



**County of Door
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Dear Landowner,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an opportunity to learn more about potential invasive species on your property. The Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST) and Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department (SWCD) has received a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant to inventory and control purple loosestrife, non-native bittersweet vine, and European marsh thistle within areas that have high ecological importance and are easily invaded by these species. Your property has been identified as one of these areas and we would like to work with you to identify and control these potential invaders.

How was my property identified?

DCIST has been working with UW-Madison to identify areas that are highly susceptible to specific invasive species using public data such as road right of ways, previously recorded invasive species populations, habitat types, etc. and combined this data with Door County's Green Print Goal: Protect Habitat for Native Plants and Animals data to create a new data set. The Door County Green Print Initiative was a collaborative effort comprised of various federal, state, & county agencies, various local non-profits, and the University of Wisconsin. The UW-Madison susceptibility models paired with the Door County's Green Print Initiative data allows DCIST to create a targeted approach for invasive species efforts and help to maintain Door County's natural areas.

What do I need to do?

To help with this effort, please sign the permission form below for a DCIST member to stop by your property and inventory any populations. If you would like to receive treatment for purple loosestrife, non-native bittersweet, and/or European marsh thistle populations identified please indicate on the permission slip below. If you have any additional questions or concerns or for more information about best management practices please visit www.doorinvasives.org or feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your help,

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Permission Form (TO BE COMPLETED BY LANDOWNER)

Landowner _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

* By signing below, I authorize SWCD and DCIST personnel to be on my property for the purpose of inventorying invasive species at no cost to myself as the land owner, in accordance with SWCD's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant starting from the date of my signature until December 31, 2021.

I, _____ on this _____ day of _____, 2021 understand that this is primarily a non-native bittersweet vine, purple loosestrife, and European marsh thistle inventory and control program and that educational follow up may be provided through SWCD and/or partner organizations to help maintain or control future infestations.

(Please place a check mark in the box if you approve) I authorize SWCD to treatment any non-native bittersweet, European marsh thistle, and purple loosestrife identified during inventorying efforts. I understand that treatment efforts are not guaranteed and limited by available grant funding in specific grant project areas. I understand these control efforts may not be available the following year, and for successful control follow up treatments may be needed. **Please return permission slip by April 15, 2021.**