Invasive Plants Cost Share Program

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has partnered with the Homer Soil & Water Conservation District to provide assistance to private land owners within the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area who would like to combat invasive weeds.

Invasive Plant species are a problem for many land owners. Whether they effect your hay crop, choke out your lawn, or dominate your flowerbeds.

This program was created to provide guidance and financial assistance to anyone who is willing to take up arms against these backyard invaders.

Simply contact the Homer Soil & Water Conservation District (HSWCD) at (907) 235-8177 x5, or email info@homerswcd.org to get the process started. A representative from the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area (KPCWMA) will coordinate a visit to your property to help assess the level of infestation and collect the necessary information to determine if your situation meets our program requirements. Your infestation will be rated based on the type of weeds you have present, the size of the infestation, your proximity to natural habitats, and a variety of other factors.
A management plan will be created for your property, outlining removal methods, revegetation strategies, and future monitoring efforts.

Depending on how your infestation is prioritized, you may be eligible for reimbursement of up to 100% of your costs associated with materials or contracted labor.

While your management plan may include methods of chemical removal (herbicide), this program will only refund costs associated with the mechanical removal process (i.e. mowing, tarping, weeding.)

Examples of Invasive Plants

- White Sweetclover
- Orange Hawkweed
- Perennial Sowthistle
- Fall Dandelion
- Bird Vetch
- Reed Canary Grass
- Common Tansy
- Hempnettle
For more information on Invasive Identification, please see the following links:

High Priority Invasive Plants of the Kenai Peninsula

Selected Invasive Plants of Alaska

Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact the Homer Soil & Water Conservation District at (907) 235-8177 x5 or info@homerswcd.org