

Anoka Cooperative Weed Management Area Invasive Species Cost Share Program

Overview

The Anoka Cooperative Weed Management Area (ACWMA) Cost Share Program offers financial, educational, and technical assistance to public lands and private landowner to control invasive species and reestablish native vegetation in Anoka County.

Purpose

The ACWMA Invasive Species Cost Share Program may be used by public or private landowners that support the management of invasive species through:

- PREVENTION – Prevent the establishment of new invasive species infestations and spread of existing invasive species infestations.
- CONTROL – Promote the effective, integrated management or eradication of priority invasive species.

Control efforts must address the following invasive species:

- Oriental Bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus*
- Wild Parsnip, *Pastinaca sativa*
- Purple Loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria, virgatum*
- Common barberry, *Berberis vulgaris*
- Spotted Knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe* ssp. *Micranthos*
- Canada Thistle, *Cirsium arvense*
- Leafy Spurge, *Euphorbia esula*
- Purple Loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria, virgatum*
- Common Reed -non-native *Phragmites australis* subspecies *australis*
- Common Buckthorn, *Rhamnus cathartica*.
- Glossy Buckthorn, *Frangula alnus*
- Garlic Mustard, *Alliaria petiolate*
- Morrow's Honeysuckle, *Lonicera morrowii*
- Bell's Honeysuckle, *Lonicera x bella*
- Tartarian Honeysuckle, *Lonicera tatarica*
- Japanese and Bohemian Knotweed, *Polygonum cuspidatum* and *Polygonum bohemicum*
- Common and Japanese Barberry, *Berberis vulgaris* and *Berberis thunbergii*
- Burning Bush, *Euonymus alatus*
- Amur Maple, *Acer ginnala*
- Siberian Elm, *Ulmus pumila*
- Reed Canary Grass, *Phalaris arundinacea*
- Poison Hemlock, *Conium maculatum*
- Manchu Tubergourd, *Thladiantha dubia*

Available Funds

The ACWMA offers funding for up to \$2,000 per property to provide 50% of the total eligible costs. (For example: ACWMA funds \$2,000 + landowner funds \$2,000 for invasive species treatment and revegetation. Total project cost = \$4,000.)

Projects will be selected based on specific criteria including proximity to habitat cores and waterways, the targeted invasive species, and proposed management activities.

Eligible Expenses

An application must be approved by the ACWMA prior to starting any work. Projects started or completed when submitted are not eligible. Funds must be used within **one** year of receiving approval unless otherwise specified. Funding can only be provided for actual, documented expenses, up to the approved amount of funding (keep your receipts). Eligible expenses include:

- Supplies used for the project including: herbicide, fuel for running equipment, MN native plants and seed
- Equipment rental
- Contract services
- Landowner labor and services at an hourly rate. This may total up to 50% of the match. (ACWMA funds \$2,000 + landowner funds \$2,000 for invasive species treatment and revegetation. Up to \$1,000 of the landowner contribution can be to pay for landowner labor and services. Total project cost = \$4,000.) Must keep an hours-log to record time.
- Contact ACWMA if you have questions about eligible expenses and to discuss in-kind hourly rate.

Cost Share Funding Agreement

Each project approved for funding will enter into a ten-year Cost Share Funding Agreement defining the obligations of the ACWMA and the property owner. The agreement will be modified as necessary to account for project specific requirements. Funding can only be used for activities that occur after the Agreement has been signed.

ACWMA Application

Submit the Anoka CWMA Application to Carrie Taylor at the Anoka Conservation District.

Submit

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