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## **Promoting effective management of invasive plants in natural areas and wildlands.**

The National Association of Invasive Plant Councils (NAIPC) is a coalition of state and regional Exotic Pest Plant Councils (EPPCs) and Invasive Plant Councils (IPCs) representing professional natural resource managers, scientists and others with an interest in invasive plant management.

Through this website, NAIPC also serves as a contact hub for:

- Multi-agency state invasive species councils;
- Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) and Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs);
- Other partnerships based on collaborative management of invasive plants.

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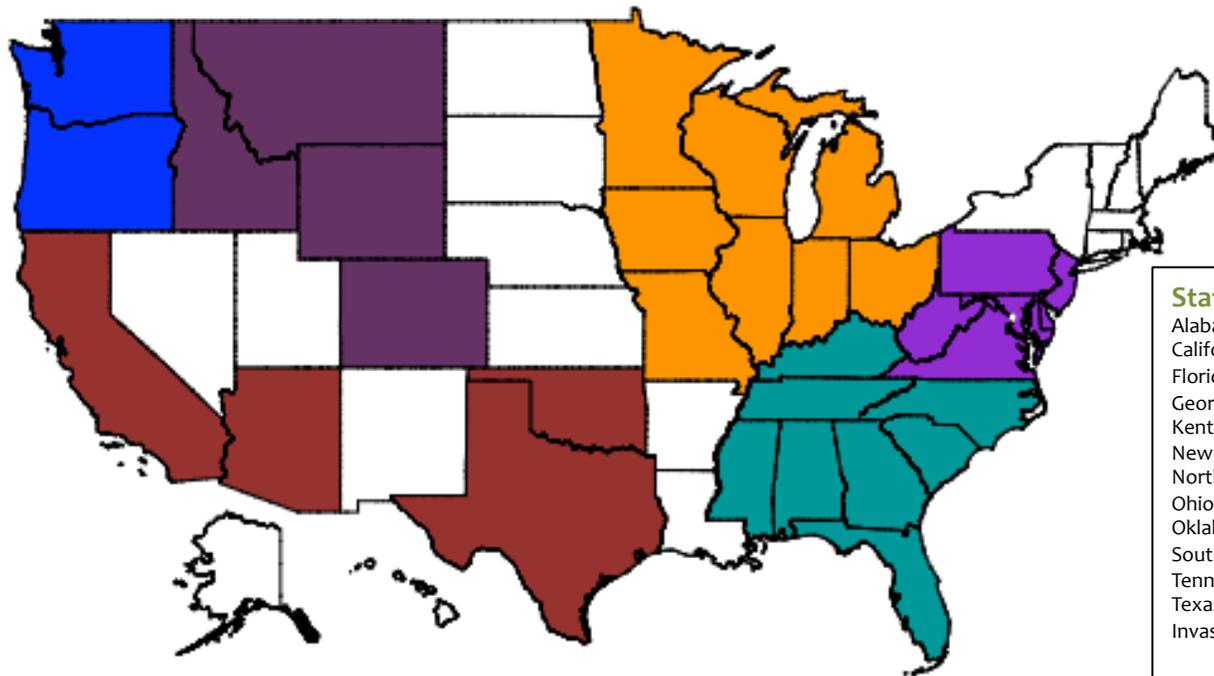
# History

- **Established by MOU in 1995 between the first four state and regional Exotic Pest Plant Councils (FLEPPC, Cal-IPC, TNEPPC, PNWEPPC).**
  - **Power in organization, strength in numbers, some problems are national in scope and better addressed by national organization**
- **Membership consists of state and multi-state invasive and exotic pest plant councils who share the similar mission.**
  - **Open to all non-profit organizations whose primary mission addresses issues of invasive exotic pest plants in natural areas**
- **Governed by a board of directors consisting of the presidents and chairs of the member EPPCs and IPCs.**
- **Name changed from NAEPPC to NAIPC in 2014.**



# NAIPC Goals

- To **facilitate communication** between EPPCs especially regarding issues and policies of national importance on exotic pest plants that threaten natural areas and wildlands
- To **communicate and represent** the interests of EPPCs on these issues and policies
- To **support the formation and growth** of EPPCs, and to provide a forum for all EPPCs to share in and benefit from the information generated by each EPPC and this association;
- To **provide support** for the implementation of national invasive species initiatives and other activities of national importance.



