

Agency Report – Invasive Plants

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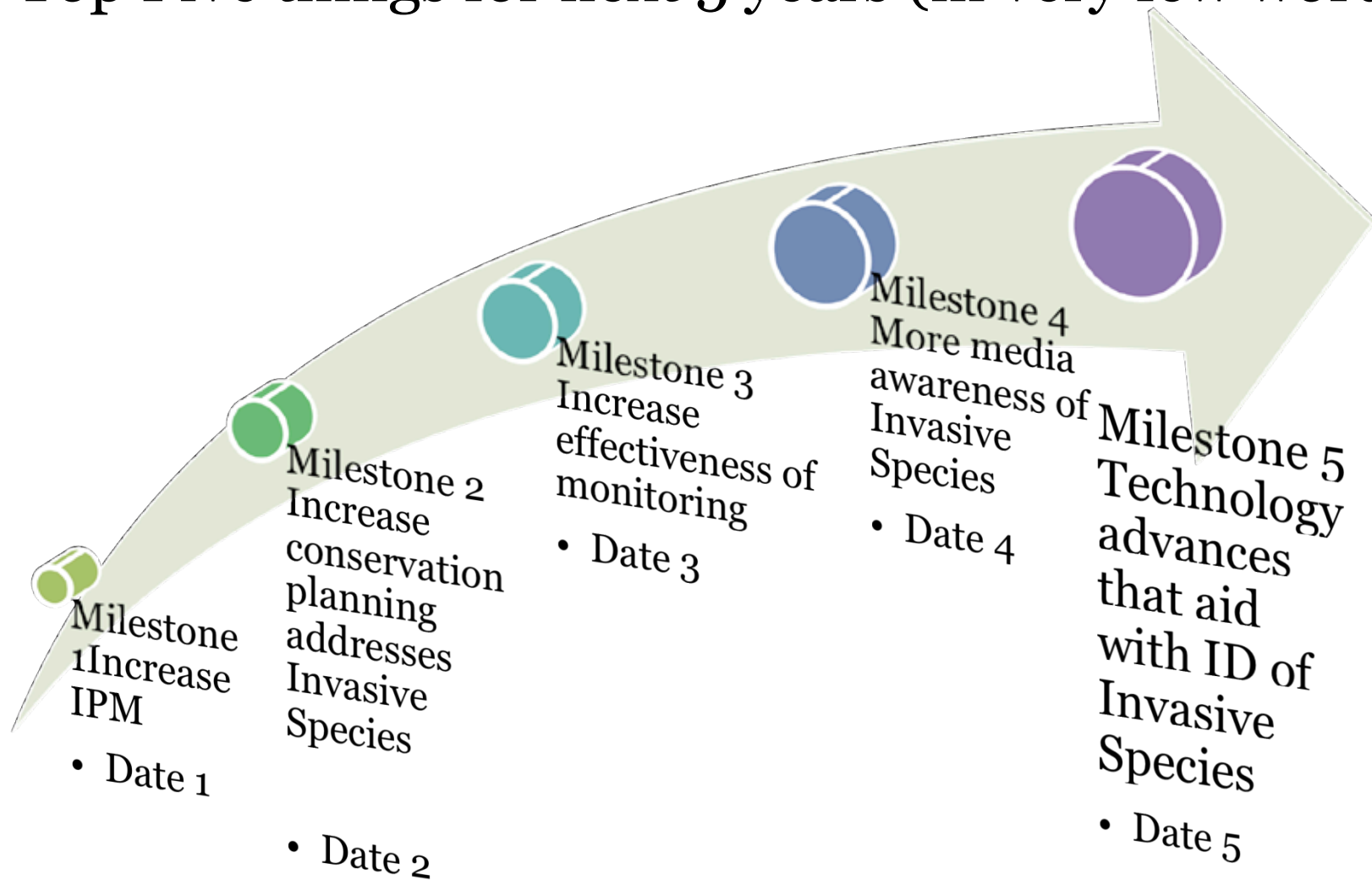
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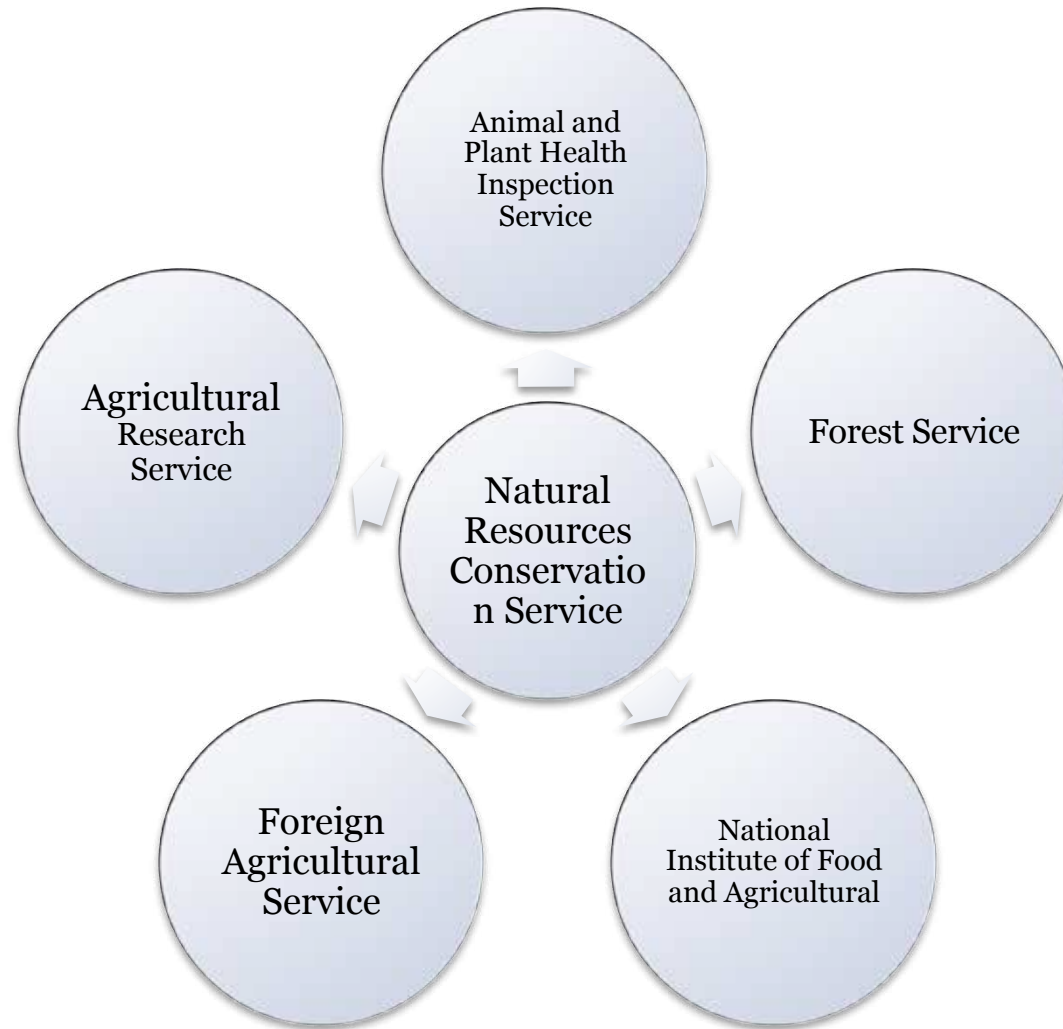
Agency Structure (*who does what and when*)

- **Description**
- NRCS aids the private land owners in managing Invasive Species concerns by providing Technical and Financial assistance by the Field Offices
- **Goals**
- NRCS goal is to minimize the risk of Invasive species degrading the natural resources and maintaining diversity of the native plant community.
- Increase the adoption Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- **Scope**
- Funding is provided by Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
- Wildlife Habitat incentive Program (WHIP)
- Agricultural Management Assistant Program (AMA)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

Top Five things for next 5 years (in very few words)



Major partners





Authorities / Mandates

- **Executive Order 13112 of February 3, 1999**

On Feb 3, 1999, Executive Order was signed establishing the National Invasive Council (NISC). The Executive Order requires that a Council of Departments dealing with invasive species be created.

- **NRCS Invasive Species Policy**

Implementation of this policy is appropriate management action taken to minimize the spread and size of an invasive species population.

- Former USDA Policy of Noxious Weed Management, Department Regulation, 9500-010.
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 – 4347.
- Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2001-2009.
- The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 3801-3862/
- Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2814.



Web links and/or one pager about the program

- <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/technical/ecoscience/invasive/>
- <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/>