

# Walker County Invasive Plant Program

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# Project Partners

- Walker County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Local NRCS
- Walker County Forestry Planning Committee
- Alabama Forestry Commission
- Alabama Invasive Plant Council
- Alabama Cooperative Extension System
- City of Jasper and Walker County Commission
- Private Industry (BASF)

Our Thanks to the Alabama  
Invasive Plant Council For  
Supporting This Grant Program





*Invasive Species Workshop  
 "Weeds Gone Wild"  
 Agenda  
 October 14, 2009  
 CHS Building  
 204 East 19th Street, Jasper, AL 35501*

8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome	Bruce Hamrick, Chairman, Walker County Commission
9:10 - 10:10	Introduction of Topic	Stephen Enloe, Extension Weed Specialist, Auburn University
10:10 - 10:20	Break	
10:20 - 10:50	Cogongrass presentation	Jim Jeter, BMP Coordinator/Hardwood Specialist, Alabama Forestry Commission,
10:50 - 11:10	Landscape Escapee's	Danny Cain, County Extension Coordinator, Alabama Cooperative Extension System
11:10 - 12:00	Lunch	
12:00 - 1:00	Invasive controls w/ herbicide	Victor Nickels, Chemical Representative, BASF
1:00 - 1:10	Open Discussion	Dorman Grace, Chairman, Walker Co. Soil & Water
1:10 - 2:00	Privet eradication demo. Town Creek	Danny Cain and Stephen Enloe

There is no registration fee to attend this workshop, however, we are requesting reservations to be made thru Katherine at 205-387-1879. There will be 4.0 PLM credit hours for Professional Logging Managers and 4.0 CFE continuing education units available for Registered Foresters attending this workshop. 10 commercial pesticide applicator recertification points for agriculture plant pest control, demonstration and research, forest pest control, and right-of-way pest control will be awarded for attending the workshop as well.

The Walker County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to express a special thanks to the Alabama Invasive Plant Council for the grant that was received which provided the funding for this workshop.

## How do we get from landscape to "problem plant"

- Problem begins with what we want from our landscapes
- Fail to do our "homework" about the nature of the plants we select
- Lack of knowledge about ecosystems
- "Industry" will sell us exactly what we ask for
- In some cases inappropriate disposal – especially true for aquatic invasives









# Good Work Creates More Work!



# Mine Reclamation Sites Prime For Invasives



# Stream Restoration



# Master Gardener Community Gardens



# New Program Partners

- Alabama Surface Mining Commission
- Alabama Master Gardeners

# Media Awareness

- Local Television
- Newscolumnns
- Radio

# Work To Be Completed

- Follow-up to workshop planned for Oct 2010
- Follow up on suspected cogon grass sites