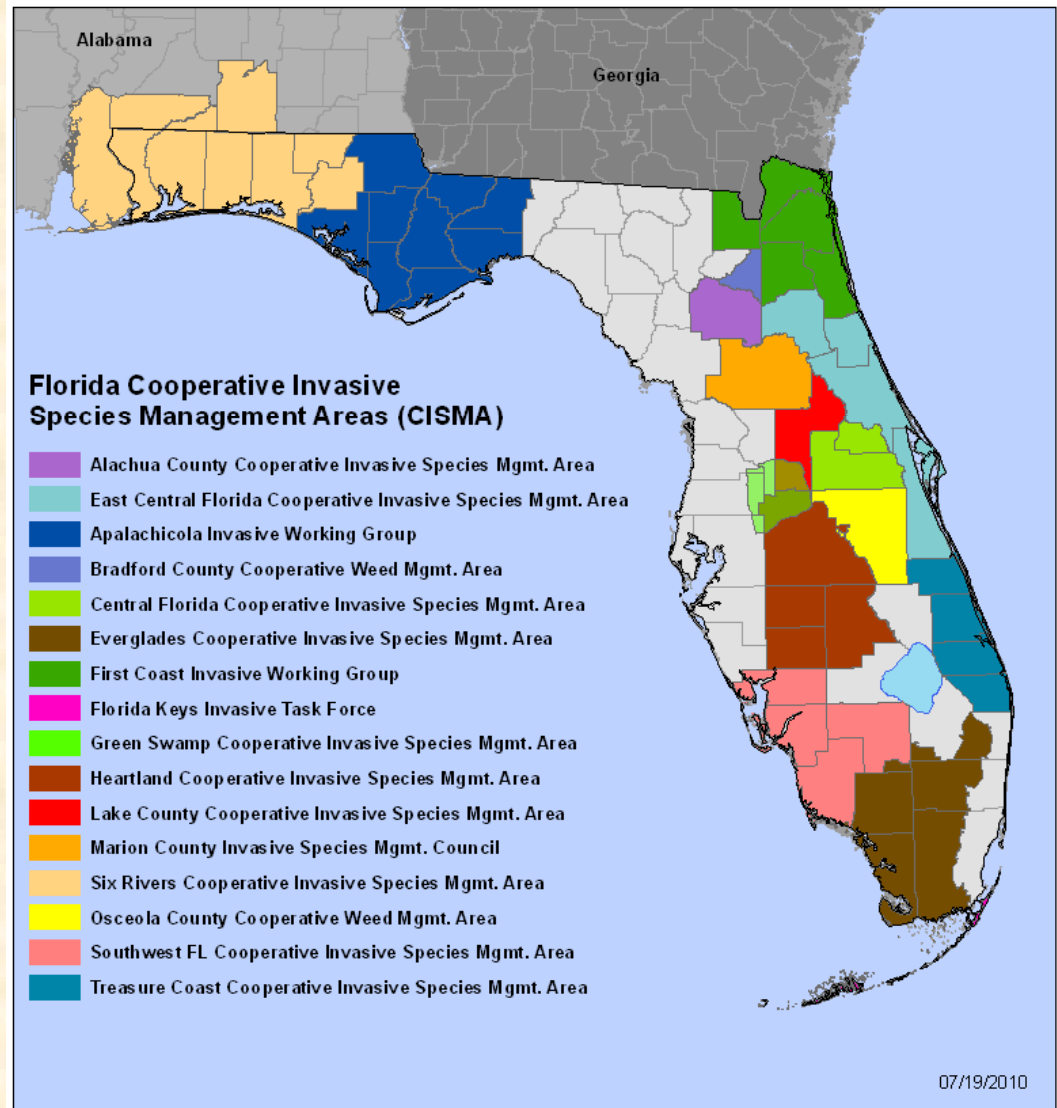


CISMA Call Agenda

- FISP Update
- CISMA/CWMA Updates
 - Treasure Coast
 - SW Florida
 - East Central Florida
- 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.

