



## Invasive Plants: Understanding the Threat To Our Parks and Backyards

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Cold Spring Park 1200 Beacon St, Newton, MA

**\*\*\* Free Educational Event \*\*\***

Invasive plant species damage the lands and waters that native plants and animals need to survive.

What are invasive plant species and what harm do they do to an ecosystem? Newton native and ELA Board member, Bruce Wenning, is an invasive plant specialist. During visits to Cold Spring Park, Bruce discovered that several types of invasive plants are present and spreading along the trails. Join Bruce for a walking tour at Cold Spring Park to learn how to identify several types of invasive plants and to learn what you can do in your own landscape to safely remove them. Bruce will explain how different invasive plants spread and what removal methods are effective on each. Bruce will also discuss the important topic of how to properly dispose of invasive plants once removed.

Registrations are limited - [Click Here to Register Now.](#)

More information: [ela.info@comcast.net](mailto:ela.info@comcast.net) or (617) 436-5838

**Bruce Wenning** has been an ELA Board member since 2003 and is a regular contributor to the ELA Newsletter and the Newton TAB. Bruce is a horticulturist at The Country Club, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, where he is responsible for garden management and design, invasive species management, natural history of the grounds; and frequently lectures on horticultural subjects. Bruce's background includes formal garden design and installation as well as public space management. Bruce has over fifteen years experience working with exotic invasive plant species common to Massachusetts for both private and public clients. Bruce's career has also included several years at Mass Audubon and at Land's Sake. In addition to his general horticulture expertise, Bruce specializes in plant pest diagnostics; insect taxonomy; invasive species management; ecological landscaping consultation and design; plant-insect natural history.