### State Councils

- Alabama Invasive Plant Council
- California Invasive Plant Council
- Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council
- Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council
- Kentucky Exotic Pest Plant Council
- New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Force
- North Carolina Invasive Plant Council
- Ohio Invasive Plant Council
- Oklahoma Invasive Plant Council
- South Carolina Exotic Pest Plant Council
- Tennessee Invasive Plant Council
- Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Council
- Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin

### Regional Councils

- Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council
- Midwest Invasive Plant Council
- Northern Rockies Invasive Plant Council
- Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council
- Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council
- Southwest Vegetation Management Association

 Individual State Chapter

 Southeast EPPC

 Pacific Northwest IPC

 Mid-Atlantic IPC

 Midwest Invasive Plant Network

 Northern Rockies IPC

# NAIPC Webinars



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## NA-IPC Webinars

### Upcoming Webinars

Working with industry on reducing the spread of invasive ornamental plants. Lessons learned from 10 years of collaboration and what the future holds.

Thursday, April 20, 2017 3:00 PM EST

The Texas Anti-Invasives Citizen Scientist Program

Thursday, October 19, 2017 3:00 PM EST

### Previous Webinars

Highlights of the Unique Challenges and Successes of Riparian Restoration and Invasive Plant Management in the West

Friday, October 28, 2016

Unmanned Aerial Systems/Vehicles

Tuesday, June 26, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Treating Firewood is a Hot Topic: seasoning, solarizing, kiln drying, and heat treatment

Thursday, February 25, 2016 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

Weed Wrangle: A Template for Engaging Local Communities through Citywide Invasive Plant Events

Thursday, February 25, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Protecting the Sierra Nevada from Invasive Plants: Incorporating Climate Adaptation into Wildland Weed Management

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Volunteers Make a Difference in an Early Detection Rapid Response Citizen Science Program

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Let's take a hack at hack and squirt individual plant treatments

Monday, February 22, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Predicted versus actual invasiveness of climbing vines in Florida - Doria Gordon, Deah Lieurance, S Luke Flory

Thursday, November 12, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Don't Move Firewood: What we can do for you - Leigh Greenwood, Don't Move Firewood Campaign Manager, The Nature Conservancy

Friday, February 27, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

EDDMaps, SMARTPHONE APPS AND THE NAISMA MAPPING STANDARDS - Chuck Barger, University of Georgia

Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

INVASIVE PLANT LISTING: TAKING IT UP A NOTCH WITH A NATIONAL STANDARD - Nancy Loewenstein, Auburn University

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

# CWMA Support and Development



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## CISMAs/CWMAs

Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) and Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) are variations on a common theme of locally-led collaborations that support healthy ecosystems and the communities they encompass.

A CWMA/CISMA is a community-based partnership of federal, state, and local government agencies, private landowners, natural resource managers, non-governmental organizations, and others who agree to cooperatively manage invasive species in a defined area.

Five characteristics of a CWMA/CISMA:

- Defined geographical area distinguished by a common geography, invasive species problem, community, climate, political boundary, or land use.
- Involvement or representation of the majority of landowners and natural resource managers in the defined area.
- Steering committee.
- Commitment to cooperation.
- Comprehensive plan that addresses the management or prevention of one or more weeds or invasive species.

CWMAs/CISMAs often function under the authority of a mutually developed Memorandum of Understanding or Cooperative Agreement and are governed by a steering committee.

Together CWMA/CISMA partners develop a comprehensive invasive species management plan for their area. Management plans usually include mapping and monitoring components as well as integrated and adaptive approaches to management. Comprehensive plans may include volunteer training and outreach activities, early detection of and rapid response to new invaders, and natural resource restoration.

Locally-driven CWMAs/CISMAs generate public interest in invasive species management and build crucial grassroots support for statewide invasive species management programming.

## Resources

NISAW - Strengthening Grassroots Partnerships  
CWMA Cookbook: Eastern U.S.  
CWMA Cookbook: Western U.S.  
CWMA/CISMA Website Cookbook  
CWMA/CISMA Website Template  
Sample Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)  
Cooperative Weed Management Area National Conference

