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Municipalities, mark your calendars! Train to manage invasive species in your community

Wondering how your municipality and its employees can learn more about invasive species? Preventative and proactive management of invasive species can help to reduce not only environmental impacts, but their economic burden in Mid-Michigan communities. In February 2018, workers at all levels within a municipality will have the opportunity to learn about how they can play a role in stopping the spread of invasives and what they can do to manage them. Two free trainings will be provided by the Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA).



Mid-Michigan CISMA municipal training held February 2017 in East Lansing.
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Building on trainings from 2017, guest speaker topics in 2018 will include recent CISMA activities, invasive species reporting, Michigan Watch List invasive species from Gregory Norwood, Invasive Species Coordinator, DNR Wildlife Division, and concurrent afternoon breakout sessions will cover in-field experiences with treatment and management of invasive species from Drew Rayner, Coordinator, West Michigan CISMA, and recent developments with municipal management of Japanese knotweed from Hannah Hudson, Knotweed Specialist, KnowKnotweed.org. Lunch will be provided to all registered participants and will serve as a time for networking between local municipalities and discussion of invasive species topics of

interest. In addition, MDARD Pesticide Applicator Recertification credits are pending for the trainings.

These free municipal invasive species trainings will be held at two different locations and dates:

- Tuesday, February 6th, from 10 am-2 pm at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, East Lansing, MI
- Tuesday, February 13th, from 10 am-2 pm at the Ionia Intermediate School District in Ionia, MI

Participants should register for only one of these sessions.

Registration is available online at www.inghamconservation.com/mm-cisma, through the Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mmcisma, or by calling Erin Pavloski, Regional Invasive Species Coordinator, at 517-676-2290. The Mid-Michigan CISMA is funded in part by the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program through the Departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture and Rural Development.