



Join Our Partnership!

How Can We Help Northeast Michigan?

The Northeast Michigan Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) is an active regional partnership focused on fighting invasive species through outreach and on-the-ground projects. Invasive species can be plants or animals and they impact our region's economy, environment, and human health. By working together and sharing resources, CWMA partners are having a large impact. Since 2009, we have been able to leverage nearly \$1 million in funding from state and federal grant programs, bringing much-needed dollars from outside the area to help local residents and communities address invasive species problems. We work with landowners and volunteers to control invasive species on over 200 acres of land each year and we are constantly monitoring for new species that may be coming to Northeast Michigan from other areas. Because prevention is the most effective invasive species control method, we work hard to raise awareness about the impacts of invasive species to help landowners, community leaders and visitors make good stewardship decisions about their land and activities.

Who Can Participate?

The CWMA, founded in 2009, is coordinated by Huron Pines, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission to protect the Great Lakes by conserving the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan. Huron Pines maintains the partnership agreement, hosts regional trainings and strategic planning events, and conducts the bulk of the outreach and management activities each year. Partners are able to participate at a variety of levels based on their own capacity and interests—everyone is welcome to help at their own pace. You can even join more than one partnership. We all work together to fight invasive species statewide!

How Do I get Started?

To join the CWMA, all you need to do is sign on to the CWMA partnership agreement! The document describes our prioritization system for invasive species to fight and places to protect and lays out major goals for invasive species management in Northeast Michigan. We have one major annual meeting each year to celebrate successes, plan future projects and learn the latest in invasive species science. We use input from our partners to create an annual strategic workplan as an appendix to the main CWMA document. CWMA members are also welcome to attend any volunteer event or presentation throughout the year or request their own project or event. There's no requirement of funding, although a main purpose of the CWMA is to leverage local funding to bring in outside dollars. If you have a project that needs a boost, the Northeast Michigan CWMA can help with promotion and grant writing to make it happen! Contact CWMA Coordinator Jennifer Muladore at (989) 448-2293 ext. 31 or invasives@huronpines.org for more information.

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and opportunities to get
involved!



Northeast Michigan CWMA Benefits to Partners

Participation Level	Influence on-the-ground work	Direct regional priorities	Tailored trainings and events	Promotion in media and tailored outreach	Promotion in general CWMA materials	Special Project Assistance
Major Funder (\$10,000+) -Active planning participant -Coordinate joint projects -Recruit partners and landowners -Signed partnership agreement						Project match, large-scale contracts, presentations and events
Funder (<\$10,000) -Active planning participant -Coordinate joint projects -Recruit partners and landowners -Signed partnership agreement						Large match from outside the region, contracts and cost-share, presentations and materials
Active Partner -Active planning participant -Members or staff lead or frequently attend volunteer events or trainings -Recruit partners and landowners -Provides monitoring data for public or private lands -Signed partnership agreement						Management plans, contracts, supplies, cost-share, presentations, outreach materials
Inactive Partner -Signed partnership agreement						Landowner cost-share
Landowner Group -Active planning participant -Members attend volunteer events or trainings -Recruit partners and landowners -Signed partnership agreement						Contracts, group cost-share, supplies, presentations
Property Owner -Attends local meetings or provides monitoring data -Signed partnership agreement						Landowner cost-share, materials and training



= high level of influence and benefits



= moderate level of influence and benefits



= minimal level of influence and benefits