

## Knox County Invasive Plant Species Management Cost Share Program

The Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for its new Invasive Plant Species Management Cost Share Program on private lands. We are targeting landowners with natural areas (e.g. woods, wetlands, glades, prairies) of 1 to 10 acres (if more than 10, we recommend applying for the NRCS' EQIP program; our office can help you with this process as well).

The Knox County SWCD plans to award up to \$7,800 in cost share this year. Applications will be ranked by: quality of the area, quality of the nearby area, size of area, and specific invasive species found. High scores for quality of the area, quality of the nearby area, and threat of the invasive species found at the site will be reflected in a higher ranking of the cost share application. A larger treatment area (up to ~10 ac.) will also improve an applicant's ranking. Applications will be discussed first at the Knox County Cooperative Weed Management Area meetings, and recommendations made at these meetings will go to the SWCD board for final approval.

If your application is accepted, the Natural Resource Specialist will help you come up with a management plan that will include the desired end state. These grantees may borrow invasive species management equipment from the SWCD's new tool-share program in order to keep the cost of removal down. Once the work has been accomplished, the Natural Resource Specialist will perform another survey, and if the agreed upon end state is met, the SWCD will reimburse you, following the guide below.

Light to moderate infestation\*: \$100/ac.

Moderate to heavy infestation\*: \$200/ac.

\*These will be determined by the Knox County SWCD Natural Resource Specialist

Requirements to apply:

- Short letter describing your property and management objectives
- Contact information
- A W9 Form

How to apply:

- Electronically – email Will Drews at [willem.drews@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:willem.drews@in.nacdnet.net), subject line “Invasives Management Cost Share Application”
- In person – drop off a hard copy at the USDA service center (604 S. Quail Run Rd., Vincennes, IN 47591)