FISP had our biannual meeting in July at Austin Cary Memorial Forest. Very good meeting and well attended by partners. Highlights included finalizing discussion on decontamination guidelines to post on the website (coming soon), DOT efforts to train staff on invasives ID and control and (as always) the amazing successes of Florida CISMAs.

FISP/CISMA presentation at NRCS All-Staff meeting:

Presented background about FISP and CISMAs – asked them to:

- Participate in local CISMAs – liaison between CISMA and private lands
- Make sure private lands are aware of CISMA priority species
- Encourage private landowners to report invasive species

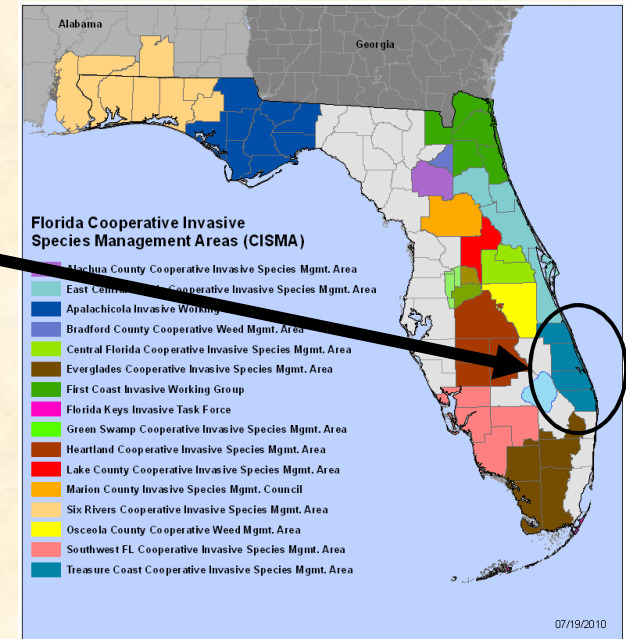
Did you know?

- 63% of Florida's counties are completely in a CISMA
- 68% of Florida's counties are completely or at least a little bit in a CISMA
- 70% of Florida's land area is covered by the CISMAs

Treasure Coast CISMA

1. CISMA sustainability efforts

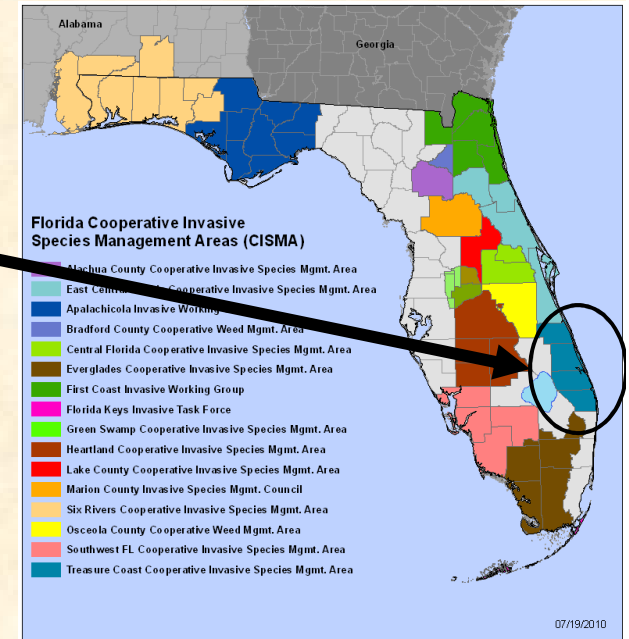
- 12 very involved, stable members of the steering committee.
- Some exiting and entering of interested professionals.
- Ad hoc committee used for EDRR ranking.
- Co-chair position now filled.
- Website calendar updated, new documents added regularly.
- Still need to recruit chairs for other committees, and develop these separate from steering committee.



