



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. The RSC works to protect the resource values of these three rivers, 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. Projects that directly impact the rivers or associated wetlands will be given priority. If your project does not directly impact one of the rivers or associated wetlands please describe how this work will benefit the watershed.

Using the application below 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. If funding is awarded the awardee is required to either host a walk or presentation on the work they did.

To apply, email proposals to Jane Maloney at jmaloney@svtweb.org with the subject "SuAsCo Cisma Grant Application". **Application deadline is 5:00 pm, January 12th, 2024.** Grant recipients will be asked to submit a final report by July 15, 2024 (an extension can be requested). Questions can be directed to Jane at jmaloney@svtweb.org or at 978-443-5588 ext. 139

Anyone considering applying is strongly encouraged to attend to Management Planning/Info Session on November 9th, 2pm-4pm. Please see guidelines and sample proposal.

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 the SuAsCo Cisma Steering Committee and announced after January 30th, 2024 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	Autumn olive
Black jetbead	Black swallowwort
Brazilian water weed	Burning bush
Callery pear	Bush honeysuckle
Chinese silvergrass	Common reed
Creeping buttercup	Eurasian watermilfoil
European alder	Garlic mustard
Rusty Willow	Glossy Buckthorn
Fig Buttercup	Japanese barberry
Giant hogweed	Japanese knotweed
Hydrilla	Multiflora rose
Japanese stiltgrass	Oriental bittersweet
Kudzu	Purple loosestrife
Mile-a-minute vine	Spotted knapweed
Mugwort	Tree-of-heaven
Narrow-leaf bittercress	Water chestnut
Broad-leaved pepperweed	
Wall lettuce	
Wild Chervil	
Wineberry	



SuAsCo CISMA Project Proposal Application – 2024

Organization Name: _____ **Total Funding Request: \$** _____
Total Project Cost: \$ _____

CISMA Signatory Partner: Yes No

Has your organization ever received CISMA Grant Funds: Yes No
If Yes, when _____

Project Name: _____

Contact person: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____ **Town:** _____

Email address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Proposal Information : Applications should be no more than 2 pages plus budget. Letters of support and additional pertinent materials may be included, though not required, in the application submittal. Please submit the application and supporting materials in either a text (e.g. Microsoft Word) or PDF file to Jane Maloney (jmaloney@svtweb.org) with the subject “SuAsCo CISMA Grant Application”.

Specific Project Goals:

How the Project Meets RSC Goals (described above)

Site Description and Context:

Description of Proposed Methods for Invasive Plant Control

Description of how the site will be monitored and evaluated for success:

If Educational, describe work to be completed and how the project will help educate others:

Who is the target audience for educational materials:

Grant recipients will be required to provide case study information for the CISMA web site (provide link to the project page of the web site).

a. Description of Program/Project: Identify and explain:

- The goal(s) and need for your project.
- How the project meets the intent of the RSC resource values for the Sudbury, Assabet, or Concord rivers, including ecology, scenery, recreation, history and literature. If your



project does not directly impact one of the rivers or associated wetlands please describe how this work will benefit the watershed.

- Identify the target priority invasive species
- b. **Specific activities:**
- Concisely list and explain all project tasks and deliverables for each task.
 - Include a timeline, arranged by task, indicating start date, date of task completion and submission of deliverable(s) date.
- c. **Evaluation:** Please provide details on the evaluation process and matrices that will be used to gauge success (how well project implementation met the anticipated outcomes/goals) and how will this be reported to the CISMA.
- d. **Other:** Provide any other information you feel would be relevant and not covered above.



e. **Budget:** Complete the following budget table, (add additional tasks if needed).

Task	Funding		Explanation of Expenses (personnel, supplies, printing, equipment, other – please detail)
Example: Task 0. Kick-off meeting	CISMA funding	\$ 250	Personnel costs (2 staff for 3 hours) Printing of 20 handouts
	Grants (indicate if pending)	NA	
	In-kind	\$55	Use of library conference room
	Other:	\$15	Coffee/tea - donated
Task subtotal		\$320	
Task 1.	CISMA funding		
	Grants (indicate if pending)		
	In-kind		
	Other: _____		
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Task subtotal			
Task 2.	CISMA funding		
	Grants (indicate if pending)		
	In-kind		
	Other: _____		

TOTALS: CISMA \$ _____ Grants \$ _____ In-Kind \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Budget Narrative: Provide additional clarifying information about the project budget. Applicants are encouraged to provide the CISMA with a prioritized list of project tasks. This will help inform decisions should the CISMA opt to fund only select project tasks.