



Healthy Habitats Coalition – Off and Running

With an interest in year-round advocacy for invasive plant issues at the national level, a diverse group of individuals and organizations convened last fall to form the Healthy Habitats Coalition (HHC).

The goal of HHC is to secure federal funding and enact legislation to protect the nation's lands and waters from the harmful economic and environmental impacts of invasive species.

Recently HHC has advocated funding for invasive species management to create "green" jobs for the nation, confident that such funding can support existing successful projects, put people to work, and be good for the economy over the long term.

HHC will host a one-day advocacy training workshop on February 23 during [National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week](#) (NIWAW) in Washington, DC.

HHC is organized under [Wildlife Forever](#) a sportsmen's non-profit conservation group. The coalition is directed by a steering committee and advisory council comprised of a cross-section of diverse stakeholders. Working in Washington, DC, HHC Director, Tim Richardson, lobbies and coordinates national efforts to obtain enhanced federal legislation and resources for invasive species prevention and management.

HHC includes non-governmental organizations, industry, academia, state and county agencies, and invasive species managers striving to:

- reduce economic and environmental harm caused by invasive species
- advocate structural and budgetary change within the federal government to achieve long-term prevention and management of invasive species
- coordinate invasive species management efforts across federal, state, and local organizations

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