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Agenda

- Can't thoroughly cover this topic in 20 minutes
- Present a broad overview of how to acquire funding
 - Observations
 - Steps for success
 - Rules of thumb
 - Specific programs
 - Resources for further research
- Willing to participate in a dedicated "funding" seminar

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Environmental Resource Specialist

- Identify existing and facilitate creation of new funding sources for invasive species control
- Build and strengthen relationships with government agencies
 - Federal
 - State
 - Regional
- Facilitate technology transfer to agencies
- Facilitate development of partnerships with Federal, state and local agencies, NGO's and industry

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Area of Responsibility

31.5 States

State Agencies DOT DNR DEP WMD Fish & Game Forestry Commission		Federal Agencies NPS USFS USFWS USACE NRCS FHWA EPA
Organizations The Nature Conservancy Society of American Foresters Audubon Society Exotic Plant Pest Councils Invasive Species Councils Aquatic Plant Management Societies		Wildlife Groups National Wild Turkey Federation Quail Unlimited Ducks Unlimited Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation Pheasants Forever

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Perception and Reality

- Little funding is available for invasive species control programs
- THIS IS NOT TRUE!!!
- 2005 Federal Budget
 - Control **\$443 MILLION**
 - Total for all programs **\$1.169 BILLION**
- Your challenge is;
 - Know the available programs
 - Access the funds
 - Look for funding synergy
 - Seek more dedicated funding

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Observations


- Aquatic programs are more organized
 - Comprehensive state management plans
 - More funding
 - Perpetual funding source established
- Poor eastern state representation - NIWAW
- Western states get the majority of funding
- Need funding synergy between agencies / organizations

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Partnerships

- Effective partnerships include diverse members
 - Federal, state and local organizations
 - Public and private entities
 - Universities and foundations
 - Conservation and wildlife groups
 - Look for nontraditional members
- Broad coalitions maximize;
 - Ideas
 - Manpower
 - Fund raising capability
 - Political clout
 - Effectiveness



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Steps for Success

- First Steps
 - Demonstration program
 - Grant submission
 - Legislative tour
- Ultimate Goal
 - Perpetual annual funding
 - Registration fees
 - Hunting licenses
 - Specialty license plates
 - Trust Fund




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Funding Sources

- Earmarked funds
- Legislation
 - Federal
 - State
- Grants
- Endowments / Foundations



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Funding Sources

- Government Agencies
 - Federal
 - State
 - Local
- Philanthropic Organizations
- Conservation / Wildlife Organizations
- Local Industry

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Funding Opportunities

Rules of Thumb

- Few dedicated funding sources
- More dollars in general "catch all" categories.
- Proposals should emphasize restoring the entire system
- Broad coalitions are more attractive to fund providers
- Regional coalitions have more political clout
- Economic impact information is essential
- Use grants only for initial funding
- Include a successful fund raising partner

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Funding Opportunities

Earmarked Funds

- Mississippi Cogongrass Program
 - MSU Cogongrass White Paper
 - \$250,000 earmarked for landowner control program
 - Senator Cochran
- Alabama Invasive Species Program
 - State Conservationist earmarked \$250,000 from EQIP
 - \$75 per acre for 3 years (retreatments)
 - Cogongrass, Kudzu, Japanese Climbing Fern control

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Funding Opportunities Federal Legislation

- Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004
 - Originally requested \$100 million per year for 5 years
 - Authorized \$15 million per year for 5 years
 - Signed by President Bush in November 2004
 - Funds to be managed by APHIS
 - No appropriations to date
 - Grants
 - to weed management entities for the control or eradication of noxious weeds
 - Agreements
 - with weed management entities to provide financial and technical assistance for the control or eradication of noxious weeds
 - Work continues to increase appropriation to \$100 million per year

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Funding Opportunities Federal Legislation

- Transportation Bill
 - Included funding for invasive species
 - Highways major pathway
 - No bill passed in 2004
 - Reintroduced in 2005
 - House approved similar language
 - Currently in Senate
 - Contact your Senator to keep funding in bill



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Funding Opportunities Federal Legislation

An Example of Competition from the West (in Progress)
The Power of Organization

- HR489 Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Assessment Demonstration Act
- S177 Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control and Demonstration Act
- Approximately **\$20 MILLION** per year
 - On the ground control
- **PLUS**
- Up to \$250k for individual research grants
- Assessment and Monitoring funds
- Started with 5 states – now entire West

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Funding Opportunities State legislation

- Florida Land & Water Trust Funds
 - Funded by vehicle registrations
 - \$20 million annually
- South Carolina Water Recreational Resource Fund
 - Funded by gas taxes
- Tennessee IRIS Fund
 - Funded by Specialty License Plates - \$35 voluntary additional fee
 - For State Parks to plant and care for native plants and to control invasive species
 - Over \$2 million in fund

