

Coastal Georgia Invasive plant control program

2017-18 Manual



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Coastal Georgia's Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP) Cost Share

For the 2017-18 period we have some funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to assist landowners in treating invasive species in the 11 county Coastal Georgia Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CoGA CISMA) (see map below), the only cooperative of its kind in the state of Georgia. The purpose of this cost share program is to increase the health and resilience of our natural environments by reducing the effects of nonnative invasive plants. Invasive plants aggressively compete for resources and out competing native vegetation including herbaceous and woody plants. Without active management invasive species can alter natural habitats displacing native flora and fauna. This program targets certain invasive plant species listed as a top priority for the CoGA CISMA which do not already have a funding source. Used responsibly an integrated approach to minimize or eliminate invasive plants could include the use of herbicides or use a combination of mechanical and herbicide treatments. The desired outcome of this program is to increase the health of our natural ecosystems by decreasing invasive plant infestations.

The CoGA CISMA will provide technical assistance to landowners on how to evaluate the site and determine the steps landowners should take to gain successful results (a brief management plan). The CoGA CISMA needs a receipt (invoice paid) that shows the work was completed and where feasible will inspect the area once the practices are complete to determine if the management plan was successfully implemented, and authorize release of cost share payment. If assistance is not available from the CoGA CISMA program we will direct the landowner to other funding opportunities if they exist (i.e. Georgia Forestry Commission cost share, NRCS programs, etc). The funding is made possible by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and applicants who are funded are considered sub-recipients of this federal funding source.

Some general guidelines:

- Target Species
 - **Common Reed.** (*Phragmites australis*)
 - **Salt Cedar (Tamarisk)** (*Tamarix cannariensis*)
 - **Chinese Tallowtree** (*Triadica sebifera*)
 - **Water Hyacinth** (*Eichhornia crassipes*)
 - **Sand Pine** (*Pinus clausa*)
- Applicant must own property or have authority to carry out practices (such as Power of Attorney or a controlling interest in the ownership).
- Landowner must sign an **application** to officially apply for cost share and return to the CoGA CISMA eamonn.leonard@dnr.ga.gov.
- Landowner must fill out **W-9, Vendor Management Form, and Lawful Presence Affidavit** and return to CoGA CISMA.
- A **Resource Management Plan** should be developed by a consultant forester, contractor, or by the private landowner.

- **Pesticide Application Record Sheet** should be on file for all herbicide applications. Suggested template available on website.
- We also need a copy of the applicants **Driver's License**
- Program is open to anyone who has the target species on their property.
- The monies used by the landowner cannot be from a federal source to receive the matching funds as reimbursement at %50 of treatment cost.
- There is not a minimum acreage.
- Landowner must be approved for funding before practices are installed.
- All practices must comply with the Recommended Best Management Practices. <http://bugwoodcloud.org/mura/gist/assets/File/LMBMP.pdf>

Cost Share Rates 2017-18

(Statewide averages for 50 % of the actual practice costs)

