

CISMA Call Agenda

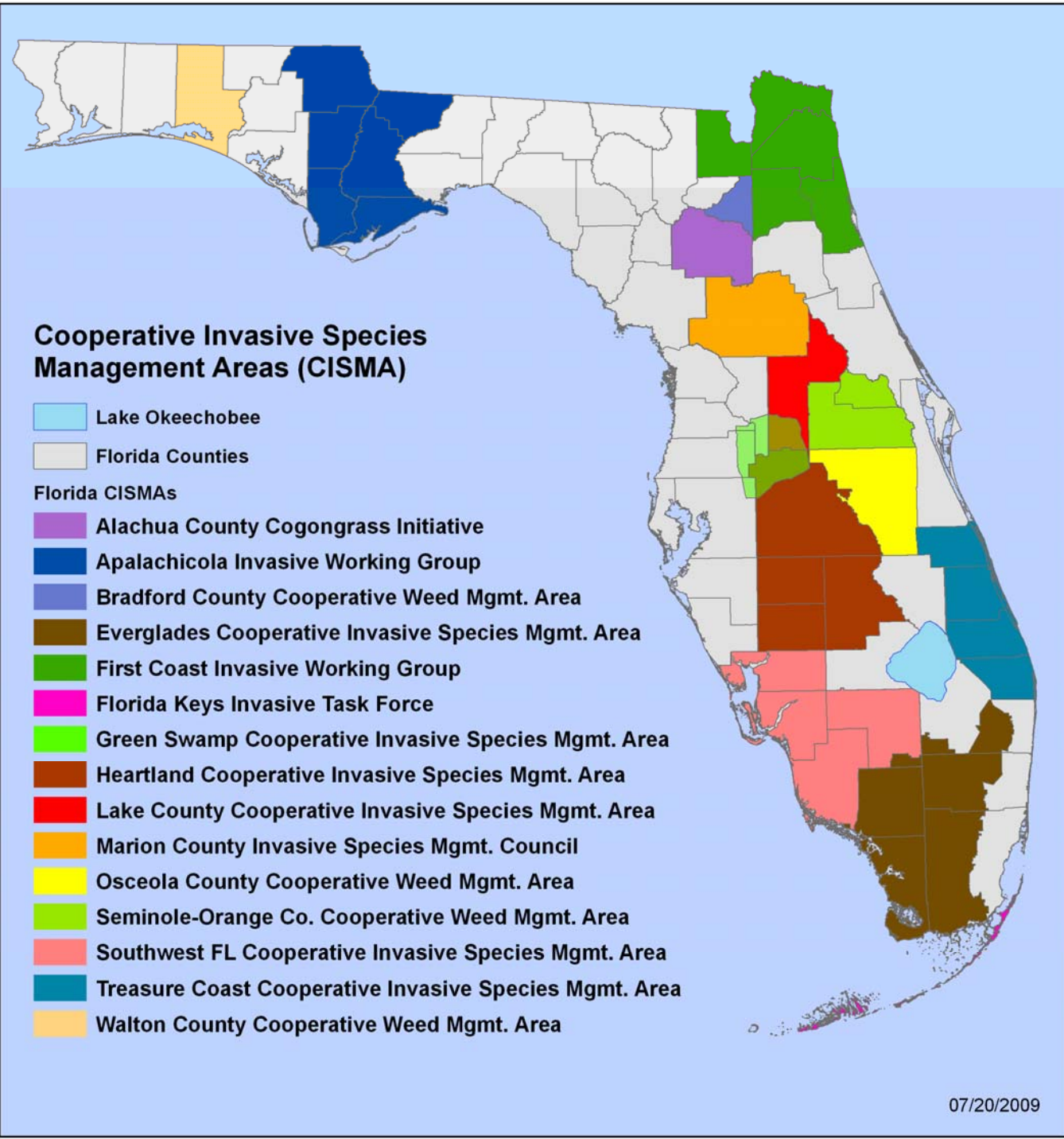
- FISP Update (Kris/Erin)
- CISMA/CWMA Updates (All)
- Upcoming meetings and other info
- Wrap-up

Florida Invasive Species Partnership

Invasive species know no boundaries. If landowners and land managers in Florida wish to achieve long-term success with regards to combating invasive species, it is critical to collaborate with all stakeholders, focusing on prevention as well as treatment.