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Funding Opportunities USDA Grant and Partnership Programs

- National Resource Conservation Service
 - Farmers and Ranchers
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
 - Conservation on Private Lands Program
 - Farmers, Ranchers, State and Local Governments, NGO's
 - Conservation Partnership Initiative
 - Private Landowners
 - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
 - Private Landowners, State and Local Governments
 - Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
 - Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) – Must include producers eligible under EQIP - NGO's can qualify

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Funding Opportunities USDA Grant and Partnership Programs

- Farm Service Administration
 - Private Landowners or Groups
 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
 - Producers in Partnership with State and Federal Gov't, Private Groups
 - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- Forest Service
 - Private Forest Landowners
 - Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP)
 - CMA's, States and NGO's
 - Cooperative Forest Health Management Program
 - Forest Health Protection Program – State and Private Forests
 - MS Coastal Plain RC&D - \$25k for Cogongrass control and displays
 - GA Forestry Commission - \$50k for Chinese Privet control demo

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Funding Opportunities Grant Programs

- Pulling Together Initiative
 - Funded 45 projects for \$1.3 million in 2004
 - Funded 301 projects totaling \$9.7 million since 1998
 - Encourage partnerships with Agencies, NGO's, Landowners, Industry
 - On the ground control - 1:1 match
- Partners For Fish & Wildlife Program
 - 50% cost share for any privately owned land.
 - Private landowners, Tribes, schools, local governments, businesses, non-profit and for profit organizations.
 - No formal application – work with FWS biologist to develop a plan
 - \$16 million funding – maximum grant \$25k

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Funding Opportunities Grant Programs

- Landowner Incentive Program – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 - Funds to states to establish programs that protect and restore habitats to benefit Federally listed, proposed or candidate species or other at risk species
 - Only state agencies with primary responsibility for fish & wildlife may submit proposals
 - Other agencies, organizations or individuals may partner with or serve as a subgrantee
 - \$22 million for FY 2005
 - 25% nonfederal match
 - No state may receive more than 5% of total funds

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Funding Opportunities Grant Programs

- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation – Other Programs
 - General Matching Grants
 - Pre-proposals due May 13, 2005
 - Small Grants Program
 - City of Clearwater FL – Invasive Species Control 2004
 - Special Grants Program

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Funding Opportunities Grant Programs

- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation – Special Grants Program
 - Bring Back The Natives
 - Restore populations of sensitive or listed aquatic species
 - Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program
 - Wetland, riparian areas and coastal habitat restoration
 - Native Plant Conservation Initiative
 - Conservation on Private Lands (NRCS)
 - Southern Rivers Conservation

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Funding Opportunities Grant Programs

- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation – Other Programs
 - National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant Program
 - Southern Company Longleaf Legacy Program
 - Northwest Florida Longleaf Pine Restoration – TNC
 - Georgia State Parks Longleaf Pine Restoration – GA DNR

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Funding Opportunities Grant Programs

- Other Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection
 - Community Based Restoration Program (NOAA)
 - North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grants
 - Coastal Program
 - Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund
 - Migratory Bird Conservancy
 - Private Stewardship Grants Program
 - State Wildlife Grant Program
 - Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grants
 - Water Quality Cooperative Agreements
 - National Forest Foundation Matching Award Program

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Funding Opportunities

Foundations, Trusts and Endowments

- The Turner Foundation Inc. – Arlington, VA
 - Turner Endangered Species Fund
 - Avalon Plantation, FL (Longleaf Pine, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker)
 - St. Phillips Island, SC (Southern Fox Squirrel)
- The Heinz Foundation – Pittsburgh, PA
- The Pew Charitable Trusts – Philadelphia, PA
- The Rockefeller Foundation – New York, NY
- W. Alton Jones Foundation Inc. – Charlottesville, VA
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation – Chicago, IL
- The George Gund Foundation – Cleveland, OH

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Foundations, Trusts and Endowments

- Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
- The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation
- The Merck Family Fund
- Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund
- J.C. Downing Foundation
- Laura Jane Musser Fund

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More Information on Funding Opportunities

- <http://www.invasivespecies.gov/toolkit/grantsinfo.shtml>
 - General Fund and Grant Information
 - USDA Grant and Partnership Programs
- <http://www.weedcenter.org/grants/rfp.htm>
- <http://www.grants.gov>
- <http://fdncenter.org>
 - The Foundation Center
- <http://cfda.gov>
 - Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
- <http://www.nal.usda.gov/wpic/funding.html>
 - Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection

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Summary

- Products for many terrestrial and aquatic weed problems
- Actively seeking solutions for additional invasive species problems
- Willing to help with education and technology transfer
- Willing to help access / create invasive species funding programs
- Willing to assist with partnership development

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