

## **Why Do Research on Japanese Knotweed in Rockport?**

While many have tried to treat JK on their own property, we have no reliable data on the results of different treatments. Because it takes several (or many) years to eradicate JK from any one location, it will be very helpful to gather data on this process in Rockport. While it is a valuable contribution to this project if you do try to eradicate JK, keeping track of some data will make your contribution far more valuable.

We hope the data will answer some of the following questions:

Which is more effective, using Roundup on foliage or injecting it into stems?

Is the Roundup more effective if the foliage is cut a month before application?

How soon can replacement vegetation be planted on an infested area?

How successful is hand pulling on small plots?

How successful is repeated cutting?

In order to answer these questions, we have designed a data sheet **on** which you document the existing size and vigor of each patch, preferably in mid June. Then choose, implement, and document an eradication plan.

**We are here to help you and train you as you go through the process! Contact Nan Blue, [blue.mail@comcast.net](mailto:blue.mail@comcast.net), 546-9755, or Laura Hallowell, [laura.hallowell37@gmail.com](mailto:laura.hallowell37@gmail.com), 546-2405.**