



Marshall County/St. Joseph County
Invasives Removal Cost Share Program



Complete this form and return to the Marshall or St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District

This program offers qualified participants a 75% cost share of invasive plant removal on woodlands in Marshall and St. Joseph Counties of Indiana. Reimbursement funds are paid in arrears based on participants actual costs and verified by receipts. Allocation of SWCD funds are determined through a competitive process. SWCD Board members will rank all applications based on chosen criteria. Please note that funds are limited and enrollment acreage maximums may apply. If you are interested in reimbursement funds through this program, please complete this form and submit with your landowner map(s) to the Marshall or St. Joseph County SWCD office. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

First Name		MI	Last Name		Farm Name		
Address:				City	State	Zip	County
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Email			

Location of project area: Please provide a map and any detailed information

Preliminary Ranking Information: For Office Use Only	Points:
1. The site is isolated from other woodlands by at least 0.25 mile or adjacent landowners also sign up to remove invasives. (5 pts)	
2. The site is within one mile of a permanently protected area (wetland Reserve easement, DNR property, wildlife land trust). (10 pts)	
3. The site is in the Classified Forest program, or adjacent to a Classified Forest. (2 pts)	
4. The landowner has completed invasive removal in the past (1 pt)	
5. The site has more than 5 species of woody invasive plants (as defined by the NRCS brush management standard) (3 pts)	
6. The land owner lives onsite (2 pts)	
7. The site has trails or the landowner will create trails (to encourage future monitoring and management) (1 pt)	
8. The site is not grazed (10 pts)	
9. The applicant is a resident of a participating county and property must be located in the participating county. (5 pts)	

Notes:

All fields are subject to SWCD ranking and approval. Landowner agrees to allow field access to service providers for site visits. All SWCD programs and services are offered on a nondiscrimination basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, or handicap.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
SWCD Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

Reimbursement Acres: _____ | SWCD Reimbursement \$ _____ /1st year

Marshall and St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District DISTRICT POLICIES

Title: 2024-2026 Invasives Removal Cost Share Program

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

Issuing Authority: Marshall and St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)

Responsible Officer: SWCD Supervisors, SWCD District Support Coordinator

Purpose of this Policy:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for funding to reimburse a portion of invasive plant removal.

Scope of this Policy:

This policy is applicable to individuals removing invasive species of terrestrial plants years 2024-2026.

Policy:

The 2024-2026 Invasives Removal Cost Share Program policy will provide reimbursement as follows:

- o Seventy-five percent (75%) of actual costs of invasive removal for 10 Acres or greater, max. 20 acres. Payment up to a maximum of \$5625.00 over a three year program.
- o Seventy-five percent (75%) of actual costs of invasive removal, payment up to a maximum of \$1687.50 for less-than-10 acre parcels. (applicant may participate for one year or additional years, depending upon fund availability.)
- o Applications for +10 acre woodlands are due May 31, 2024, for properties less than 10 acres, applications will be considered as received (will be marked with date received)
- o No funding for incomplete applications
- o Reimbursement shall not exceed 75% of producers' actual cost

The expenses associated with reimbursement requests must be verifiable from:

- o Signed, completed application
- o Field map(s)
- o Receipts for invasive plant removal
- o Field check/verification from SWCD partners: DNR, NRCS, and SICIM

Return this application and map to:

Marshall County SWCD
2903 Gary Drive
Plymouth, IN 46563