Knotweed by Mary Helen OKeeffe

JAPANESE KNOTWEED

This is a perennial species of a very invasive and aggressive bamboo like plant.The plant can reach more than 8 feet in height. It is capable of crowding out all other vegetation and native species in a short time. It can become a fire hazard in the dormant season. it impacts the biodiversity of the area by killing the native plants which in turn kills fish and the wildlife habitat. It is so invasive that it can grow into foundations and do considerable damage to septic systems.

   Tuesday October 6, 2015 concerned neighbors walked along Crossover Lane to Shore Colony and down Sunset lane. The group included Zach Simek(Project coordinator for Invasive Species from Keene Valley), John Strough (Town Of Queensbury Supervisor) and neighbors,Rolf and Luisa Ahlers, Lisa Adamson, Mary Helen Okeeffe, Dedee Connor and Elaine and John Taylor..In these areas there were large infestations of Japanese Knotweed.

    To eradicate this plant would take considerable work and expense.

1. cutting the weed or moving will further spread the root system

2. chemical control with Roundup is one effective solution but we were all against the use of toxic chemical that will impact our water quality.

[3.to](http://3.to/) use mechanical control by cutting deep into 3 feet of soil and out 50 feet to the root system end would be very costly and require years of maintenance management

4. Zach Simek will get back to us with possible solutions and pros and cons to eradicating the Japanese Knotweed.

5. for more information on Japanese Knotweed go on any web site