



ALGER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Managing our natural resources

RE: Permission to treat invasive plants

Dear Landowner,

You are probably already aware of the problems caused by non-native invasive plants such as phragmites, Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard, spotted knapweed and baby's breath. In order to help preserve our unique Upper Peninsula, Alger Conservation District (ACD) has obtained grant funds to assist landowners in controlling some of these high-priority invasive species.

Our current grant program requires that we have your written permission in order to use grant funds to treat invasive species on your property, whether by pulling or applying herbicide. Even if you have previously given us permission to pull or spray invasive plants on your property, or even if all invasive plants will be treated solely by pulling, **we do need a current permission form**. Please affirm (or reaffirm) your consent for treatment by signing and returning the form at the bottom. You may mail it, e-mail it, or drop it off at our office.

To answer some questions you may have about our program:

WHAT'S THE COST? For most treatments, there is no cost to you the landowner for treatment in 2017 and 2018. If the infestation on your property is beyond the scope of our grant funding and cannot be treated at no cost to you, we will provide a cost estimate to you and obtain your written approval before performing any treatment.

WHEN WILL THIS BE DONE? Depending on the species, manual removal or spraying will be done during the growing season up until first hard frost, as weather permits. If requested, the Conservation District will let you know the exact date of any herbicide application in advance by phone or e-mail. We will also post notice(s) at the spray areas and give you appropriate information after the treatment is done.

WHAT ABOUT MY PETS? Pets should be kept inside while any spraying is going on. Once the product is dry (approximately 2-4 hours), pets and people may re-enter the spray area. The date and time of spraying along with any instructions will be left with you after application.

WHAT RESULTS CAN I EXPECT? Since invasive species biology and treatment recommendations vary, one of our staff will provide information about the species and herbicide to be used on your property prior to treatment. It often takes one to two weeks for the herbicide to kill the plant, so you may not notice an effect immediately. Many invasive species require repeated treatment to effectively knock them out, so we may need to retreat next year and continue to check for regrowth after that.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? It's easy: just fill out the permission form and return to me.

HOW DO I OPT OUT? If you change your mind and decide not to participate, please let me know in writing. We will not treat your property without your expressed permission.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact me with any questions, or return the signed form to me at the address below.



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APPROVAL TO CONDUCT INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT:

Landowner Name _____
Property Address _____

Mailing Address _____
(if different) _____
Parcel Number _____
(can get from property tax bill)
Phone Number _____
E-Mail _____
Preferred method of contact: _____

Species to be treated: _____ Japanese knotweed _____ Phragmites
 _____ Garlic mustard _____ Spotted knapweed
 _____ Wild parsnip _____ Purple loosestrife
 _____ Other (specify): _____

I give permission to ACD staff to treat the above noted invasive plants on my property for the 2017-2018 field seasons. I affirm that I own this property or am legally authorized to act on behalf of the owner of this property.

Printed Name _____
Signature _____
Date _____