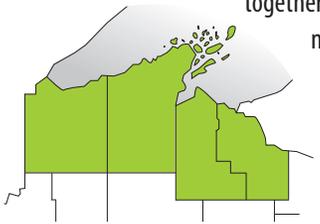


# MISSION:

*Working together to protect Northern Wisconsin from invasive species.*

The **Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area** (NCWMA) is a collaborate group of state and federal agencies, Tribes, local towns, community associations, non-profit organizations, lake associations, and individuals who have come together to combat invasive species in northern Wisconsin. The NCWMA serves Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, and Iron Counties of Wisconsin and is open to all interested parties.



# WHAT WE DO

- Coordinate community work days to control invasive plants
- Educate the public about invasive species through trainings, presentations, and informational materials
- Provide technical assistance and equipment
- Collaborate with agency staff, municipalities, and others on projects
- Hold regular monthly meetings open to the public



# LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NCWMA

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Bayfield County Land and Water Conservation Department	The Nature Conservancy, Wisconsin Chapter
Douglas County Land and Water Conservation Department	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission	USDA Forest Service, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
Iron County Land and Water Conservation Department	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge
Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve	U.S. Geological Survey, Great Lakes Science Center
National Park Service, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
National Park Service, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway	

# NCWMA



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## OUR HISTORY

The NCWMA started as a small group of staff from different agencies in Wisconsin's Lake Superior region who shared a growing concern about the spread of invasive species in the area. The group was originally called the Northwoods Weed Initiative. In 2005 the group adopted the model of Cooperative Weed Management Areas in the western U.S., and was formally renamed "Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area" (NCWMA).

This marked the beginning of an effort to bring in additional members and expand the scope of the group. By 2007, we had developed a management plan, annual operating plan, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). In 2007, the Cooperative secured its first grant and launched a series of programs in pursuit of its mission. Since then, we have hired a coordinator and secured a variety of grants enabling us to execute numerous projects and trainings to educate the citizens of the northwoods of Wisconsin on invasive species.

## HAVE INVASIVES ON YOUR PROPERTY?

The NCWMA can provide technical assistance, such as plant identification and management options for various species. We have a tool shed with tools and equipment available for free public use.

## WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Invasive non-native plants can have devastating impacts on native plant communities, fish and wildlife habitat, agriculture yields, recreational and subsistence opportunities, and ultimately, local economies. It is estimated that damages from invasive species cost the US \$35 billion each year!

## COOPERATION!

Invasive plants disperse widely across the landscape. Effective management requires cooperative efforts across jurisdictional boundaries.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ✓ **LEARN** about new and existing invaders
- ✓ **REMOVE**, dispose of, and control any invasive plants on your property
- ✓ **PREVENT** the spread of plants by removing seeds, mud & plant fragments from clothes, shoes, pets and equipment
- ✓ **PLANT** native, non-invasive species when landscaping
- ✓ **JOIN** the NCWMA
- ✓ Have project ideas for us? Let us know!

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