry Program Manager.

MyWoodlot starts with ten broad interests like Protect Water, Beauty & Scenery, Recreation and Income. Each interest is then divided into goals you can work toward, with each goal made up of several specific activities.

"We didn't want to be just another information source," Tom explains. "We wanted everything to be actionable."

Every activity has links to the how-to information you need to complete it. That information takes a variety of forms including videos, factsheets, photo slideshows, professional contact lists, and even a few smartphone apps.

Are you trying to decide how to deal with forest pests like invasive species and too many deer? On MyWoodlot, we provide step-by-step guidance on preventing, locating and controlling common and emerging invasive plants, restoring native plants, and addressing deer impacts on your woods.



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Highlands LandLines is a semi-annual newsletter for landowners who have a conservation easement with the Conservancy. This publication is also available electronically.



What is Highlands LandLines?

You already receive the Delaware Highlands Conservancy’s regular newsletter, *Highlands Journal*. Our newsletter is distributed to all of our landowners, members, and other like-minded folks who are interested in the Conservancy’s activities, accomplishments, and conservation goals.

This publication, *Highlands LandLines*, comes to you twice a year and is dedicated to landowners. *LandLines* provides you, the landowner, with useful information and tips for the stewardship of your land and conservation easement.

Participate in LandLines!

We are interested in your ideas for future articles and features, or your comments on the publication in general.

We’d love to know what you think!



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A Note from Cindy

Dear Landowners,

While visiting our conserved properties, I am frequently asked if we ever encounter issues on our conservation easements. We are thankful to work with landowners who are great stewards and we are rarely confronted with an easement violation. However, the most common issue typically relates to a “Subject to Review” or “Notice of Intention to Undertake Certain Permitted Actions” clause. This type of clause requires the landowner to notify the Conservancy prior to undertaking certain permitted actions on the property. It allows the Conservancy an opportunity to confirm the activity is designed and carried out in a manner consistent with the purpose of the conservation easement. Providing notification can ensure improvements are conducted properly and prevent the need to invest more time and money to correct mistakes.

So if you’re designing a new building, planning for timber stand improvements, or hoping to improve your property in some way and are unsure if the action requires review, please do not hesitate to call or email me and ask. Every easement is different, so personal communication is key and I am always happy to review your easement with you.

As always, thank you for being our partners in conservation and for protecting the beauty and natural resources of the Upper Delaware River region. I look forward to seeing you in the woods.

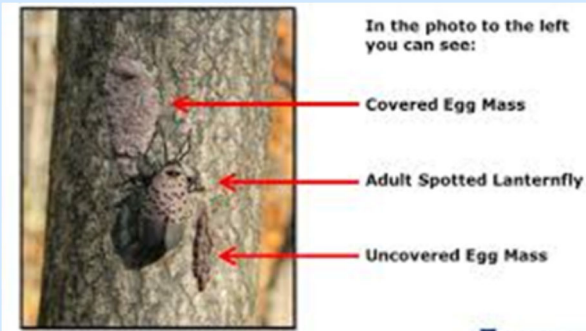
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Spotted Lanternfly: What To Do

1. Search on tree trunks, stone surfaces, vehicles, lawn furniture, and any smooth surface for egg masses. Masses will have a gray putty-like covering on top of them. Tree of heaven is the preferred egg-laying site.
2. Scrape masses from the surface. Be sure to remove all seed-like black/brown eggs from under the wax coating.
3. Double bag and trash, burn, or submerge the eggs in alcohol or hand sanitizer.

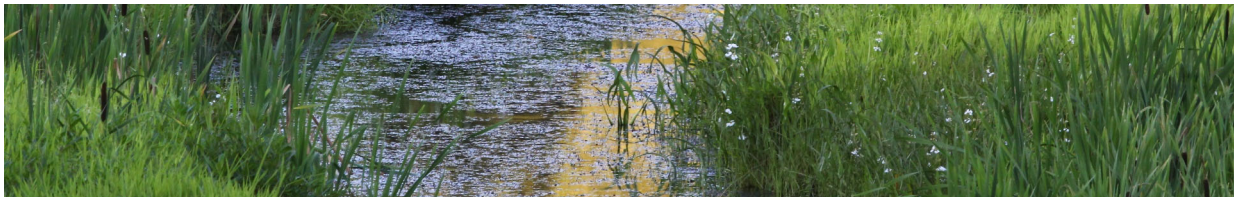


Celebrating 25 Years in 2019

Thank you for supporting us to help further the Conservancy's mission to conserve our natural heritage and quality of life!

As we look ahead to our 25-year anniversary in 2019, we invite you to participate in our year-long **celebration** and help us **showcase** your conserved properties. Here is a list of ways you can contribute to planning these special events:

- Does your land have easy access and available parking? If so, please consider inviting the Conservancy to host a forest walk on your conserved property. You provide the land, we provide the program.
- Do you need help conducting a stewardship task? The Conservancy can coordinate a group to help you plant trees, pull invasive species, or other activities.
- Is there a place on your property that you find exceptionally special? Share your photos or a story about what you value.
- Would you be willing to speak about your experience obtaining a conservation easement? The Conservancy can provide refreshments and a relaxed setting for you to share your experience with a small group of landowners.



Save the Date!

Working Woods for Today and Tomorrow: 4th Biennial Forest Landowners Conference Friday and Saturday, March 22-23, 2019

The Forest Landowners Conference is the region's foremost gathering of woodland owners, forest practitioners, forest businesses, and others interested in woodlands and the wildlife that use them. Nearly 740,000 owners care for Pennsylvania's 11.5 million acres of privately-owned woods.

