

Enjoy Nature... with webinars from Newton Conservators

Join us for our spring webinar series online from April through June.

Each online program will begin at 7 pm and last approximately one hour. You may register for the programs using the links below or by going to the event listing at newtonconservators.org. You will receive an email confirmation after you have registered.



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Adult Lanternfly and larvae

Thursday, May 14 ... Spotted Lanternfly: Impact, current status, and management options

Spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect that feeds on over 100 plant species and is an agricultural and nuisance pest. In addition to killing grapes, black walnut saplings, and Ailanthus saplings, they also are a major nuisance pest in yards, parks, and outdoor venues. This presentation will cover the issues they cause, their current distribution, and an overview of management options.

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Barred Owl in Cold Spring Park

Thursday, June 4 ... Nature for Newton: Learning from initial restoration efforts in Newton's central and largest park

Climate change can already feel overwhelming, and now we have a biodiversity crisis too?

Can local conservation in our own parks and yards make a real difference in protecting wildlife, strengthening forest health, slowing climate change, and improving nature's ability to adapt? Using Cold Spring Park restoration efforts as a case study, we will highlight what we are learning from new and ongoing projects to restore native ecosystems and avoid catastrophic ecological tipping points.

Join us to learn why acting locally matters, what's working, how you can apply this information in your own yard, and how we can create a model for building community to ensure healthy and vibrant natural areas for our wildlife, ourselves, and future generations.

This webinar will feature three presenters:

- Alan Noguee, President, Friends of Cold Spring Park; Board Member, Newton Conservators
- Zach Shein has worked for Parterre Ecological and the Arnold Arboretum and did much of the research for the Natural Resource and Biodiversity Management Plan for Cold Spring Park
- Dr. Jon Regosin, former Deputy Director, Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife; Board Member, Newton Conservators

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