Update on FISP:

- FLEPPC CISMA session- wonderful!
- Need a discussion/presenter topic for August
- Next CISMA updates will be September
- FISP Website hits since August 2008:
 - 558,618 hits
 - 75,242 unique visitors
- Most CISMA websites are live



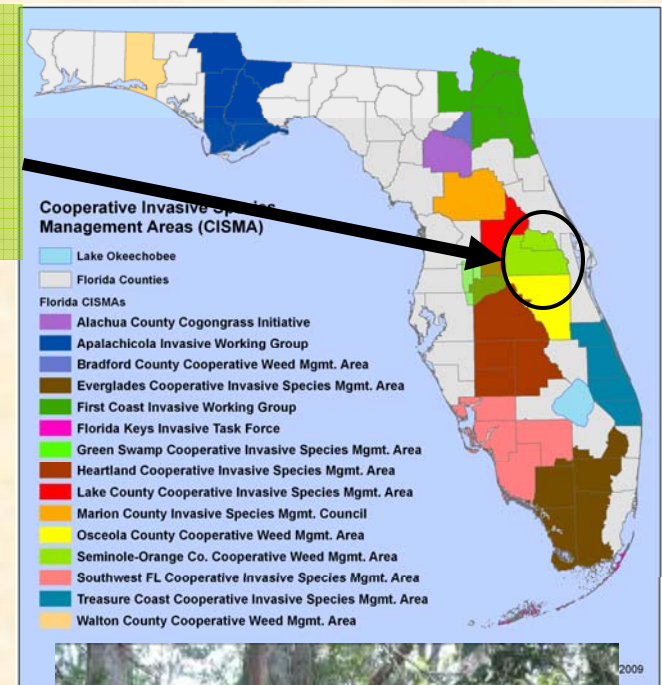
Central Florida Invasive Species Working Group

June 6 – Held first Workday hosted by University of Central Florida. We hand-removed skunkvine from a bayhead within the conservation area on the campus. Great fun was had by all. We had twenty-one volunteers.

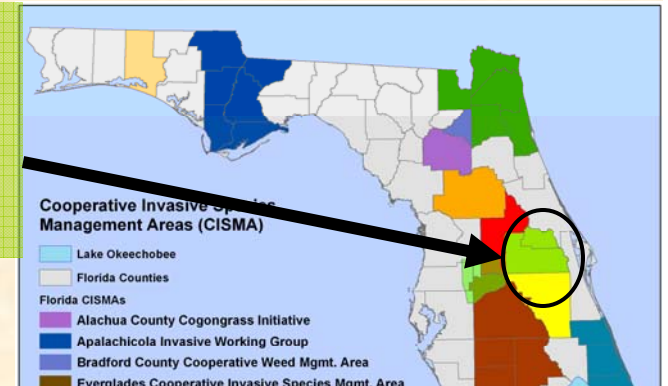
Prepared a pre-proposal for a PTI grant. We are looking for money to fund informational brochures on invasive species for the Central Florida area and outreach matr.

Working Group meeting – Oct.6. Presentations by Florida Yards and Neighbors, DEP Aquatic Preserves, UF (Natal Grass).

Grasses workshop – Oct. 22. Agenda finalized by July 31. Applying for CEU's from a number of different sources. Workshop to be held at the University of Central Florida – morning classroom, afternoon field identification. Applvina to Publix to sponsor snacks.