Treasure Coast CISMA

2. Control Species

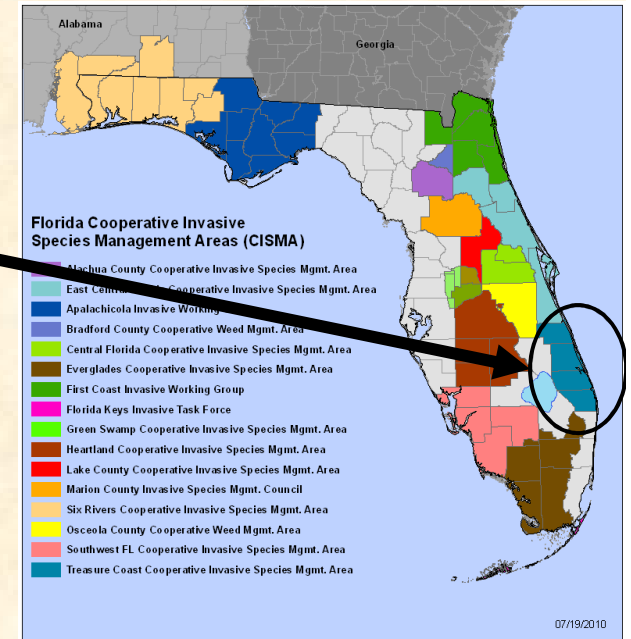
- 10-15 applications submitted annually for IPMS funds within working group.
- CISMA priority control species, *Scaevola taccada*, beach naupaka, project has been progressing well for the last 2+ years. Coastal Program and Partners agreements in place. Public and private lands involved.
- Monthly cooperative workdays on rotating partner lands has been running successfully for 8 years under a signed MOU.



Treasure Coast CISMA

3. EDRR

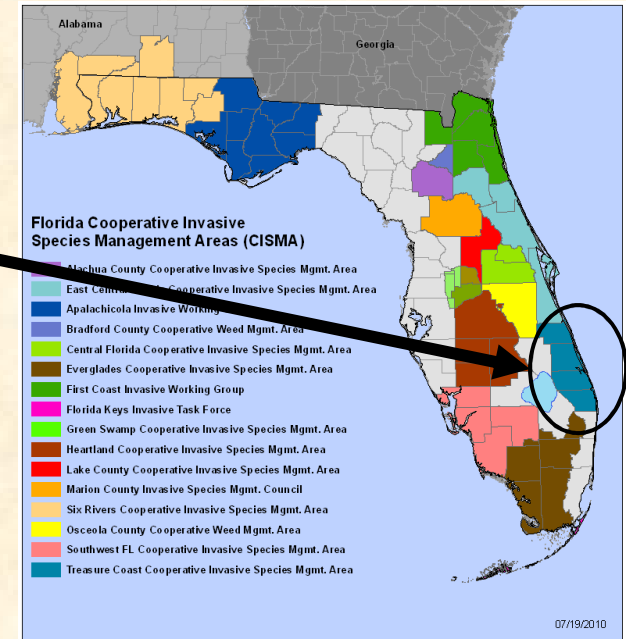
- We developed 2 prioritized EDRR lists. Top 10 for the Active Detection Network, and then an additional 10 species for our land managers and other professionals.
- First cooperative workday scheduled this September for one EDRR species Chinese tallow on private ranch and residential lands in St. Lucie County.
- Working on deck cards for top 10 now. Hope to train invasive plant contractors, master gardeners, agency invasive species workers.



