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## Missouri Invasive Plant Task Force

The Missouri Invasive Plant Task Force is housed and administered by Grow Native!, a native plant education and marketing program of the Missouri Prairie Foundation. **The purpose of the task force—working as a united, supportive front—is to review, discuss, and recommend educational and regulatory action** related to managing known and potential non-native invasive plant species that negatively impact natural communities and built landscapes in Missouri and elsewhere in the lower Midwest. The vision is to ultimately transition this Task Force to a permanent **Missouri Invasive Plant Council**.

### TASK FORCE REPRESENTATION:

- Agriculture
- Arboriculture/Urban Forestry
- Botanical Science
- Conservation Agencies
- Ecological Restoration Services
- Education
- Land Planning and Design
- Landscape Services
- Military Land Management
- Municipal Government
- Production Horticulture
- Retail Horticulture
- Transportation

**Immediate goals of the Task Force**, which meets quarterly, include

- developing a comprehensive list of invasive plant species, specifically impacting lower Midwest landscapes, and their assessment scores
- serving as a portal for management of invasive plants in the lower Midwest
- reaching new audiences to build public awareness and alliances with landowners and industries
- determining priority areas for invasive control
- developing recommendations to hasten action to control invasive plants