

**PRISM**  
(New York Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management)  
**NON-NATIVE PLANT INVASIVENESS RANKING FORM**

PRISM: Long Island Invasive Species Management Area

Scientific name: Myriophyllum heterophyllum Michx. (including M. heterophyllum X M. pinnatum) USDA Plants Code: MYHE2

Common names: Broadleaf water-milfoil

Native Distribution: United States

Date Assessed: 10 June 2008

PRISM Assessors: Gerry Moore

PRISM Reviewers: LIISMA Scientific Review Committee

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New York Relative Maximum score: 93.62 Date NY assessment approved: July 21, 2008

New York State Invasive Rank: Very High

**SUMMARY OF PRISM RANKING RESULTS:**

**Distribution:** Restricted

**Estimated number of infested sites:** <4

**PRISM Invasiveness Rank<sup>§</sup>:** Very High



**A. DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE (KNOWN/POTENTIAL):**

1. What is the species distribution and abundance in the PRISM?

- |                                                                                                                                                    |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| A. Not present                                                                                                                                     | Not Present |
| B. Occurs in three or fewer natural areas (locations that are at least ¼ mile apart) with no infested area* >1 acre or containing >100 individuals | Restricted  |
| C. Present in 4–10 natural areas, or with one occupied location >1 acre or containing >100 individuals                                             | Common      |
| D. Present in >10 minimally managed areas                                                                                                          | Widespread  |
| U. Unknown                                                                                                                                         | Unknown     |

Answer: Restricted

Describe distribution:  
Reported only from Suffolk County.  
Sources of information:  
Weldy & Werier, 2005; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008/

<sup>§</sup>Not Assessable: not persistent in the PRISM, or not found outside of cultivation.

\*Definition of “infested area” is the “...actual or percentage of land occupied by [canopy cover of] weed plants” NAWMA (North American Weed Management Association) 2002. North American Invasive Plant Mapping Standards (see <http://www.nawma.org/>).

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2. What is the likelihood the species will occur (if not yet present) or expand its distribution and abundance (if already present) in the PRISM?

Answer: Very likely

Documentation (e.g.: history of establishment in PRISM, suitability of habitats and climate, distribution models, literature, expert opinions):

Occurs throughout eastern United States including states north of NY.

Sources of information:

Weldy & Werier, 2005; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008; U.S.D.A., 2008.

**B. INVASIVENESS RANK IN THE PRISM:**

Is the species distribution Widespread or Common?

Yes: Go to column A in table below.

No: What is the likelihood of species occurrence or expansion? Answer: Very likely

- Very Likely:                      Use column A below
- Moderately likely:            Use column B below
- Unlikely:                            Use column C below
- Zero likelihood                 Invasive potential Insignificant
- Unknown                            Invasive potential Unknown
- Not assessed                      Invasive potential not assessed

Assign a PRISM invasiveness rank to the species based on its New York Relative Maximum Score, using the designated column in the table below.

New York Relative Maximum Score	New York Invasiveness Rank	A	B	C
> 80.00	Very High	VH	H	M
70.00–80.00	High	H	M	L
50.00–69.99	Moderate	M	L	Ins
40.00–49.99	Low	L	Ins	Ins
<40.00	Insignificant	Ins	Ins	Ins

**Column used: A (Insert PRISM Invasiveness Rank on page 1)**

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