Central Florida Invasive Species Working Group



First Coast Invasive Species Working Group

DOF Cogongrass Treatment Cost-Share Program

June 16th: Nassau

June 24th: Baker County

July 16th: Charlton County

Inaugural Pepper Busters Team

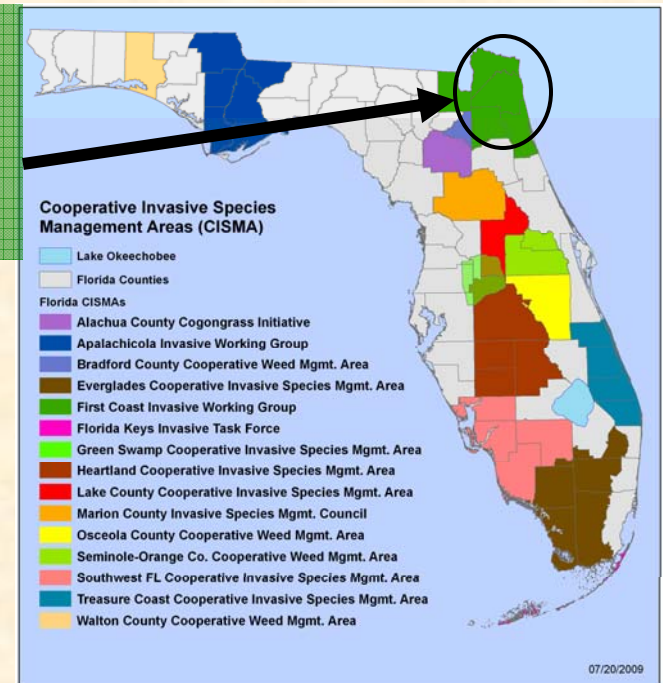
Three FCIWG partners made the news with the very first Pepper Busters team composed of SCA volunteers! The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR), SCA (Student Conservation Association) and St. Johns County (SJC) teamed up to remove invasive species focusing primarily on Brazilian pepper at two County Parks.

To read the article and watch the TV clip, visit link below:

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/local/news-article.aspx?storyid=141256&catid=3>

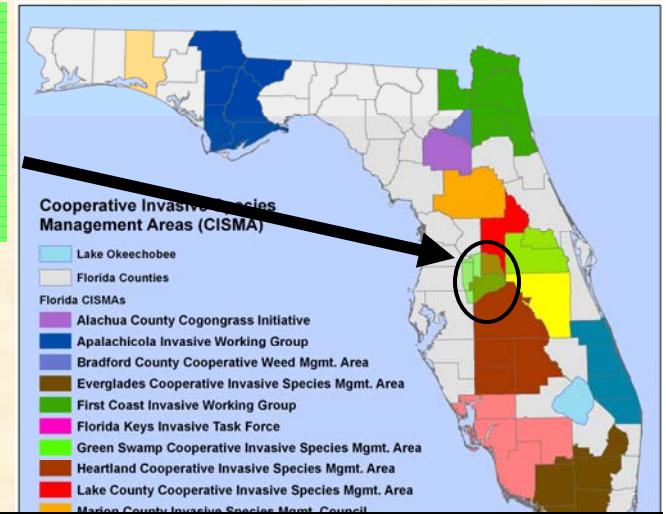
FCIWG Steering Committee

Steering Committee structure approved by group. Will hold official launch meeting late summer.



Green Swamp Cisma

- Will present at the upcoming Tampa Bay Watershed Forest Working Group
- Meeting with county extension offices w/info packets on Old World climbing fern, the CFLS and the efforts of the Green Swamp Cisma
 - Have met with three of the county extension offices to discuss.
 - An agent at the Lake County office has distributed packets of Old World climbing fern info to 16 large private property owners.
- Checking unverified records of *L. microphyllum* in the EDDMaps database in our area. Some records appear to be *L. japonicum*.



ATTENTION!
Have you observed this vine in the Green Swamp area?

What is it?
Old World climbing fern is an introduced vine that is rapidly invading flatwoods, hardwood hammocks and cypress swamps in central Florida. Originally detected in south Florida, it is rapidly spreading to the north. Old World climbing fern smothers other plants, including young and old trees, and it creates thick mats on the ground. It is flammable and carries fire into the tree canopy, wetlands and forested swamps and hammocks where fire is normally excluded.

What is being done?
A regional effort is under way to prevent the spread of Old World climbing fern into and within the Green Swamp area.

