



SuAsCo Request for Donations

If you are interested in supporting the initiatives of SuAsCo CISMA, please contribute to the cause. Donation checks should be made out to Mass Audubon with CISMA written in the memo line. If you require an invoice for your donation, send written requests to: Amber Carr, 208 South Great Rd, Lincoln, MA 01773 or, acarr@massaudubon.org

Fall 2017 Meeting Tuesday November 14, 2017

You are welcome to attend the fall 2017 meeting of the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (SuAsCo CISMA).

The meeting will take place Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 from 2 pm to 4:15 pm at the [Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge's visitor center](#), 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA. Please RSVP by Friday November 10th to rbrown@massaudubon.org

Meeting Agenda

- 2:00 pm** Welcome and Announcements
- 2:15 pm** EDDMapS presentation- Paige Dolci
- 2:30 pm** Strategic planning: What's next for CISMA? Identify goals and priorities
- 3:30 pm** Group Discussion
- 4:15 pm** Adjourn

There is no deadline to join the SuAsCo CISMA. Please attend if you would like to learn more about the organization and how you can participate. The Memorandum of Understanding and other related information can be found [here](#).

Formation of the SuAsCo CISMA has been generously supported by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Sudbury Foundation, and the Concord, Assabet, & Sudbury Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council.

CISMA Small Grant Proposals Due November 3rd



The steering committee of the SuAsCo CISMA has received \$2,500 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.

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 are due Friday, November 3rd, 2017 by 5 pm. Download the Request for Proposals

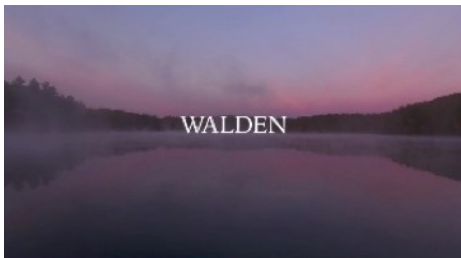
(RFP) letter [here](#).

Calendar of Events for the Remainder of 2017

- For a full list of SuAsCo CISMA events, please visit our calendar [here](#).

- **CISMA Small Grant Proposals Due:** Deadline Friday, November 3, by 5:00 pm
- **Invasive Species Summit:** Restoration and Long Term Management Friday, November 3rd, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. NY Botanical Garden, NY (See article below for more details)
- **Walden Film Premiere:** Wednesday, November 8th, 7:30 pm, Robsham Theater, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth AVE, Chestnut Hill, MA
- **EDDMapS Training,** Saturday, December 2nd, 2 pm - 4 pm, Wolbach Farm, Sudbury, MA (See article below for more details)

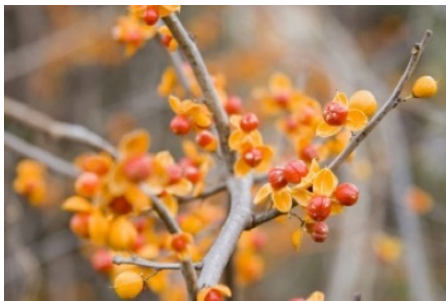
Walden Film Premier



Walden was executive produced by Ken Burns, directed by Christopher and Erik Ewers, and produced by Julie Coffman of Ewers Brothers Productions, in consultation with the Walden Woods Project. It focuses on the relationship between Thoreau's philosophy and contemporary societal and environmental challenges. The [Walden Woods Project](#) was founded in 1990 by Don Henley to preserve the land and legacy of author/philosopher Henry David Thoreau. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit educational and interpretive programs at

the Walden Pond State Reservation. Film shown on Wednesday, November 8th, 7:30 pm, Robsham Theater, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth AVE, Chestnut Hill, MA

EDDMapS Training



Sudbury Valley Trustees will be holding an EDDMapS training at Wolbach Farm in Sudbury on Saturday, December 2nd from 2pm to 4 pm. [EDDMapS](#), the Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System, is the only invasive species mapping system approved by the state of Massachusetts. It allows for the real time tracking of invasive species to be displayed on local and national distribution maps.

This data collection will be used to inform the efforts of CISMA and Massachusetts invasive plant control efforts as a whole.

SVT's training will include both an indoor tutorial on the EDDMapS website and an outdoor training utilizing the [Outsmart Invasives app](#) which allows for EDDMapS reporting in the field.

For more information, please email Paige Dolci, SVT's Land Stewardship Coordinator with TerraCorps, at pdolci@svtweb.org.

New SuAsCo CISMA Coordinator



Ryan Brown is pleased to be joining the Mass Audubon's Ecological Extension Service as the SuAsCo CISMA Coordinator. With a Bachelor's degree in English from Suffolk University and a passion for local ecology, Ryan is well balanced for the role of coordinator. Ryan has recently worked at the Mass Audubon's Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary as an Assistant Farm Manager, a position that involved managing the day to day operations of a 17 acre farm and engaging with the local community to deepen their understanding of sustainability. He is interested in the interaction of sustainable food practices and habitat management. To broaden his understanding of these interactions, Ryan has worked at Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm, an organic dairy farm in central Vermont, as a land steward for the Monadnock Conservancy, and as an invasive species technician. Ryan is excited to combine all of his experiences into the SuAsCo CISMA Coordinator position.

Picking Our Species Management Battles - A Guide

Knowing which projects to take on is an important aspect of successful invasive plant management. Read this [guide](#) compiled by the Stewardship Network of New England to help improve your understanding of the factors involved in selecting management projects.

SuAsCo CISMA Partner Projects

Are you curious about the partners of the SuAsCo CISMA and their management projects in the watershed? Follow this [link](#) to the Partner Project Archives on the SuAsCo CISMA website and explore the case studies of our partners.

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