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Missouri Invasive Plant Council

INVASIVE: AN AGGRESSIVE, NON-NATIVE SPECIES WHOSE PRESENCE CAUSES OR IS LIKELY TO CAUSE ECONOMIC HARM, ENVIRONMENTAL HARM, OR HARM TO HUMAN HEALTH

The Missouri Invasive Plant Council is administered by Grow Native!, a native plant education and marketing program of the Missouri Prairie Foundation. The purpose of the Council — 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.

Council 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

Immediate goals of the Council, which meets quarterly, include:

- Become a portal for invasive management in the state. And contribute to regional and national efforts.
- Develop recommendations to influence policy and strategies to influence action to manage invasive species within Missouri and the Midwest region.
- Track and stop continued distribution of known and future exotic invasive plants.
- Determine geographic priority areas for invasive control, including education opportunities (high public use areas) and native biodiversity.
- Focus our efforts in a unified front to impact things on the ground; priority geographic areas; agency cooperation and coordination.