Treasure Coast CISMA

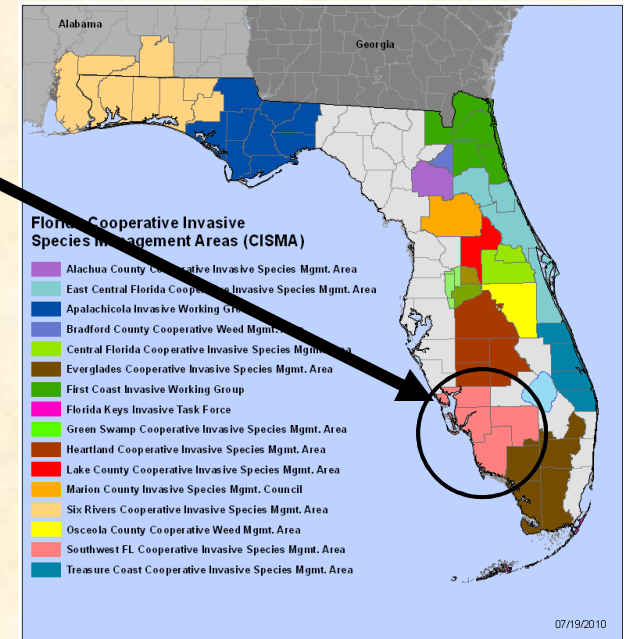
4. Outreach and Training

- Developed CISMA outreach toolbox with a few important flyers on moving firewood, unwanted pets, *Scaevola*, and CISMA info for any member to pick up and use.
- Active outreach at county fairs, earth day events, master gardener trainings.
- Regular pesticide/herbicide certification trainings by IFAS agent.
- Moving firewood and unwanted pets posters are a priority and some posting has occurred in pet stores and parks.



Southwest Florida CISMA

- Cooperative workday with Florida Gulf Coast University students at the local girl scout camp. Discussed and worked on non-native invasive plant management and active land management.
 - *“College students with machetes. I kept expecting the zombies to pop up.”*
- Promoted www.floridainvasives.org in all Arbor Day handouts from the Florida Division of Forestry.
- Printed 2,000 SWFL CISMA brochures for distribution at outreach events.
- Government entities with non-native invasive enforcement capabilities are encouraging more associations to do prescribed burns. This means that more residents will be able to see active land management and realize what it takes to have a healthy forest/conservation area near them.



Southwest Florida CISMA

OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME: we are re-launching our steering committee as we have a small core group that is very motivated, but have been hamstrung by an overall lack of central organization (this is my fault and I'm working to encourage another organizer to come on board that I know has more room in his schedule and the ability to do this type of work)

UPCOMING PRIORITIES:

- Continuing to recruit additional members into the CISMA. The need is to create a sense of belonging/value to being in the group to attract private landowners.
- Schedule an annual meeting and finish a work plan for our area
- Finalize a work plan (this is possibly the largest impediment to getting the CISMA out of 1st gear).

