

## **SuAsCo Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Steering Committee of the SuAsCo CISMA has received \$6,000 from the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council (RSC) to fund one or more invasive species control projects. We are seeking proposals from CISMA Partner organizations for projects that would directly benefit the Sudbury, Assabet, and/or Concord 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 (SuAsCo) watershed and should aim to meet the following objectives to protect the resource values of these three rivers including ecology, scenery, recreation, history and literature. 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 targeted objectives, 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 Kristin O'Brien at [kobrien@svtweb.org](mailto:kobrien@svtweb.org) with the subject "SuAsCo CISMA Grant Application", or mail to 18 Wolbach Road, Sudbury, MA 01776. **Application deadline is 5:00 pm, December 18, 2020.** Grant recipients will be asked to submit a final report by July 16, 2021. Questions can be directed to Kristin at [kobrien@svtweb.org](mailto:kobrien@svtweb.org) or at 978-443-5588 ext. 135. To see previously-funded projects go to: <https://cisma-suasco.org/projects/>. For more information about the SuAsCo Wild and Scenic River or the RSC, visit <http://www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org/>.

All applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the SuAsCo CISMA Steering Committee and announced after January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Steering Committee meeting. 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.

**Table 1. Watershed-Wide Priority Species**

<u>Watershed-wide early detection species</u>	<u>Watershed-wide species of ongoing concern</u>
Amur cork tree	
Black jetbead	
Brazilian water weed	Autumn olive
Callery pear	Black swallowwort
Chinese silvergrass	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
Mugwort	Purple loosestrife
Narrow-leaf bittercress	Spotted knapweed
Broad-leaved pepperweed	Tree-of-heaven
Wall lettuce	Water chestnut
Wild Chervil	
Wineberry	