



Topic

Life Processes (4.4) and Living Systems (4.5)

Theme

Impact of Invasive Species on Virginia Ecosystems

Scenario

Researchers of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) have noticed a lot of non-native species, also known as invasive species, in Virginia. You have been hired as an Educational Research Assistant for DCR. Your job is to identify invasive species in your county/state and educate the people in your community on how to prevent and manage the spread of invasive species, therefore reducing the negative effects on Virginia's ecosystems.

Problem Question

How can we minimize the spread of invasive species and their negative impacts on Virginia's ecosystems?

Student Role

**Educational Research Assistant
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation**

Culminating Activity

Develop a way to educate your community about invasive species and ways to prevent and manage the spread of invasive species, therefore reducing the negative effects on Virginia's ecosystems.