

GAINESVILLE/HALL COUNTY COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

Our Mission

To strengthen, support, and coordinate weed management efforts in our community.



Our Goals

- **Raising Awareness** of the invasive species problem in our community.
- **Sharing Resources** with citizens, landowners, and organizations.
- **Building Partnerships** between state and federal agencies, local governments, non-profit organizations, landowners and concerned citizens.
- **Preventing** the spread of invasives.
- **Identifying** new invasive species.
- **Managing** existing invasive populations.

What's the Big Deal?

Non-native invasive plants invade ecosystems and crowd out our native plants and animals.

These invaders can have devastating impacts on native plant communities, fish and wildlife habitat, agriculture yields, recreational opportunities, and local economies.

For more information on non-native invasive plants, or programs offered by the CWMA and its partners, contact the Weed Management Area Coordinator:
770-535-1976 or cwma@elachee.org



What Can You Do?

- **Learn** about invasive plants in your area, attend a workshop at Elachee Nature Science Center.
- **Prevent the spread** of plants by removing seeds, mud, and plant fragments from clothes, shoes, pets, and equipment.
- **Plant non-invasive species** and consider native plants when landscaping.
- **Volunteer to help** Elachee and others working to remove invasives from our neighborhoods, parks and natural areas.
- **Dispose of aquarium water properly:** do not dump into streams or lakes.

WHO WE ARE:

Invasive plants disperse widely across the landscape. Effective management requires cooperative efforts across jurisdictional boundaries.

The Gainesville/Hall County Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA), located in Gainesville, Georgia is a collective group of state and federal agencies, local government, non-profit organizations, landowners and concerned citizens who have come together to combat invasive species in Hall County.



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PARTNERS

Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission
City of Gainesville
Elachee Nature Science Center
Fockele Garden Company
Gainesville State College
Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council
Georgia Forestry Commission
Hall County
Hall County Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service



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Working Together to Protect
Our Community's Natural Heritage