Whether you own a backyard patch of woods or a large-acreage woodland, this conference will provide you with the tools you need to improve the health and well-being of your forest.

During two days of educational presentations, you'll learn and share ideas with other landowners and experienced woodland professionals to help you steward your woodland.

The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, 215 Innovation Blvd, State College, PA

Learn more: <http://ecosystems.psu.edu/forest-conference>



Invasive and Native Species Corner

Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

Giant hogweed is native to Asia and has been introduced to Europe and North America as an ornamental. It is found along field and edge habitat, particularly in disturbed soils along roads, rights-of-way, and rivers. Giant hogweed grows rapidly (up to 7-14 feet tall), out-competing native plants, and will then die back during the winter months. This dieback exposes bare ground and can lead to erosion on riverbanks and steep slopes.

Plants can be removed physically if the entire root system is dug up. Mowing and cutting can starve the plant of energy, but must be performed numerous times during a growing season to be effective. The sap of giant hogweed can make human skin sensitive to ultraviolet light and may lead to severe burns and blisters, so protective clothing and eyewear should be worn when managing this plant.

Giant hogweed is often confused with its look-a-like, native cow parsnip.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/72766.html>

Cow Parsnip (*H. maximum*, *H. lanatum*)

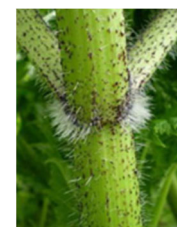
Cow parsnip is native to North America and will grow in a variety of habitats, including woodlands, forest openings, edge habitats, and fields. It may grow up to 6 feet tall and is a biennial, blooming white flowers in its second year from late May to late June. The flower head, made up of numerous small white flowers, is close to a foot in diameter.

Because of its large size and easily accessed nectar and pollen, cow parsnip attracts a large diversity of insects. Some mammals can feed on the flowers and foliage. Though it is much less toxic than giant hogweed, cow parsnip is similar to giant hogweed in that its sap can make skin sensitive to sunlight and cause a blistering reaction.

Giant Hogweed (left) vs. Cow Parsnip (right)



White umbrella-shaped flower clusters up to 2.5 feet wide, with 50 or more rays per flower cluster



Green with purple splotches and coarse white hairs; thick circle of hairs at base of leaf stalk, 2-4 inches in diameter



White flat-topped flower clusters no larger than 1 foot wide, with 15 to 30 rays per flower cluster



Green and ridged with fine white hairs, 1-2 inches in diameter

Our Pocono Waters

Our Pocono Waters is a new regional campaign to provide educational information about the importance of protecting Exceptional Value streams in our region. Learn more and take action at www.ourpoconowaters.org.

What is an “Exceptional Value” (EV) stream?

Pennsylvania protects each and every stream in the state based on its highest and best use regarding the stream’s water quality. “Exceptional Value” or “EV” is the classification given to streams in Pennsylvania that have the cleanest and highest quality of water. EV streams are unique and valuable resources, including outstanding trout fisheries that provide opportunities for recreation, aesthetic pleasure, and tourism.

Why is the Exceptional Value designation important?

Because exceptional value streams represent the highest quality and most valuable of streams to Pennsylvanians and the environment, the streams’ protection receives the highest level of legal protection under state law. After a stream is designated EV, its outstanding water quality must always be protected and no degradation of the waters is permitted under any circumstances.

How do Exceptional Value streams benefit our region?

These streams not only provide local and regional benefits, but are also the headwaters to the Delaware River, the source of drinking water for millions of people throughout the region. The EV streams in the upper and mid Delaware River supports approximately \$22 billion in regional economic activity, which includes hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, tourism, and farming.

Does the Exceptional Value designation of streams prohibit development?

Don’t be fooled: well-planned, environmentally sound development and EV streams can and do co-exist. Classifying a stream as EV does NOT prohibit development, but rather it ensures that any development that occurs does not impair the highest quality waters in our state.



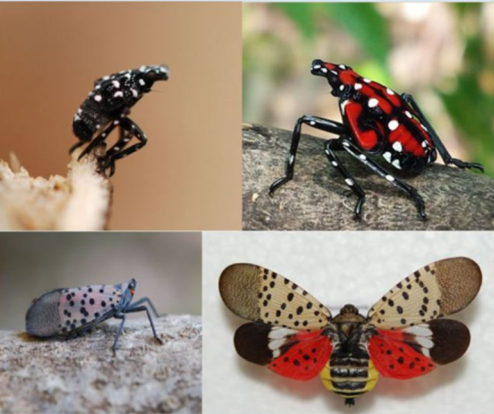
Spotted Lanternfly: How to Report It

Spotted lanternfly attacks grapes, fruit trees, pines, and others. Their feeding damage can kill these plants, especially when coupled with drought, disease and other pests.

TO REPORT SPOTTED LANTERNFLY:

PA: Please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 1-866-253-7189 or by email to Badbug@pa.gov.

NY: Please send a photo to spottedlanternfly@dec.ny.gov. Note the location of where the insect was found, egg masses, and/or infestation signs.



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Do you love nature and wildlife? On MyWoodlot, you’ll find everything you need to identify your plants and trees, attract wildlife, plant trees, help pollinators, find out if your woods are healthy, provide young woods for wildlife and simulate old-growth forest.

Once you find activities you want to do, you can save them to a profile for easy future access and to track your progress. Have a question about your woods? Post it to the site’s Forum to get answers and advice from other landowners and MyWoodlot professionals. You can also explore our Calendar for regional woodland events.

So go on, get out into your woods and use MyWoodlot to help you discover new ways to enjoy and care for your property. To get started, visit www.mywoodlot.com.

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