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**SPOTTED LANTERNFLY IN RI:
RIFCO'S SUMMER TWILIGHT SESSION**

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization is conducting its annual Summer Twilight Woods Walk at the Lincoln Woods State Park Beach in Lincoln, RI on Thursday, August 13, 2026, from 6 to 8 pm. The evening walk and presentation will focus on the Spotted Lanternfly, an invasive insect that is a threat to orchards and vineyards.

Leading this year's program is Noah Tennison, RI DEM's Spotted Lanternfly Response Coordinator, who will provide us with an update and presentation on Rhode Island's Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) response. We will learn about the latest survey findings, current distribution of the invasive pest, and how populations are changing across the state. The presentation will also cover the biology of SLF, ongoing monitoring efforts, management strategies, and the work being done to protect Rhode Island's forests, communities, and agricultural resources.

Attendees will get an inside look at the state's response efforts, treatment approaches, outreach initiatives, priorities, what they can do to help prevent their spread, and what to watch out for with SLF for the remainder of the field season. Whether you're interested in invasive species management or simply want to stay informed, this presentation will provide a snapshot of Rhode Island's continued efforts to manage Spotted Lanternfly.

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The Lincoln Woods State Park Beach is located at 2 Les Pawson Loop within Lincoln Woods, with the entry to the park from the Twin River Road exit off Route 146 in Lincoln, RI. There is ample parking at the Beach parking lot, and there are pavilions in case of inclement weather. Signs will be posted directing people to our gathering spot.

The RIFCO Summer Twilight Walk is free of charge, and no registration is necessary. For directions to the site, or if you have any questions about the event, visit our website (www.rifco.org), or contact us at info@rifco.org, or call us at (401) 568-3410.

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and wise use of Rhode Island's forest resources. RIFCO is also a co-sponsor of the RI Tree Farm Program, and an affiliate of the National Woodland Owner's Association. To sign up for RIFCO's monthly e-news, visit us at www.rifco.org.

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