How can I help?
We need your help to find and eliminate any new infestations. Visit www.floridainvasives.org/greenswamp/ to learn more about Old World climbing fern and this regional effort to protect the Green Swamp.

Who should be concerned?
Property owners, timber interests, hunters, bird watchers, hikers and others who enjoy the many outdoor activities provided by the Green Swamp's diverse, natural habitats.

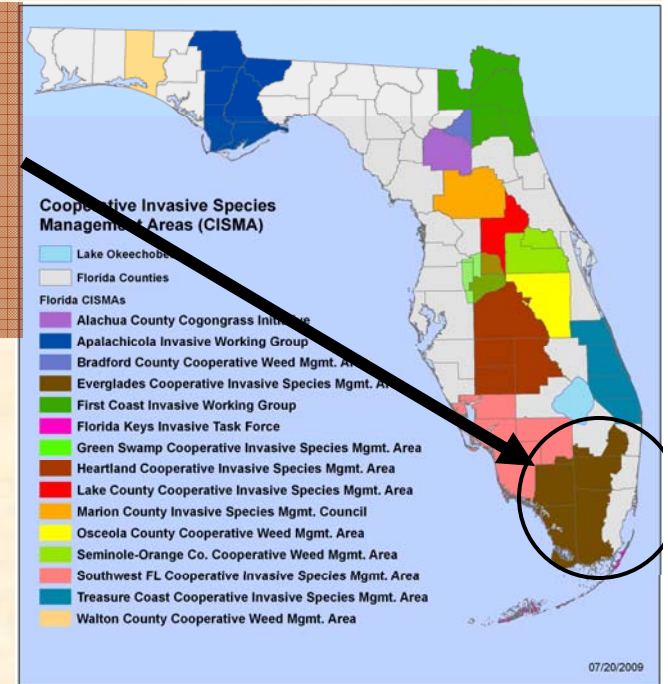
Where does it grow?
This fern most commonly occurs in moist habitats but also grows in shallow water and dry areas. Areas most at risk include cypress wetlands, hardwood hammocks, pine flatwoods, wetland prairies and edges of water bodies.

Report any infestations you see.
Call Rosalind Rowe with The Nature Conservancy at (863) 635-7506 (rrowe@tnc.org), Brian Nelson with the Southwest Florida Water Management District at 1-800-423-1476 (brian.nelson@watermatters.org) or your county Extension agent.

Green Swamp Cisma
Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area
www.floridainvasives.org/greenswamp/

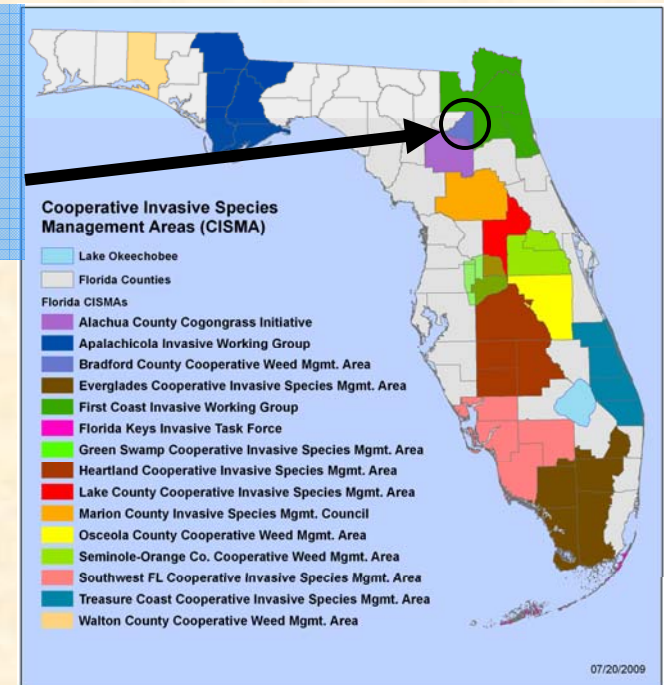
Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

