

**East Central Invasive Plant Working Group
Ranking Criteria (1-12-04)**

Minimum Criteria

- A. Project must be on public land—city, county, state, or federal—which is managed for conservation purposes.
- B. Plant species to be controlled must be species not covered by the Cooperative Aquatic Plant Control Program.
- A. Project proposal and final project report will be submitted in standardized format located on DEP website or in Upland Invasive Exotic Plant Management Program booklet.
- B. Managing entity has or is willing to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DEP to allow work to begin.
- C. Follow-up monitoring and maintenance of control site by managing site steward is available in perpetuity.
- D. There is an existing written management plan for the site.

Ranking Criteria

Total of 100 points possible.

- 1. _____1-20. Does the site have a high recovery potential with native seed bank and/or vegetation nearby?
- 2. _____1-20. Will the project benefit or enhance natural plant communities of local, regional, or statewide ecological significance?
- 3. _____1-10. Does the site have an invasive control program in place or plans for future management?
- 4. _____1-10. Are matching funds and/or in-kind services available?
- 5. _____1-5. Will the project benefit endangered and listed species?
- 6. _____1-5. If not currently in place, will public awareness and educational campaigns be developed?
- 7. _____1-5. Level of staff available to manage site/oversee project?
- 8. _____1-5. Is there connectivity to other conservation lands?
- 9. _____1-20. Is the project controlling exotic species with a high invasive potential? Is it an EPPC Category I or II or up and coming exotic?

_____Ranked Total