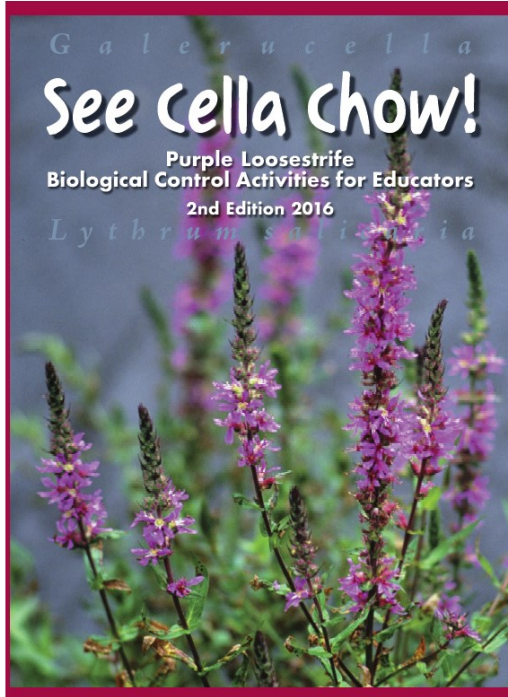


4-H Fun

Biocontrol of Purple Loosestrife



West Beaver Creek 4-H Club,
at the Purple Loosestrife Beetle tent

MCISWG is now a CISMA (Cooperative Weed Management Association)

Partners

- MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
- NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
- U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
- NECEDAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
- WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
- MONROE COUNTY TOWNS ASSOCIATION
- MONROE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
- HO-CHUNK NATION
- DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FORT MCCOY
- UW COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



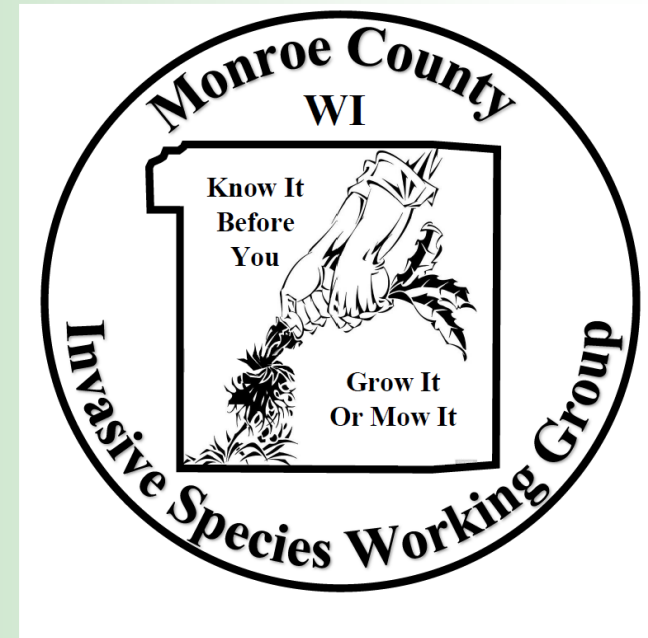
We aim to preserve our pristine woodlands and other lands from the scourge of invasive species, by educating on identification and best management practices

To join or more information:

Contact Clint Gilman (608) 387-0782

WEBSITE: <https://www.co.monroe.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/invasive-species-workgroup>

MCISWG



Invasive Species Training at the Town of Scott

History and Evolution of MCISWG.

The Monroe County Invasive Plants Working Group (MCIPWG) was originally established in 1998, but lapsed for a few years after 2007. MCIPWG focused on issues relating to the problem invasive species in the county: Canada thistle, spotted knapweed, garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, leafy spurge, and buckthorn. These non-native plant species pose potential economic, health, ecological, and recreational problems. Wild Parsnip was starting to show up and an educational flier was added to the leaflet library. The group attended meetings educating the public and were instrumental in biological control programs for leafy spurge, purple loosestrife and spotted knapweed. In 2017 the working group was reformed as Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group (MCISWG). A new core of landowners and agency staff meet regularly and have already notched up some successes in what can only be described as a depressing situation. One important milestone to note is the status of MCISWG as a CISMA, meaning we will be able to apply for grants to get more done. We have an enthusiastic private landowner volunteer base that are committed to finding new resources identify and treat invasive, non-native species.



Field Day at Pine View Campground in June



Sparta Farmers Market

Invasive of the week: Saturdays, May - October

Educational Outreach including presentations to garden clubs, Towns associations, and others.



For details, updates and additions, see the MCISWG upcoming events on the website.

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Working Projects

- Field trips to teach ID, Demo treatments and coordinate management efforts by partners.
- Poison Hemlock: Hwy 21, 27 and Mascot Ave
- Amur Maple: Bike Trail and Campground, Sparta
- Barberry, Multiflora Rose, Buckthorn: Amundson Park.
- Japanese Knotweed Sparta and southern Monroe Co.
- Purple Loosestrife: 4 H propagation tent in Sparta
- Garlic Mustard Pulls: Bike Trail



Field trip: Basal Application of Herbicide on Buckthorn