

About Us...

What is a CISMA?

A Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, or CISMA, is a grassroots partnership formed with the goal of managing invasive species across ownership boundaries.

Our partnership includes citizens, nonprofits, local, state, and federal government.

What CISMAs Do:

- Increase awareness about invasive species
- Invasive plant trainings & workdays
- Share info on invasive plant control options & landowner assistance
- Presentations to local schools & citizen groups
- Public outreach at events

*CISMA members cutting
Japanese Honeysuckle.
Photo by Donna
Herum*



Learn More

Indiana Invasive Species Council
www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc

Indiana Native Plant Society
www.indiananativeplants.org

Indiana Department of
Natural Resources
www.in.gov/dnr/rules-and-regulations/invasive-species/

Southern Indiana Cooperative
Invasives Management
www.sicim.info

Report Invasive Locations
www.eddmaps.org/indiana

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Learn more about area invasives
& assistance for landowners

Vanderburgh CISMA

**Cooperative Invasive
Species Management Area**



We educate, assist, and connect people to protect our native wildlife and habitats from the impacts of invasive species.

Vanderburgh CISMA member Steven Heeger removes invasives during a CISMA event. Photo by Donna Herum

Some Area Invasive Plants

What are Invasive Species?

Invasive species are non-native plants & animals whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm, or harm to human health.

Why Should I Care?

Without the pests & diseases found in their native ranges, invasives can quickly spread and cause problems:

- Reduce forest health & regeneration
- Cost the US billions of dollars per year in damages & losses
- Destroy natural habitat that wildlife depend on
- Decrease your ability to enjoy hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation
- Threaten the health of humans & livestock



**Callery Pear
Aka Bradford
(*Pyrus calleryana*)**



**Wintercreeper
(*Euonymus fortunei*)**



**Japanese
Honeysuckle
(Vine)
(*Lonicera japonica*)**



Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*)



**Multiflora
Rose
(*Rosa multiflora*)**



**Autumn Olive
(*Elaeagnus umbellata*)**



**Amur
(Bush)
Honeysuckle
(*Lonicera maackii*)**