

Clark County CISMA Survey

We would like to establish a Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) in Clark County, and we need your help. CISMAs are grassroots organizations that are formed to tackle invasive species at the local level. They can help partners to prioritize invasive management, cross landownership boundaries to survey and control invasive plants, and provide local education and outreach on invasive species.

Please complete this survey to help us understand who is willing and able to participate and what our priorities should be.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

1. I would describe myself as (mark all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clark County Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Education professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private business owner/employee (landscaper, contractor, or other) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local government official or employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State government employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit member or employee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal government employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

2. Rank your general knowledge of invasive species in Clark County. (Circle)

None 1 2 3 4 5 Very knowledgeable

3a. Do you currently manage invasive species on your property or as part of your job? (circle)

Yes or No

3b. If you answered yes, what type(s) of invasives do you manage? (Mark all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Roadside/Right-of-way | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland (plants) | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grassland/Prairie | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland (insects) | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural or Pasture |

4. Please mark areas of interest to you to manage invasive species (Mark all that apply).

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COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE & LOCAL INVASIVE SPECIES

5. Are you aware of any current or past efforts in Clark County to manage invasives?

Yes or No

5b. If you answered yes, please explain one or more of the following:

Who: _____

Where: _____

What Species: _____

6. In your opinion, how aware is the general community of the threat posed by invasives?

Not aware at all 1 2 3 4 5 Very Aware

7. In your opinion, how much of a concern are invasives to the leadership of Clark County?

None 1 2 3 4 5 Great Concern

8. Rank the top three invasive species issues. (Rank your top 3 by writing a 1, 2 or 3 next to them, 1 being the biggest threat.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants sold/planted for landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic invasives hitchhiking between water bodies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants spreading on public lands (parks, forests, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of invasive species regulations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants spreading on roadsides/rights-of-way | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of public awareness on invasive species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants spreading on private lands | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive insect pests in forests (ex: emerald ash borer) | _____ |

9. Rank the top five invasive species in our county (*continues on next page*).

(Rank your top 5, with 1 being the biggest problem.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amur cork tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese honeysuckle (vine) | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Loosestrife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autumn olive | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese hops | <input type="checkbox"/> Reed canarygrass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black alder | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese knotweed | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian Olive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or pale swallow-wort | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese stiltgrass | <input type="checkbox"/> Sericea lespedeza |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bull thistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Jetbead | <input type="checkbox"/> Siberian elm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burning bush | <input type="checkbox"/> Johnson grass | <input type="checkbox"/> Small carpetgrass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bush honeysuckles | <input type="checkbox"/> Kudzu | <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted knapweed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Callery pear | <input type="checkbox"/> Leafy spurge | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet autumn clematis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada thistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser celandine | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet clovers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese silvergrass (maiden grass) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mile-a-minute vine | <input type="checkbox"/> Tall fescue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese yam | <input type="checkbox"/> Mugwort | <input type="checkbox"/> Teasel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common buckthorn | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiflora rose | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree of heaven |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crown vetch | <input type="checkbox"/> Musk Thistle | <input type="checkbox"/> White mulberry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curly-leaved pondweed | <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow-leaved cattail | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild parsnip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dame's rocket | <input type="checkbox"/> Norway maple | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine raspberry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English ivy | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Wilt | <input type="checkbox"/> Wintercreeper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emerald Ash Borer | <input type="checkbox"/> Oriental Bittersweet | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisteria |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian watermilfoil | <input type="checkbox"/> Palmer amaranth | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow floating heart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feral swine (wild pigs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Periwinkle | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Iris |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field bindweed | <input type="checkbox"/> Phragmites (common reed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Zebra mussel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garlic mustard | <input type="checkbox"/> Poison hemlock | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giant hogweed | <input type="checkbox"/> Porcelain berry | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giant reed | <input type="checkbox"/> Princess tree | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glossy buckthorn | <input type="checkbox"/> Privet | |

PLANNING FOR NEW THE NEW CISMA

10. Invasive species can include plants, animals, or insects, and can be terrestrial (on land) or aquatic (in water). Do you think our new CISMA should focus only on terrestrial invasive plants, or include multiple invasive species in addition to terrestrial plants?

- Only terrestrial invasive plants (ex: garlic mustard, autumn olive, poison hemlock, etc.)
- Multiple invasives, including plants (emerald ash borer, wild pigs, zebra mussels, hydrilla, etc.)

11. What activities would you most like to see a new CISMA do? (Rank your top 1 and 2 and place a check by any others you would also like to see.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/outreach at events | <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plant surveys of private lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create invasive plant brochures or other publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Create invasive awareness signs for public areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small control projects like volunteer workdays | <input type="checkbox"/> Large control projects for public lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive ID training | <input type="checkbox"/> Large control projects for private lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive control training | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plant survey/inventory of public lands | _____ |

12. As our new CISMA begins, we will be looking for leaders, volunteers, and experts. Indicate with tasks you would like to do (continues on next page):

- Leadership: Serve on the new Steering Committee (***right now this is our biggest need!***)
- Organizational planning: Help develop organizational documents such as a Strategic Plan, Partner MOU, or By-Laws
- Events: Planning or volunteering at events, trainings, workdays, etc.
- Outreach: Create new publications, write articles or press releases, social media, etc.
- Technical advice: Provide technical advice (please mark your area(s) of expertise):

<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry/Forest Invasives (plants)	<input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invasives
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry/Forest Invasives (insects)	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> Grassland/Prairie Invasives	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Plants	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
- Equipment: Provide equipment for volunteer workdays

- Pursue Funding: Help look and apply for funding from donors, grant sources, etc.
- Provide Funding: Donate money for CISMA activities
- Mailing list only:** *I'm not able to help right now, but please add me to the mailing list to stay up-to-date on the new CISMA's activities!*
- Other: _____

13. If you marked any of the boxes in question 12, please include your name and contact info so we can reach you:

Name: _____

Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Email: _____

Phone (optional): _____

Mailing Address (optional): _____

Any additional comments/suggestions:

Thank you for completing this survey! Please return survey to:

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**Questions?
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