- Everglades Summit held July 8-9 at LNWR
- 3 workdays held to date to eradicate non-native mangrove
- Tegu lizard juvenile found in Florida City



Bradford Co. Cooperative Weed Management Area

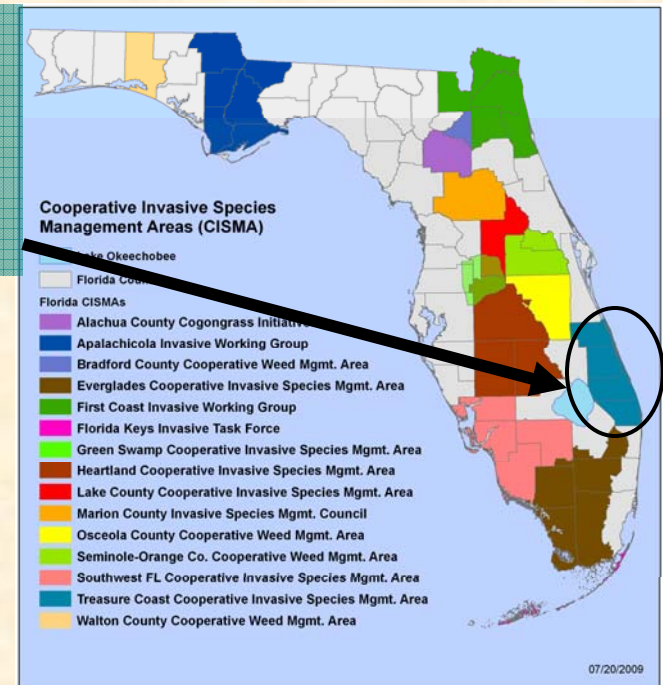
- 3 months = logged 250 volunteer hours
- Have cut and herbicide treated
 - 1896 Chinese Tallow,
 - 357 Camphor, and
 - 183 Chinaberry trees up to 2.5 inches in diameter.
- We have also girdled and herbicide treated
 - 104 Chinese Tallow,
 - 10 Camphor and 10 Chinaberry trees 3 to 12 inches in diameter.
- Have sprayed a 0.25 acre each Coral Ardisia and Caesarweed and about 0.5 acre of Air Potato, White Flowered Wandering Jew, & Japanese Climbing Fern.
- 2nd meeting of the Bradford CWMA on July 30.
- Association of Florida Conservation Districts Annual meeting in Jacksonville on Aug. 8th will have a session about CWMA/CISMAs & FISP.



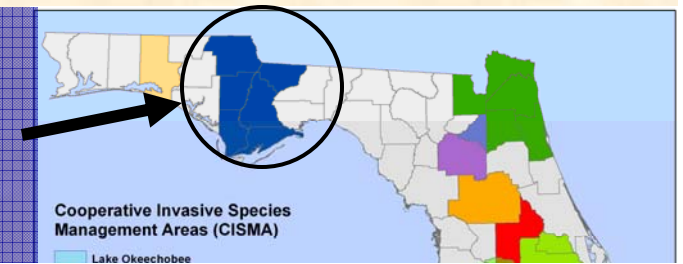
If you have not contacted the local Conservation Districts in your CISMA or CWMA, I would urge you to make contact. The association's website www.afcd.us has maps of the Conservation Districts and a roster of Supervisors and staff