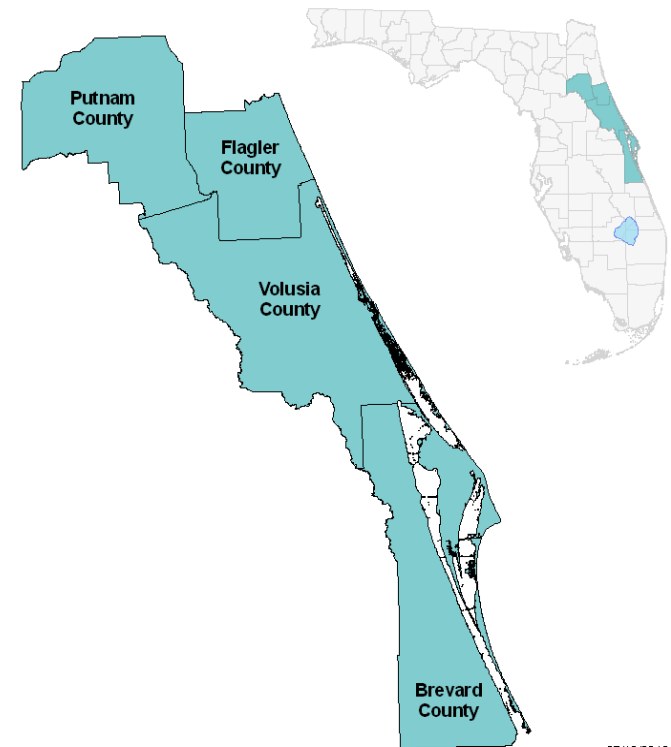
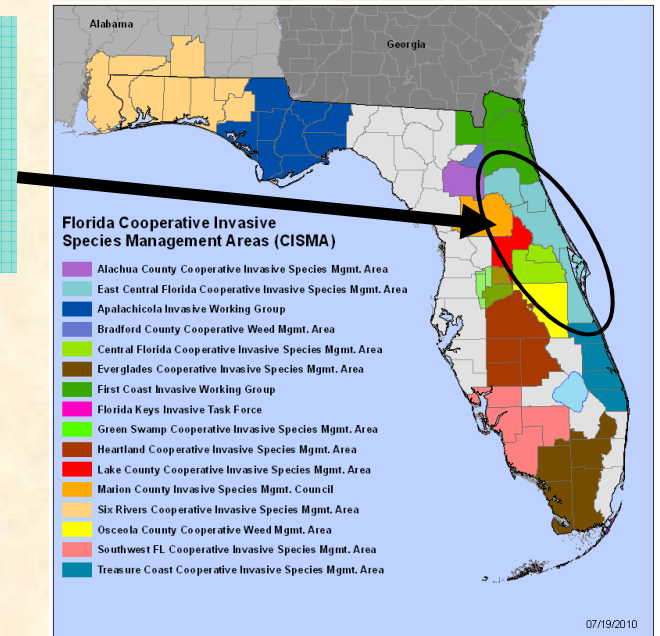
POSITIVE – *“everyone is out there killing plants and talking to people. In my meetings with people, I am running into fewer and fewer people that don't know the value in controlling or managing non-native invasive species.”*



East Central Cisma

CISMA formation/ update


- Decided on name, East Central Florida CISMA, and boundaries
- Co-Chair representatives- Ed Northey and Kelli Gladding
- No Steering Committee
- Initial meeting topics-
 - 5 yr Plan,
 - Committees,
 - Who's Who?,
 - Strengths, Weaknesses where the CISMA can help fill gaps.
- Participation- Great overall



East Central CISMA

Public involvement- Daytona Beach News Journal,
Dinah Pulver, Environmental writer

New coalition works to stamp out invasive plant species

BY DINAH VOYLES PULVER, ENVIRONMENT WRITER 

August 10, 2010 12:05 AM

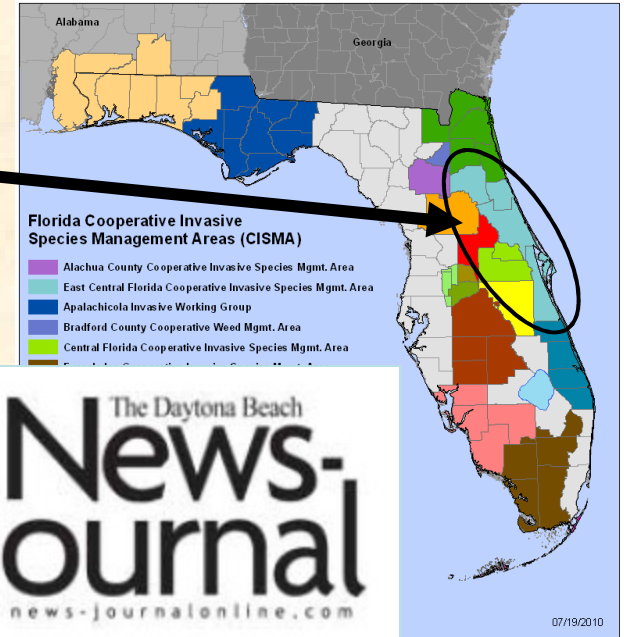
Posted in: Environment - West Volusia | Tagged: exotic species , invasive species

Pellets dropped into a Deltona lake last week were meant to speed the demise of hydrilla, an exotic plant creeping across the lake that can choke out native grasses that help keep the lake healthy.

