**TO:** ***UPPER VALLEY CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS***

**YOU are invited to the**:

**WHAT**: Upper Valley **Garlic Mustard Muster** (…it's actually a party!)
**WHEN**: Thursday April 24th at 4:30- 6 pm
**WHERE**: Howe Library Mayer Room, 13 South Street, Hanover

**WHY**: Garlic mustard is a plant that is just getting a toe-hold in the Upper Valley. Some communities have become engaged in trying to stop its spread before it gets into forests nearby. The plant is not easy to contain once a population escapes, and it is a real threat to the health of forest since it affects both the herbaceous layer and can destroy habitat for wildlife.

**JOIN WITH PEOPLE FROM UPPER VALLEY COMMUNITIES TO:**

- learn more about the plant, and why it is a threat;
- ask questions;
- learn about the importance of early detection and rapid response (EDRR);
- learn about garlic mustard "pulls" happening in the Upper Valley;
- learn from the experience of others who have been engaged in control;
- help design a community / regional strategy for outreach; and
- think about how to initiate control efforts in your own town!

At this session, Jeff Evans (who teaches in the Dartmouth College Biology Dept.) will be present. He is an expert who has researched this plant, modeled its population and the potential of various potential bio-controls. He can answer the more technical questions and comment on how to contain a large population of the plant.

**We will also have educational display materials**, (with sample materials for you), suitable for placing in public spaces in your community, so others in your town can learn to identify the plant to help us all learn where it has established.

**This is a *PARTY*, with refreshments too**! (Feel free to bring a potluck snack item!)

Please think about attending, and bring other people from your town who have a special interest in wildflowers!

Hope to see you there!

The Upper Valley Garlic Mustard Group