Treasure Coast CISMA

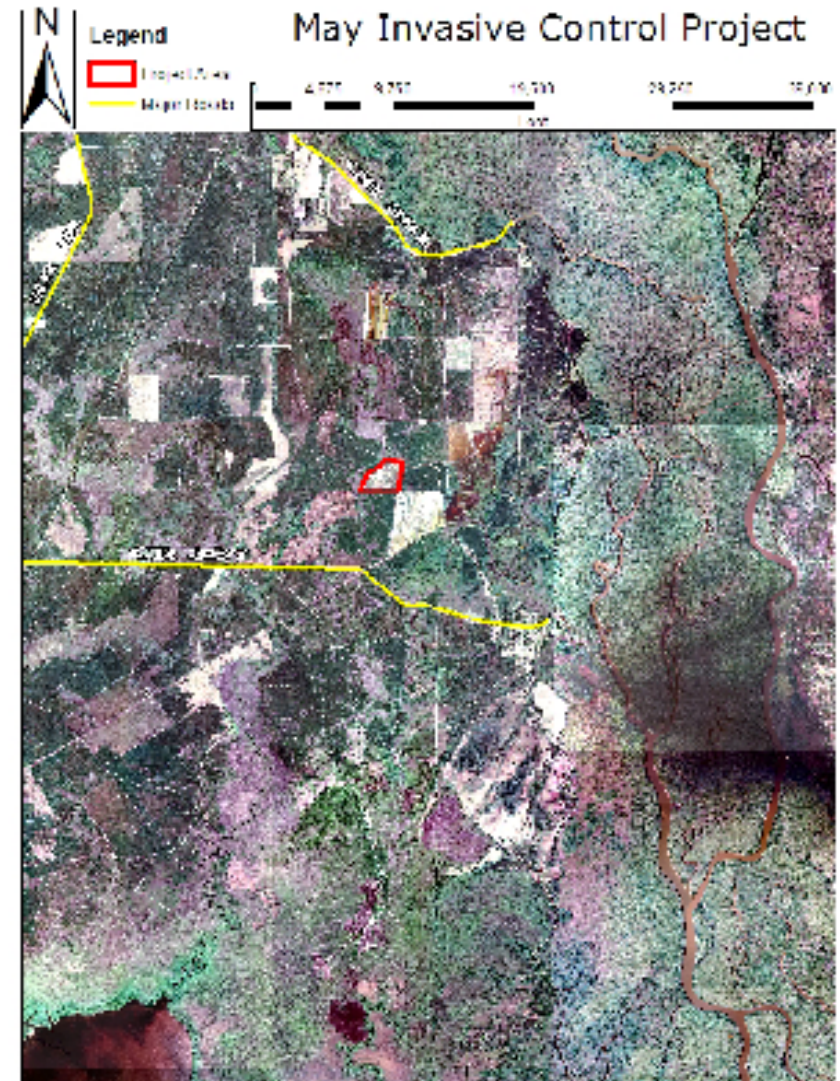
- 5 year Strategic Plan completed. This month will start on Annual Workplan.
- Submitted a 2010 Coastal Program agreement grant for *Scaevola taccada* work on coastal public lands.
- Submitted 2010 Partners for Wildlife grant for *Scaevola taccada* work on private lands.
- Submitted a Pulling Together Initiative pre-proposal grant for downy rose-myrtle for public and private lands.
- Invasive animal/EDRR subcommittee held second meeting and considering python issue and pet amnesty day event.
- Held cooperative workdays, attended and participated in FLEPPC meeting, attended ECISMA Summit