## National Map



## CWMA Cookbook: A Recipe for Success

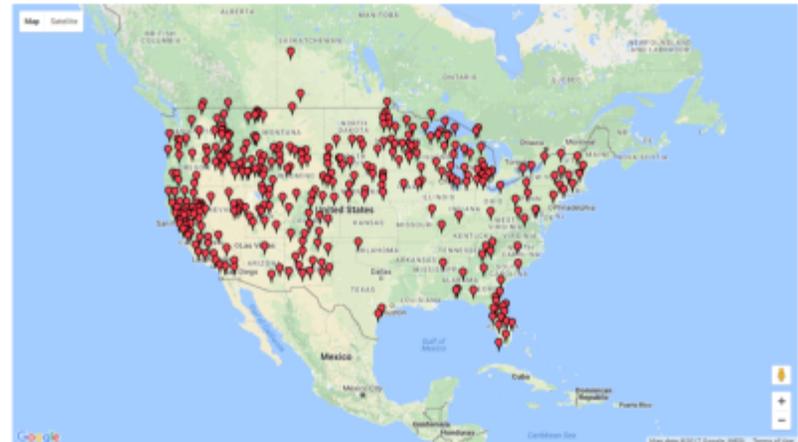
A Step-by-Step Guide on How to Develop a  
**Cooperative Weed Management Area**  
in the Eastern United States

Revised 2011



## National Map

Submit your CWSMA/CISMA





# IPC and EPPC Priorities

- **Assessing impact of invasive plants** (Invasive Plant Lists)
- **Public Outreach** (websites, newsletters, brochures, bulletins)
- **Conferences and Workdays**
- **Mapping and EDRR (EDDMapS)**
- **Research**
  - Grants supporting local research and outreach efforts
  - Graduate Student support- travel grants, awards at conferences
- **CWMA/CISMA development and support**
- **Advocacy**
- **Conduit between academia, green industry, natural resource professionals, local, State and Federal agencies**



# Proposed avenues for working together with FICMNEW

- Communication
- Invasive Plant Listing
- CWMA/CISMA Support
- Mapping and Data Sharing

# Communication

- **State, regional and national events of interest**
  - Conferences
  - Webinars
  - Training
- **Policy and regulations**
  - Policy changes of note
  - Ways and opportunities to affect change
- **Funding opportunities**
- **Identify liaisons? Listservs?**

# Invasive Plant Listing

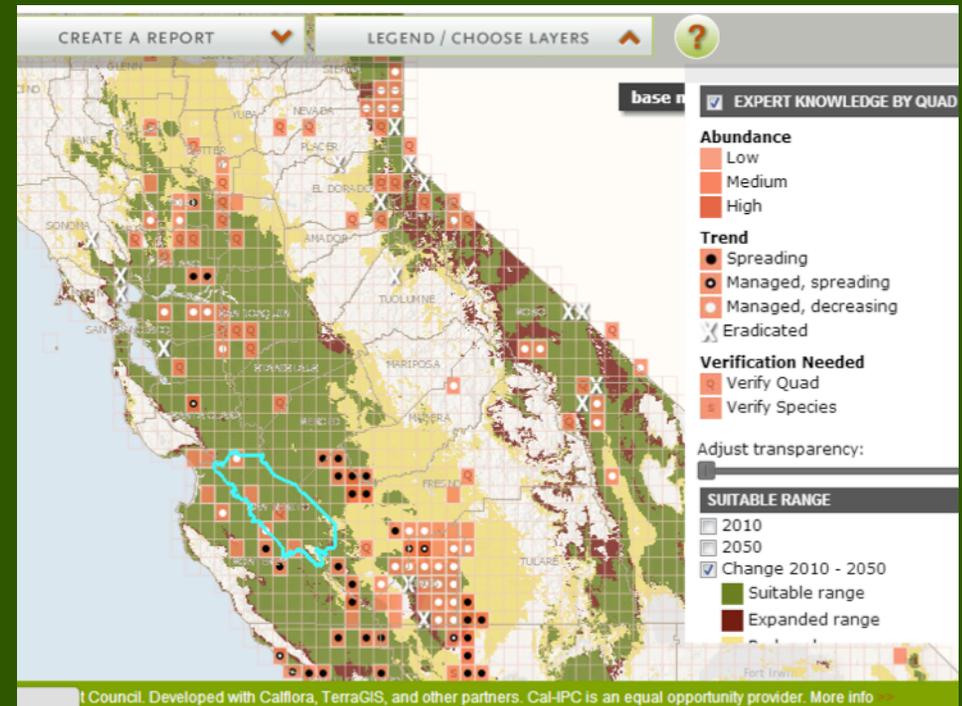
- Most IPCs and EPPCs maintain and periodically update invasive plant lists
- Assistance from agencies could be helpful
  - Plant distributions
  - Expertise
  - Local contacts

