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Download photo here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pyjh196tRxLsmVf45xSJXjOpyDliQ-pr/view?usp=sharing Caption: In June and July, look for the bamboo-like stems of Japanese knotweed along creeks. This invasive weed crowds out native plants that support healthy creeks and streams, native trout, birds and other creatures.

July workshop: Controlling knotweed along creeks

Brodhead Watershed Association will host a workshop in July, part of the Greening Mountainhome Series, on how to control knotweed along creeks — and in your backyard.

Last year, volunteers cut knotweed along Mill Creek in Mountainhome, Pa., and treated the invasive with herbicide. Uncontrolled, the non-native plant spreads quickly and chokes out other plants.

The treatment worked. This year, there is hardly a wisp of knotweed to be seen.

That demonstration project covered just a small area. Now, knowing that this process actually works, it's time to put the process into action.

Register for a live, on-stream workshop led by Robin Anglemyer. Learn the right time to cut knotweed, what tools you need, how low to cut it (hint: ankle height is too low!), and what to do next. The tentative date is Wednesday, July 7, at 4 p.m. — but exact timing of the workshop will depend on weather conditions and knotweed growth. Register now to get detailed updates.

On the day of the event, workers from Strauser Nature's Helpers will clear knotweed along Mill Creek in Mountainhome from Route 191 to Route 390 to Wieboldt Road — keep an eye out!

Register and find more information at brodheadwatershed.org/events/knotweed-workshop/

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.