Apalachicola Invasive Working Group

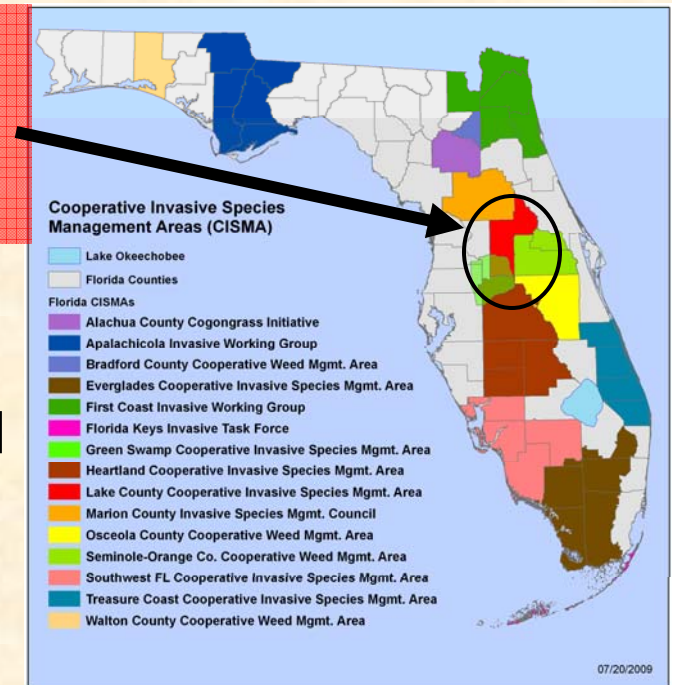


- 113 acres, 3 miles northwest of Howard Creek
- About 1 mile west of the Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area
- 50 acres of Chinese Tallow, 50 acres of Japanese Climbing Fern, and ¼ acre of Cogon Grass



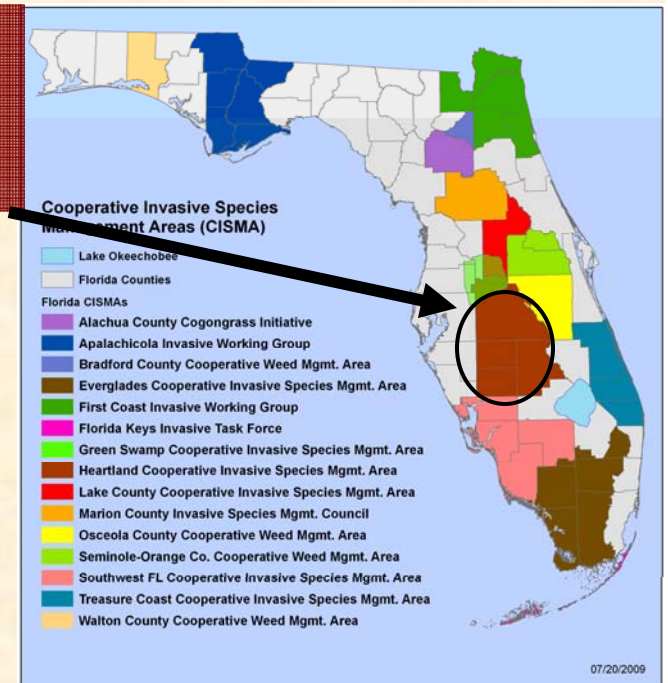
Lake County CISMA

- Held first workday in April at Tavares Nature Park where our CISMA members mapped and marked invasives, showed City staff and local volunteers how to identify invasives at the park, and showed how to properly apply herbicides and remove invasives.
- Working on “Alternatives” plant substitution list specific to Lake County
- CISMA of Lake is also looking into a “Green thumb” certification type incentive program for local nurseries
- Will be hosting an Aquatic Invasives (plants and animals) workshop in October which will include an identification segment as well as a rules and regulations regarding removal segment



Heartland CISMA

- Formed easily, as a natural progression from an already active Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem Working Group (LWREWG) subcommittee on invasive species management.
- Successes of these partners in the past include:
 - 2004, 2006 and 2008 coordinated aerial surveys of *Lygodium* spp. and other invasive plants on partners' lands and adjacent private lands.
 - supporting formation of the Central Florida Lygodium Strategy: assistance for private property owners in treating *Lygodium* spp.
- - Newest success:
 - Commitment to making an aerial survey happen in 2010.



Mission is to facilitate a network for land managers to address the growing threat of invasive non-native species in west-central Florida. It will provide the outreach, collective support and strategic infrastructure to effectively manage invasive species across boundaries, in the four-county area of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties.

Upcoming Meetings

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- August 8 – AFCD
- Others?

Grants:

Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) Monthly Call

– Hosted by the Florida Invasive Species Partnership (FISP)

participation is voluntary, we promise it will only last 1 hour, and we can guarantee that you will enjoy the conversations

4th Wednesday of every month at 1:30pm

email kserbesoffking@tnc.org for more information or go to floridainvasives.org to join up for list serve announcements

Participate online and/or
go to: nethope.webex.com
Enter meeting number: 829 485 191
Enter meeting password: invasive

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US Toll-free: 1-866-642-1665
Participant Passcode: 698452

Florida Invasive Species Partnership (FloridaInvasives.org):

