



Lake Como Co-op Supports the FLEPPC Mission

The 200-acre Lake Como Co-op in Lutz, Florida recently began combating invasive plants within their borders. The residents first learned about invasive plants through Pasco County forester Arthur Clothier after enrolling in the Florida Division of Forestry's Forest Stewardship Program. They have started with cogon grass and melaleuca trees, and Caesar's weed and castor bean are looming on the horizon. Clothier has created a timber management plan, and is currently completing a Forest Stewardship Plan in conjunction with William Smith, Pasco County Wildlife Biologist.

Knowing that prevention is easier than eradication, their Board of Directors recently voted to not plant FLEPPC Category I and II invasives on common areas and strongly recommends that residents refrain from planting these species in their yards. They also voted to strongly encourage the planting of Florida native plant species. It is refreshing to hear examples of concerned citizens making a difference in the Florida landscape.

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