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**RIFCO'S SUMMER TWILIGHT SESSION TO FEATURE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
AT THE GREAT SWAMP**

The RI Forest Conservatorø Organization is conducting its annual Summer Twilight Woods Walk at the Great Swamp in Kingston, RI, with our host Brian Tefft of the RI Division of Fish & Wildlife. The event is being held on Thursday, August 7, starting at 6:00 p.m, and will include a hike to see the series of habitat clearings that have been established at that property. The Great Swamp Management Areaø access is located off Route 138 at 277 Great Neck Road, West Kingston, just west of the Route 110 (Ministerial Road) intersection. Signs will be posted.

The debate over the control and management of the deer herd to minimize public health impacts and the browse damage on our forests here in RI and elsewhere often highlights the needs of the wildlife and deer-hunting managers of state and federal agencies against those who advocate for aggressive control of the deer populations. Brian Tefft, Principal Biologist with the RI Division of Fish and Wildlife, will show us the habitat management activities that have been established at Great Swamp as a Demonstration Area. What options, beyond allowing in-season hunting, does the average woodlot owner have to minimize the impacts of deer browse to their native plants and tree regeneration?

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The program is free of charge, and there is no need to register. Refreshments will be provided, and directions to the site are available at www.rifco.org, or by calling RIFCO at (401) 568-3421.

The RI Forest Conservatorø Organization is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and wise use of Rhode Islandø forest resources. RIFCO is also a co-sponsor of the RI Tree Farm Program, and an affiliate of the National Woodland Ownerø Association.

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