

Ryan Kincaid Member Spotlight



Ryan Kincaid (she/her) is serving as a Habitat Steward with the [Cooperative Invasive Species Management Association for the Batten Kill Watershed](#) (CISMA-BKW). After teaching middle school science in the Finger Lakes region of New York, Ryan moved to Vermont to start her service with ECO to pursue a change and an opportunity to embark on a new career path. Her daily service includes writing invasive plant management plans, researching issues related to native and/or invasive species, writing articles on behalf of CISMA-BKW, or serving in conjunction with [Hildene: The Lincoln Family Home](#). One of Ryan's main projects has been writing an invasive species plant management plan for the Owls Head Town Forest in Dorset, VT. These plans serve as informational guides for landowners and organizations of the invasive species that are present in the area and recommendations on how to correctly manage them. She has also recently started spending some of her time at Hildene, assisting in the creation of their native tree nursery. This new project has inspired her to take some time throughout her day to learn, and practice, tree and native plant identification in the field. Outside of her daily service, Ryan is involved with the local Lions Club, loves to read and write, and pursue her talented creative side. She is also passionate about wildlife rehabilitation and takes any opportunity she can to learn more about the topic or volunteer at animal shelters. This summer, Ryan will continue coordinating presentations and volunteer days within the watershed surrounding the importance of invasive species management and removal. Ryan serves because: "We are all called to serve others and "give back" in some way. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn new skills while sharing the talents and strengths that I have."