

IVM Integrated Vegetation Management **Partners**
Managing Ecosystems Together!

**Chesapeake IVM and Ecosystem Management Workshop
September 15, 2009**

- 8:30 AM Wake-up reception with coffee and danish
USF&WS Chesapeake Field Office
177 Cochrane Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401
- 9:00 **IVM and Ecosystem Management Workshop Overview**
- Rick Johnstone, IVM Partners, Inc.
IVM on Federal Lands
- Steve Hopkins - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
South River Greenway Partnership
- Rich Mason, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Utility Perspective
- TBD, Baltimore Gas & Electric Company
- 10:00 **IVM and Ecosystem Management Field Tour**
- **BGE 500kV electric transmission ROW**
Lavall Court, Davidsonville, MD
Review 1-year old results of hand cutting and mowing to meet FERC requirements for safety and reliability
See baseline botanical study areas
Observe and discuss with industry experts the newest ultra-low volume technology for broadcast and selective herbicide application techniques, GIS mapping and use of returnable-refillable containers
Review best practices for managing sensitive sites; such as steep slopes, riparian and scenic areas
- 11:30 **Depart for Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, Rock Hall, MD**
- 1:00 **Box lunch and welcome at Bogles Wharf on the Chester River at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge**
- Matt Whitbeck, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Rick Johnstone, IVM Partners, Inc.
- 1:30 **Tour invasive weed control results on the following species: Phragmites, mile-a-minute, Japanese stiltgrass, Japanese honeysuckle, wineberry, Paulownia, Ailanthus, Multi-flora rose**
Review and discuss results of pre-emergent and post emergent herbicide applications, native habitat restoration, pine release and future recommendations
- 3:00 **Wrap-up discussion, Q&A**
- 3:30 **Bus departs for DC**