



2015 SuAsCo Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

Request for Proposals

The Steering Committee of the SUASCO Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area has received \$900 from the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council (RSC) to fund one or more invasive species control projects targeting early detection species.

Purpose:

The purpose of the SuAsCo Cisma small grant program is to provide financial support to Cisma members for projects focused on management of invasive species within the SuAsCo River watershed.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Fit the goals of the strategic plan of the SuAsCo Cisma
- Restore river or riparian habitats located within the Wild & Scenic areas of the Sudbury and Concord Rivers
- Restore habitat at a high biodiversity site or removal of Early Detection Species

One or more of the following invasive plant species should be targeted for management:

Early Detection Species:

Amur cork tree
Black alder
Brazilian waterweed
Callery pear
Cow parsley
Creeping buttercup
Hydrilla
Japanese stiltgrass
Kudzu

Lesser celandine
Mile-a-minute vine
Narrow-leaf bittersweet
Pepperweed
Rusty willow
Tansy ragwort
Wall lettuce
Wine raspberry

Review Process:

- Proposals should be submitted as early in the year as possible, preferably before March 1.
- Project should be located in sensitive habitat or threatening sensitive species if not managing an early detection species.
- Likelihood for success. Proposals will be evaluated on thoroughness, technical strategy and feasibility.
- If a steering committee member organization submits a project proposal they are not eligible to vote.
- A quorum of 6 eligible steering committee members is required for a vote on grant decision.
- If less than 6 steering committee members are eligible, at least 3 steering committee members and the coordinator will develop a proposed slate for grant recipients. This slate will then be sent out to the full membership for a vote. At least 25% of the full membership needs to vote. If $\geq 50\%$ of those who vote say no to the slate the eligible SC members need to revisit proposals.

Application Process:

To apply, email a project description, timeline, and detailed budget including an itemized list of expenses and other funding sources to Amber Carr at acarr@massaudubon.org with the subject "SUASCO Cisma Grant Application", or mail to 208 South Great Road Lincoln, MA 0177373. Grant recipients will be asked to submit a final report by December 19th, 2016. Questions can be directed to Amber at acarr@massaudubon.org or at 781-259-2198.

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