

**SUASCO Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area
Request for Proposals**

The Steering Committee of the SUASCO Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area has \$700 from the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council (RSC) to fund one or more invasive species control projects. The Steering Committee is seeking proposals from Cisma Partner organizations for projects that would directly benefit the rivers by either eradicating/managing applicable priority species or by supporting educational outreach efforts. The watershed-wide priority species are listed in Table 1. Projects must occur within the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord watershed. The RSC works to protect the resource values of the SUASCO river, including ecology, scenery, recreation, history and literature. Please describe how your project will help to meet the RSC's objectives. We encourage proposals to include collaboration among multiple landowners, and/or recruiting and training a group of volunteers (or making use of existing volunteers), but these aspects are not required.

Proposals should include details on project objectives and methods, discussion of how the project relates to the RSC goals, a project timeline, and a detailed budget. Proposals must include a process for evaluating effectiveness of the control effort and demonstrate a capacity for long term monitoring and follow-up. Proposals should be no more than two pages plus supporting materials such as maps and letters of support.

To apply, email proposals to Amber Carr at acarr@massaudubon.org with the subject "SUASCO Cisma Grant Application", or mail to 208 South Great Road Lincoln, MA 0177373. **It is preferred that applications are submitted before March 1.** Grant recipients will be asked to submit a final report by December 18th, 2016.

Questions can be directed to Amber at acarr@massaudubon.org or at 781-259-2198.

To see previously funded projects check out our website: <http://www.cisma-suasco.org/projects/grants/currentgrants>

Table 1. Watershed-Wide Priority Species

<u>Watershed wide early detection species</u>	<u>Watershed wide species of ongoing concern</u>
Amur cork tree	Autumn olive
Brazilian water weed	Black swallowwort
Callery pear	Burning bush
Creeping buttercup	Bush honeysuckle
European alder	Common reed
Rusty Willow	Eurasian watermilfoil
Fig Buttercup	Garlic mustard
Giant hogweed	Glossy Buckthorn
Hydrilla	Japanese barberry
Japanese stiltgrass	Japanese knotweed
Kudzu	Multiflora rose
Mile-a-minute vine	Oriental bittersweet
Narrow-leaf bittercress	Purple loosestrife
Broad-leaved pepperweed	Spotted knapweed
Wall lettuce	Tree-of-heaven
Wild Chervil	Water chestnut
Wineberry	

All applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the SUASCO Cisma Steering Committee and discussed by the full Steering Committee at the next scheduled meeting. All applicants are encouraged to attend this meeting, but attendance is not required. The Steering Committee will strive to allocate funding by consensus. However, if a vote is required, Steering Committee members whose organizations have applied for funding *will not be able to* participate in discussions and decisions regarding allocation of funds. Please contact Amber Carr for further details.