



What is a CISMA?

Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) are a network of 22 regional collaboratives that work to address the environmental, structural and public health impacts of invasive species through strategic planning, shared resources and coordinated prevention, detection and control efforts.

Our collaboration brings together state/local governments, nonprofits and others to address the threat of invasive species and mitigate impacts to our natural areas, water resources and recreational spaces.

CISMA Goals

- Prevention, early detection and rapid response, control and management for state watchlist species and newly introduced or detected invasive species
- Communication, coordination and data sharing
- Education, outreach and messaging
- Project planning and implementation
- Working with municipalities to understand policy and regulation for natural resource best practices
- Partnerships with natural resource and environmental sustainability organizations. A list of partners is posted at oaklandinvasivespecies.org



Garlic mustard

What does a CISMA partnership look like for you?

For Municipalities:

CISMA offers on-site assessments, natural resource and invasive species management planning, best management practices (BMPs), access to a vetted contractor list, letters of support for small grant proposals, public education materials and programming, co-op agreement assistance, opportunities to network with natural resource project staff from other municipalities and access to community grant opportunities.

For Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs):

CISMA provides partnering for outreach, technical support, site visits, invasive species management consulting, coordinating on public education materials and programming, access to a vetted contractor list and eligibility for grant partnership opportunities and community grants.

For the General Public:

Homeowners and residents may receive assistance for invasive species management projects supported by local government or organizations and invasive species consultations. They also have access to digital and physical resource materials for invasive species management, educational events, educational workshops and referrals to qualified contractors.

For Research Institutions and Higher Education:

CISMA supports collaboration through data sharing, site access for field research, educational outreach and opportunities for community grant funding.

How You Can Adopt Prevention Measures

1. Dispose of invasive plants properly to prevent further spread
2. Never release invasive pets or plants - For pet rehoming, view [MSU's Reduce Invasive Pet and Plant Escapes](https://bit.ly/4tgsczT) (<https://bit.ly/4tgsczT>)
3. Plant native species and non-invasive ornamentals as much as possible to help support pollinators
4. Clean, drain and dry all watercraft - it's the law in Michigan!
5. Clean debris from boots, gear, pets and vehicles after outdoor activities
6. Protect forests by buying firewood locally

Invasive frog-bit



What is an Invasive Species?

An invasive species is an organism that is not native to the area and whose introduction causes harm or is likely to cause harm to Michigan's economy, environment, wildlife and human health.

- In Oakland County, invasive species reduce property values, damage infrastructure, create public safety hazards and degrade natural areas.
- Invasive species cost more than \$120 billion in damages annually in the United States and \$1.1 billion in damages to the Midwest region alone¹.

1 Jean E. Fantle-Lepczyk, Phillip J. Haubrock, Andrew M. Kramer, Ross N. Cuthbert, Anna J. Turbelin, Robert Crystal-Ornelas, Christophe Diagne, Franck Courchamp, Economic costs of biological invasions in the United States, Science of The Total Environment, Volume 806, Part 3, 2022, 151318, ISSN 0048-9697, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2021.151318>.







Spotted lanternfly

Pulling Together Against Invasive Species

Contact us to learn how you can connect with Oakland County CISMA, collaborate with local organizations and control invasive species more effectively.

How To Get Involved – Take Action!

Visit www.michigan.gov/invasives for information on:

-  Identifying and preventing the spread of invasive species. Download the iNaturalist Seek app
-  Reporting invasive species locations to the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network at www.misin.msu.edu
-  Managing invasive species on your property and supporting native species by planting native and non-invasive ornamentals. Go beyond beauty, don't plant invasives
-  Volunteering with local organizations to learn how to identify and control or remove invasive species

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