

New program:

WoodsWISE Invasive Plant Assistance & Project Canopy Invasive Plant Assistance



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1. Invasive Plant Academy & Landscape Plan
2. Cost-share for Invasive Plant Control Practice Plans
3. Competitive funding for full treatment

Spring 2021 – Spring 2023



Invasive Plant Academy: prepare foresters and other NR professionals to create invasive plant management plans

Multi-day academy

- Indoors and outdoors at field sites
- ID, ecology
- Survey strategy
- Mapping tools
- Management methods
- Components of a plan
- Program reporting and requirements
- Testing



Invasive Plant Landscape Plan

- Manual for the program
- Reference material for the IPA
- Soup to nuts how-to
- Treatment guidance
- Plan examples

Regional Floor Covering Association of Canada
Reference Manual - M01
Revision 02 - July 2016

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Cost-share for Invasive Plant Control Practice Plans

- Plans prepared by IPA graduates summers 2021, 2022
- 50% of LO cost reimbursable up to a certain amount/acre or maximum based on property size
- Standard format and components for plans

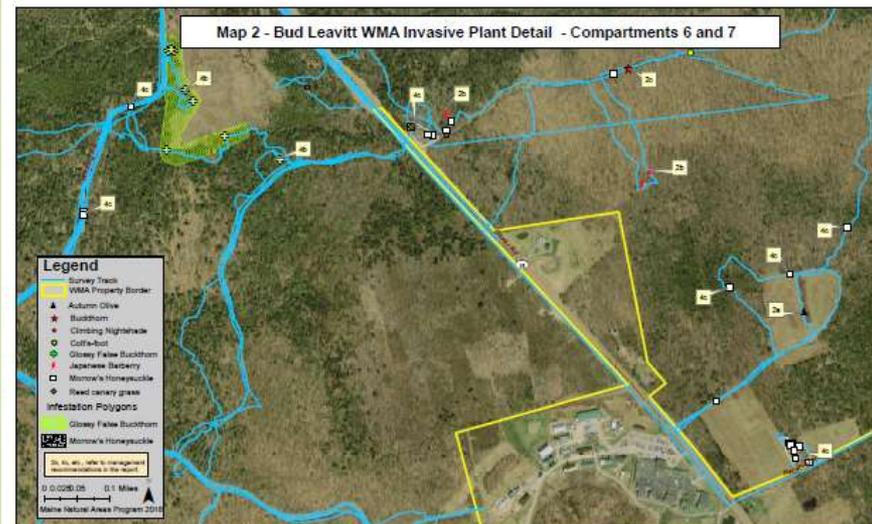
Invasive Plant Mapping – Summary and Management Recommendation:

Bud Leavitt WMA (Towns of Dover-Foxcroft, Adkinson, Garland, and Charleston)
Prepared by Mary Yurlina, Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP)
December 14, 2018

Statement of Goals and Objectives:

MNAP approaches invasive plant evaluation from the perspective of wanting to maintain the structure and functions of the ecosystem, including areas supporting biodiversity (e.g., rare species) or rare or exemplary natural communities. Invasive plants are not all equally threatening. Prioritization strategies are helpful because it is not usually realistic to remove every invasive plant from every acre of land. The highest priority is prevention – keeping new species out. After establishment, invasive plant management follows a three-tiered prioritization:

1. **Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR)** to eliminate species which are new to the area or only present in small patches. Goal is eradication from the site. Hopefully can be achieved with work over a short timeframe (several years). Best return on investment – an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! Nip it in the bud now while you still can.
2. **Early Management** to control patches of widely-dispersed, common invasive plants within the matrix of uninvaded habitat. Goal is to expand “clean” habitat and prevent it from being re-infested through monitoring over time. This is ongoing maintenance work that needs to be repeated every several years (2-5 year interval). Areas of special concern (intact forest blocks, rare/exemplary features, and special wildlife habitats) may be targeted first or more often.



Competitive funding for treatment

- Plans can compete for funding
- Awarded properties will have management paid in full by grant
- Late summer/early fall 2021 and throughout 2022
- Variety of effective methods
- Monitoring by MFS



THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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