A day later in Ormond Beach, a state park biologist went to work on an invasion of exotic torpedo grass.

Across Volusia and Flagler counties, such battles continue daily with government and private landowners trying to eradicate a creeping green invasion of exotic plants growing where they're not wanted. A new group formed this summer aims to give the agencies, as well as private landowners, another tool in the fight.

A Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area was formed by representatives of state, local and federal government agencies, nonprofits and private landowners in Volusia Fladler Brevard and

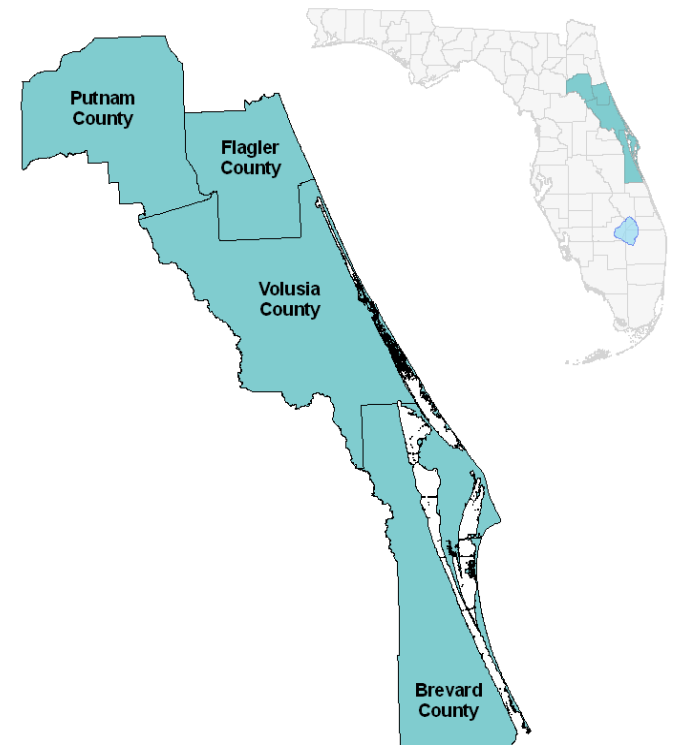
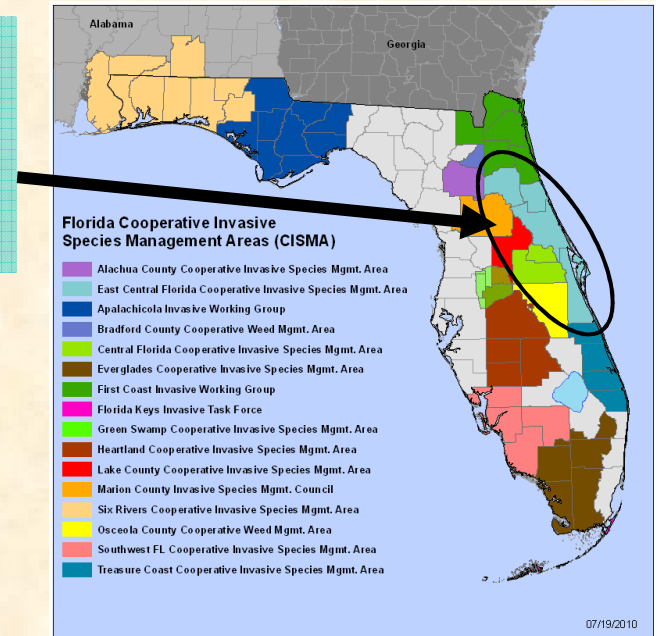


Alex Holmes, with Applied Aquatic Management in Bartow, and Kelli Gladding drift into a patch of invasive Hydrilla in Lake Gleason in Deltona on Thursday. N-J | Peter Bauer

East Central CISMA

Questions:

- How to work on Private Lands- prioritize, supervise, provide guidance?
- CEU's? Does anyone else take advantage of this?
- Any recommendations from the other CISMA's?



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

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