



# Freshwater & Terrestrial Invasive Species



Invasive species are plants or animals that are released into areas outside their native range. Without their natural predators, they grow and reproduce out of control, destabilizing the environment and harming native species and human activities.

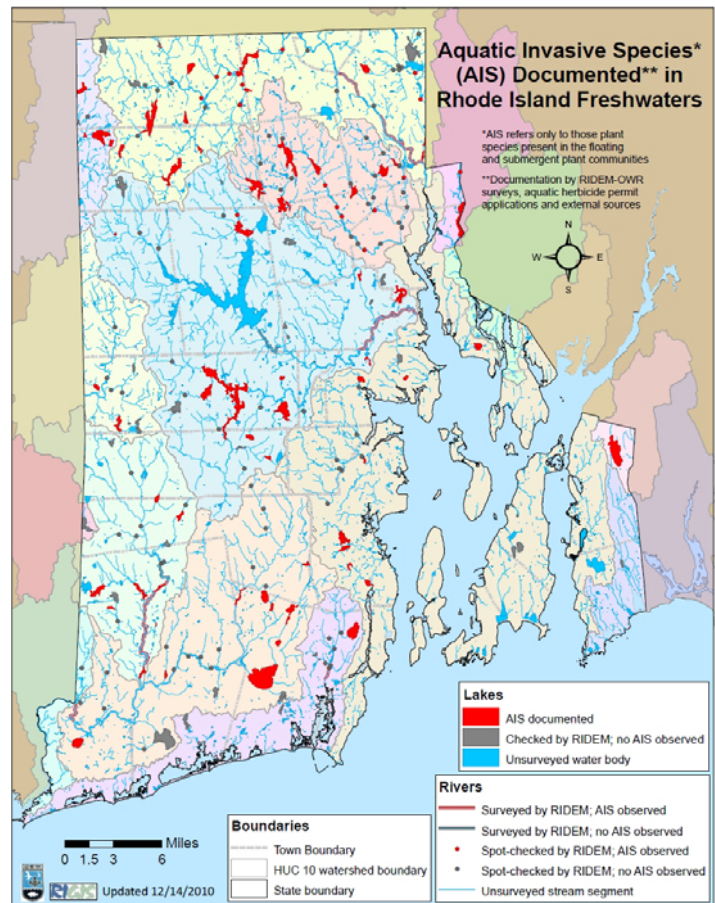
In Rhode Island, freshwater invasives have been found in over 70 lakes and ponds.



water chestnut pull, Chapman Pond

water chestnut

RI Natural History Survey



Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Before tree removal, Granville Ave., Worcester, MA



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After tree removal due to beetle infestation, Granville Ave., Worcester, MA



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Asian longhorned beetle

Massachusetts has spent \$62 million in less than three years on Asian longhorned beetle management

Rhode Island needs to keep informed, be vigilant and plan responses when needed.