



Think Locally, Act Neighborly

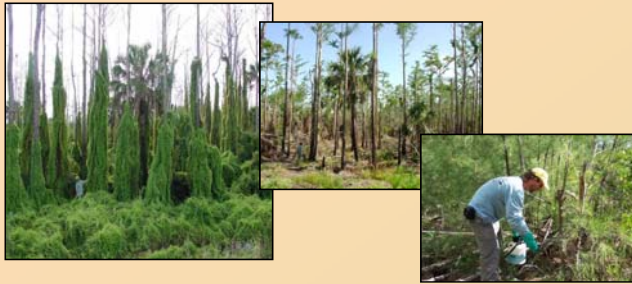


FLORIDA INVASIVE SPECIES PARTNERSHIP (FISP)

Invasive exotic species know no boundaries!

If landowners and land managers in Florida wish to achieve long-term success, it is critical to:

- Reach out and collaborate with all stake holders, including private landowners.
- Focus on prevention as well as treatment.



FISP GOALS:

- ✓ Increase effectiveness and decrease costs by working together.
- ✓ Provide tools to develop a unified approach and bridge the gap between landowners.
- ✓ Encourage development and implementation of new and innovative approaches.

FISP OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ Develop Incentive Program Matrix of existing incentive programs that could target the problem on public and private lands.
- ✓ Outreach
 - Establish Matrix on an interactive website
 - Promote partnership efforts, such as Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA), to encourage collaborative efforts on a statewide, regional and local level.
 - Provide central "clearinghouse" for CWMA's and innovative approaches.

THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM MATRIX

Never a "one size fits all"!

Many agencies and organizations who work with private landowners know this is true. Therefore, it is advantageous to provide multiple options which include

- Flexible funding
- Training opportunities
- Technical assistance
- Incentives according to landowner needs.

WHO BENEFITS?

- Agency field personnel
- Public land managers
- Private landowners



How?

Provide financial and technical assistance opportunities via an interactive database which currently houses information on the following programs:

FEDERAL:

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (USDA-NRCS)
 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (USDA-NRCS)
 Conservation Reserve Program (USDA-FSA)
 Partners for Fish and Wildlife (USFWS)
 Private Stewardship Grant Program (USFWS)
 Coastal Program (USFWS)

NOAA restoration center community-based (NOAA)

STATE:

Landowner Assistance Program (FFWCC)
 Forest Land Enhancement Program (DOF)
 Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program (DOF)
 DEP upland invasive exotic plant management (FL DEP)

LOCAL/COUNTY:

Palm Beach County: Public Lands Grant program, Australian Pine/Melaleuca Removal Program, Invasive Vegetation Removal Cost Share Program, Invasive vine strike force

Miami-Dade County (DERM):

Environmentally Endangered lands covenant

OTHERS:

Green Thumb Certified (TNC)
 Project Greensweep—FL Keys (TNC)
 Central Lygodium Strategy (TNC)
 Forests for watersheds and wildlife

COOPERATIVE WEED MANGEMENT AREAS

Partnering across the landscape!

- ✓ Expand efforts across the landscape, rather than just to political or property boundaries.
- ✓ Form a partnership of federal, state, and local government agencies, tribes, individuals and various interested groups that manage noxious weeds or invasive plants in a defined area.
- ✓ Address the following concerns:
 - Prevention
 - Education/Awareness
 - Early Detection & Rapid Response
 - Monitoring
 - Integrated Pest Management

CROPPING UP IN FLORIDA



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