

How can I help?!

You can help battle the spread of invasive species in Northeast Illinois:

- ◆ Learn to identify the different invasive species in your area
- ◆ Report populations of new invasive plants you find
- ◆ Plant only native species on your land
- ◆ Remove dirt and seeds from clothing and equipment or plants and animals from boats and fishing equipment before entering public lands or waters
- ◆ Volunteer with our partners



Common Buckthorn
(*Rhamnus cathartica*)

To learn more about NIIPP
please visit:

<http://www.niipp.net>



Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) infestation: before and after treatment (Lake County, IL)

When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.

John Muir



Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership

A Regional CWMA (Cooperative
Weed Management Area)



Purple Loosetrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)

Help us battle invasions
and protect native
habitats and biodiversity!

Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership (NIIPP)

Who we are

The Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership (NIIPP) is a cooperative weed management area, a regional organization that brings together all interested landowners, land managers (private, city, county, state, and federal), non-profits, private entities, industry, special districts, and the public for the purpose of coordinating and combining their resources, expertise, and activities for more efficient and effective management of invasive plant species across jurisdictional boundaries.

What is an invasive plant?

It is non-native (or alien) to the ecosystem (includes plants, animals, insects, soil, water, and nutrients in a habitat) under consideration and its introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health (Executive Order 13112, National Invasive Species Information Center).

Asian Bittersweet

(*Celastris orbiculatus*)



Why should you care?

Invasive plants are associated with a decrease in biodiversity of both native plants and animals, changes in ecosystem health, health risks to humans and animals, limited recreation, and considerable economic impacts.

How we work with the public

- Teaching citizens and volunteer stewards to identify and report invasive plants species that are just arriving or likely to arrive in the Northeast Illinois region (New Invaders Watch Program: www.newinvaders.org).
- In collaboration with the Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN), we teach gardeners and nursery owners about ornamental garden plants that are or will become invasive in regional natural areas and the native alternatives for these plants.
- In collaboration with IL-IN Sea Grant, we teach boaters and anglers about aquatic invasive plants and animals and how to avoid transporting them between water bodies.
- Co-coordinating the Illinois Hydrilla Task Force that provides education and outreach about the aquatic invasive superweed Hydrilla and opportunities for the public to keep a lookout and report this invader (www.niipp.net/hydrilla).



Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)



Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*)

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