

## ***Invasive Species Management Guidelines***

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Management of invasive plants can help to sustain ecosystem services provided by natural areas and increase the recreational value of these lands. However, extensive removal of vegetation can have many undesired effects. An invasive species management project should balance invasive plant control with public safety, protection of sensitive or endangered species, mitigation of wildfire risk and the safe and effective use of herbicides, while maintaining effective vegetative cover on the land.

Invasive plant management projects should be coordinated with the Watershed Protection Department's Environmental Resource Management division (ERM) to ensure that an environmentally-sound management plan is in place. [Guidelines for developing a plan can be found here](#). It is encouraged to discuss ideas for future projects with ERM prior to submitting an application for grant funding. You can contact:

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### **More Invasive Species Information**

- Read more about the Watershed Protection Departments initiatives and information Invasive Species here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/invasive>
- Lady Bird Wildflower Center information on invasive species: [https://www.wildflower.org/conservation\\_invasive/](https://www.wildflower.org/conservation_invasive/)
- Texas Invasives Database: [http://texasinvasives.org/plant\\_database/](http://texasinvasives.org/plant_database/)