

## **Got Invasives? Get Help!**<sup>1</sup>

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Have an invasive species problem on your property? Use FloridaInvasives.org to find private land owner assistance programs and connect with your local Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA).

FloridaInvasives.org is hosted by the Florida Invasive Species Council (FISC) with the goal of connecting landowners with information and resources to help in their fight against problematic species. This resource takes the guesswork out of finding the agencies or organizations offering assistance and will direct you to available programs.

## Why was FloridaInvasives.org developed?

Public and private land managers have identified the high ecological and economic cost of invasive species as a statewide problem in Florida. FISC is a collaboration of federal, state, and local agencies, along with nongovernment organizations, formed to link efforts at preventing and controlling infestations of invasive species across agency and property boundaries. This partnership has developed and maintains an online Landowner Assistance page of available programs to make it easier for landowners and land managers to find them.

## How does FloridaInvasives.org help you?

Each year, multiple agencies and organizations provide cost-share programs, grants, and/or technical assistance to help landowners and land managers with various agriculture or natural resource management practices. Invasive species management is an important practice covered within many of these programs.

The Landowner Assistance page at FloridaInvasives.org provides the information to connect you directly with available assistance programs all in one location for your convenience. Find the Landowner Assistance Page at https://www.floridainvasives.org/statewide-private-landowner-assistance-program/.

FloridaInvasives.org also serves to connect you with your regional CISMA, a local network of agency, non-profit, and private land managers actively working on invasive species issues. CISMAs address prevention, early detection and rapid response, monitoring, management, and education and awareness on the local level and are a great resource for information and technical assistance. Find your regional CISMA at

https://www.floridainvasives.org/cismas/.

## **Conclusion**

FloridaInvasives.org is convenient, builds community awareness, leverages limited resources through cooperation, and may reduce individual land management costs. This resource is regularly updated to provide you up-to-date information. Visit FloridaInvasives.org and click on the "For Homeowners" link, and then "Statewide Private Landowner Assistance Programs" to find available assistance with your invasive species problem.

Visit https://www.floridainvasives.org to find out more.

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