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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 natural resources, Alger Conservation District (ACD) has developed an invasive species management program to assist landowners in controlling some of these high-priority invasive species.

Our program requires that we have your written permission in order to access your property to treat invasive species, whether by pulling or applying herbicide. Even if you have previously given us permission to pull or spray invasive plants on your property, **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, fax 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. If the infestation on your property is beyond the scope of our current funding and we cannot treat the infestation 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 periodically check for regrowth after that. We will phone or email you prior to any subsequent treatment.

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.