# CWMA Support

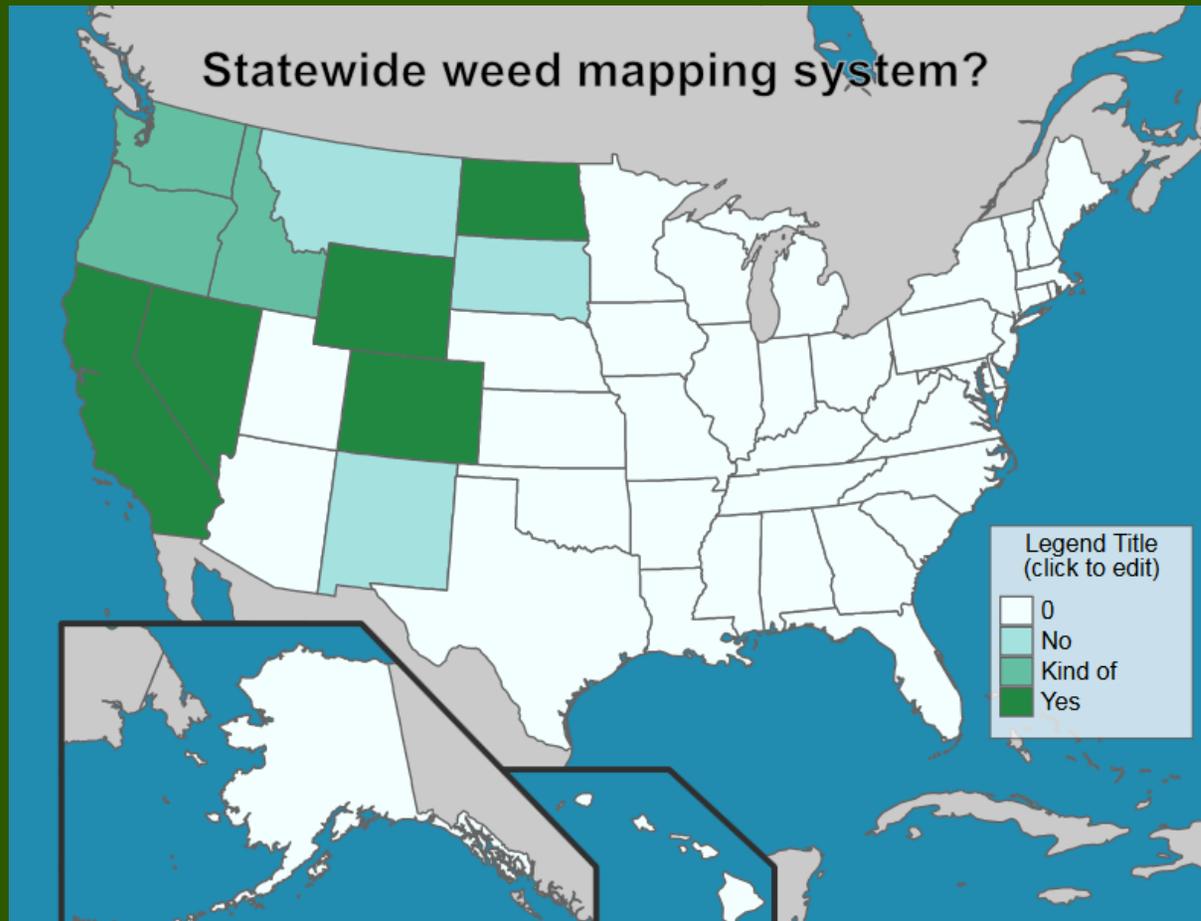
- Some IPCs/EPPCs work closely with CWMAs or CISMAs
- Funding is always a challenge
  - Pulling Together Initiative
  - Other sources of Federal funding
- General support and participation

# Mapping and Data Sharing

- Coordinated mapping at the landscape level
- More clearly illustrates the situation for decision makers
  - Distribution and abundance
  - Trends (spread, management efforts, eradicated)
- Strengthens ability to set effective strategies across boundaries
  - Prioritization
  - EDRR



- What federal agencies share data?
- How well mapped are weeds and invasive plants?
- What mapping tools do you use?
- Do you have a system for setting priorities?
- How well are neighboring states coordinating?





## Basics of data sharing

- Nobody gives up their existing mapping systems
- Shared data does not need to be detailed
- Users can screen out any sensitive data

## Keys Points

- Absence data is key; generated by “expert knowledge”
- New paradigm for tracking progress (not acres treated)



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