

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Invasive Species Workshop</h2> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>Presented by the Michigan Conservation Districts, The Forestry Assistance Program (FAP), North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (NC CISMA), Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), James Scarlata, and the Fin and Feather Club of Mason County</i></p>	
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During this workshop you will learn about invasive species, their effects, and how to control them. You will also learn about the importance of controlling invasive species as a way to implement site preparation prior to planting tree seedlings. Specific topics include ecological and economic effects of invasive species, how and why invasive species spread, invasive species control options, pesticide laws, and site preparation methods and how it is relevant to invasive species management. **THE FOLLOWING EDUCATION CREDITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT: 4.5 CATEGORY 1 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS THROUGH THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS (SAF), 4 PESTICIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS (COMMERCIAL CORE OR FORESTRY), AND MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM (MAEAP) PHASE 1 MEETING CREDIT FROM MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MDARD).**

Location and Date

***Saturday, May 13th, 2017, from 9:15am to 4:00pm, at Fin and Feather Club, 3276 N. Darr Road, Scottville, Michigan**

*There is no cost for attending this workshop and lunch will be provided, but a suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door is much appreciated. **Please register no later than May 8th, 2017.** To register, contact the **Manistee Conservation District** at **231-889-9666**. You may also contact **Josh Shields**, Forester with the Manistee and Mason-Lake Conservation Districts, via email at joshua.shields@macd.org.*

Agenda:

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:15-10:00	INDOORS: Introductions by all instructors and partners	<i>Michigan Conservation Districts and FAP; USFS; MI DNR; MDARD; NC CISMA; James Scarlata; Fin and Feather Club</i>
10:00-11:00	INDOORS: Presentation about the ecological and economic effects of invasive species, how and why invasive species spread, control options, reading a pesticide label, and site preparation methods and how they are relevant to invasive species management.	<i>Josh Shields, Forester at Manistee and Mason-Lake Conservation Districts</i>
11:00-11:15	<i>BREAK</i>	

Agenda (Continued):

Time	Topic	Presenter
11:15-12:00	INDOORS: Presentation about pesticide laws in Michigan	<i>Dan Busby</i> , MAEAP Verifier; <i>Eric McCumber</i> , Pesticide Specialist with MDARD
12:00-1:00	<i>INDOORS: LUNCH</i>	
1:00-2:00	OUTDOORS: Identification of problematic invasive species found at Fin and Feather Club	<i>Josh Shields</i> ; <i>Carolyn Henne</i> , Botanist with USFS; <i>All other course instructors</i> will also provide insights and instruction
2:00-2:30	OUTDOORS: Exercise about how to evaluate and monitor a property for invasive species, as well as how to make management decisions	<i>Josh Shields</i> ; <i>All other course instructors</i> will also provide insights and instruction
2:30-4:00	OUTDOORS: Hands-on demonstration/training – Personal protective equipment (PPE); Reading a pesticide label; Tools used for invasive species management; Mixing pesticides (using water and dye as a substitute for actual pesticides)	<i>Josh Shields</i> ; <i>Carolyn Henne</i> ; <i>James Scarlata</i> , Consulting Forester; <i>Dani McGarry</i> , Office Manager with Mason-Lake Conservation District; <i>All other course instructors</i> will also provide insights and instruction