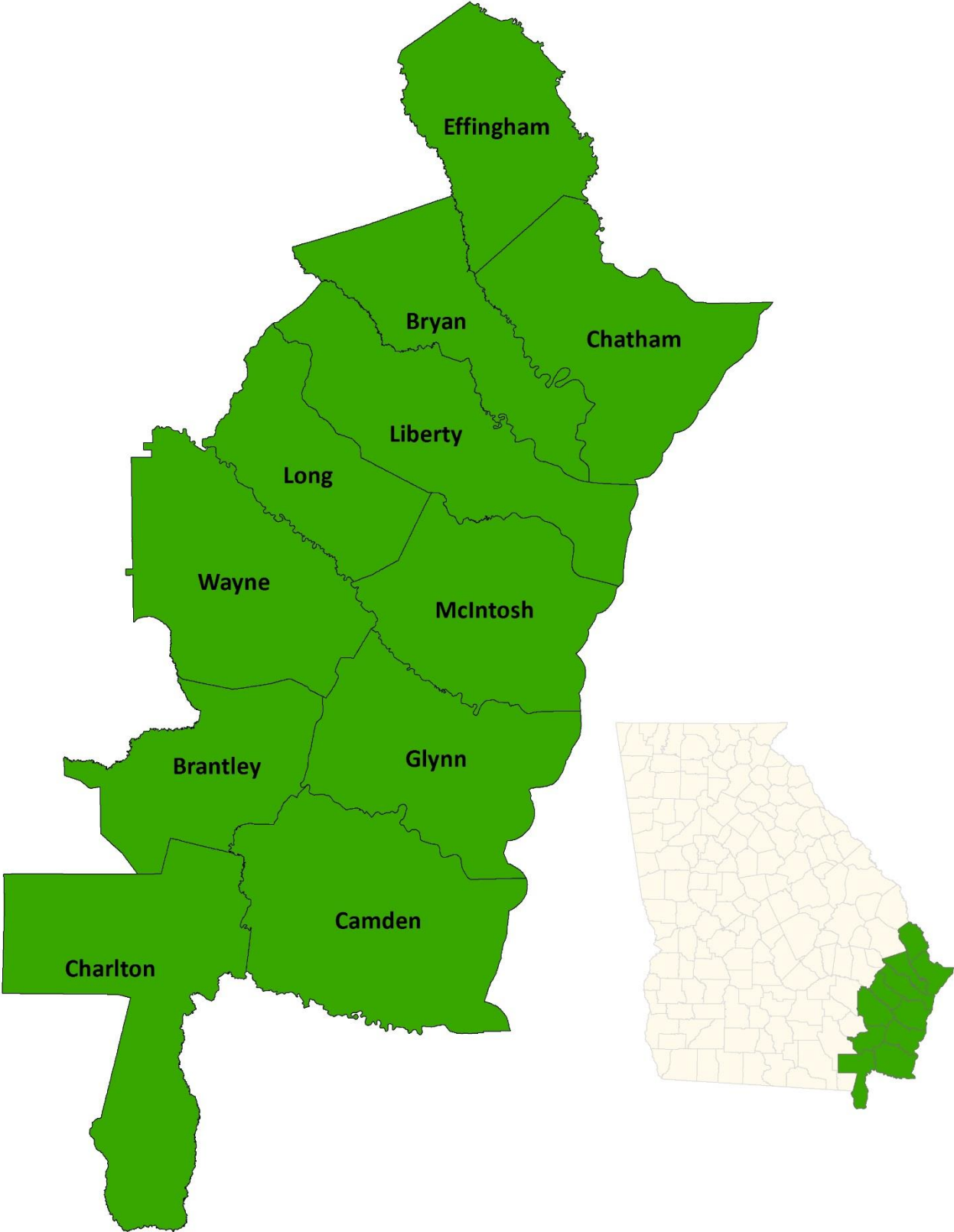
1. Phragmites	\$	50 per acre
2. Tamarisk (Salt Cedar)	\$	50 per acre
3. Chinese Tallowtree	\$	50 per acre
4. Water Hyacinth	\$	50 per acre
5. Sand Pine	\$	50 per acre

Invasive Plant Control Program

Guidelines

1. **Nonnative, invasive plants (~\$50.00 per acre):**
 - a. Eligible plant species
 - i. **Common Reed.** (*Phragmites australis*)
 - ii. **Salt Cedar (Tamarisk)** (*Tamarix cannariensis*)
 - iii. **Chinese Tallowtree** (*Triadica sebifera*)
 - iv. **Water Hyacinth** (*Eichhornia crassipes*)
 - v. **Sand Pine** (*Pinus clausa*)
 - b. Approved acreage should include these species or any combination of these. If none of the above species are present, land does not qualify.
2. An initial treatment of herbicide should be prescribed by the forester, contractor or CoGA CISMA to implement the landowner's objectives (as addressed in the brief management plan).
3. Mechanical treatments may be needed to gain access to the site and these treatments are authorized only in conjunction with number 2 (above).
4. The control prescriptions should be tailored to the landowner objectives, species involved and the site conditions, i.e. standing water, degree of infestation, soil characteristics, and if crop trees are present.
5. Sources for identification and control recommendations can be found at:
 - a. A Homeowner's Guide to the Preventing the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Plants in Georgia.
<http://bugwoodcloud.org/mura/gist/assets/File/HomeownersGuide-InvasiveSpecies2.pdf>
 - b. USFS Guide: Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests
 - i. <http://www.invasive.org/eastern/srs/>
 - c. GFC Booklet: *Invasive Plants of Georgia's Forests*
<http://www.gatrees.org/resources/publications/InvasivePlantsofGeorgiaForests.pdf>

Coastal Georgia Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area



All paperwork associated with the program can be found on the CoGA CISMA website under the “Resources Tab”

- **IPCP – Manual 2017** (*this document explaining the program*)
- **IPCP – Contract -2017** (*application form*)
- **W-9 Form** (*needed for direct deposit*)
- **Vendor Management Form** (*sets up applicant as vendor in state system, needed in order for applicant to receive reimbursement*)
- **Lawful Presence Affidavit**
- **Appendix A – Federal Requirements, Grants <=\$25K**
- **Pesticide Application Record Sheet – (template)**

Other items required for a complete application

- **Invoice** – (*showing proof of payment that work was done & submitted after work completed*)
- **Resource Management Plan** – (*Landowner created*)
- **Driver’s license** – (*photocopy*)