Think Locally, Act Neighborly

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FLORIDA INVASIVE SPECIES PARTNERSHIP (FISP)

Invasive exotic species know no boundaries!

Our mission is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of preventing and controlling invasive non-native species through partnering to increase communication, coordination and use of shared resources in order to protect wildlife habitat, working with agricultural and forest lands, natural communities and biodiversity in Florida.

WHO BENEFITS?

- Agency field personnel
- Public land managers
- Private landowners

FISP RESOLUTION

Why?

- Give some formality to the partnership and show broad support
- To keep FISP moving forward through agency and organization program changes
- Maintain flexibility and strength within the partnership
- To support local CISMA efforts at statewide level

Goals

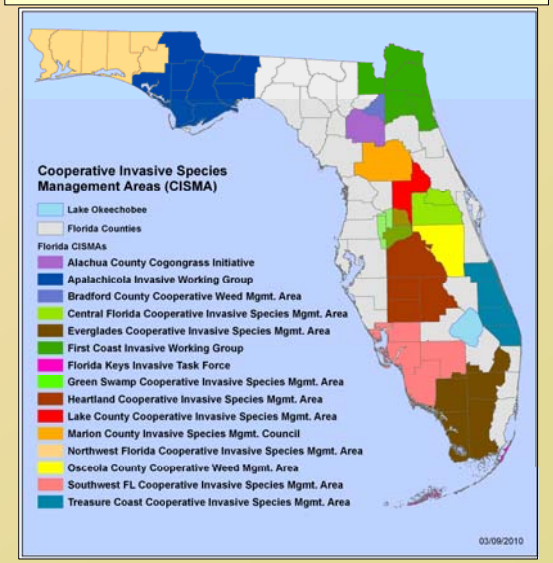
- Encourage voluntary partnerships to increase effectiveness and decrease costs
- Encourage the development, implementation and sharing of new and/or innovative approaches
- Provide tools and resources that enable the development of unified approaches and bridge the gap between private landowners and agency land management

COOPERATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MANGEMENT AREAS

Partnering across the landscape!

- ✓ Expand efforts across the landscape, rather than just to political or property boundaries.
- ✓ Form a partnership of federal, state, and local government agencies, tribes, individuals and various interested groups that manage noxious weeds or invasive plants in a defined area.
- ✓ Address the following concerns:
  - Prevention
  - Education/Awareness
  - Early Detection & Rapid Response
  - Monitoring
  - Integrated Pest Management

CROPPING UP IN FLORIDA



THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM MATRIX

Never a "one size fits all"!

Many agencies and organizations who work with private landowners know this is true. Therefore, it is advantageous to provide multiple options which include

- Flexible funding and Incentives according to landowner needs:
  - ✓Federal Programs
    - ❖US Fish and Wildlife Service
    - ❖USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
    - ❖USDA-Farm Service Agency
  - ✓State Programs
    - ❖Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
    - ❖Florida Division of Forestry
  - ✓Local/County Programs
    - ❖The Nature Conservancy
- Training opportunities and Technical Assistance:
  - ❖UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
  - ❖Florida Division of Forestry
  - ❖Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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- ✓ Interactive online resource of management assistance programs.
- ✓ Promote and provide current information on Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas statewide.
- ✓ Repository for current information on invasive species management techniques.
- ✓ Provide targeted outreach and training.

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