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Lawrence SWCD Part of Ohio's First Cooperative Weed Management Area

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Invasive non-native plants which include the most problematic “weeds” are drastically altering natural habitats throughout the United States by displacing native species and reducing species diversity. Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) are local organizations that integrate available invasive plant management resources across jurisdictional boundaries in order to benefit entire communities. The Iron Furnace Cooperative Weed Management Area is Ohio's first and only CWMA and was formed in September 2006. The Iron Furnace CWMA is located in Lawrence, Gallia, Scioto, and Jackson Counties. The goal of the Iron Furnace CWMA is to develop and support partnerships among a diverse group of private landowners, concerned citizens, agencies, organizations, education facilities, local governments, and others in the region to improve awareness of the threats of invasive, non-native plants. Beyond awareness, this group will work together to promote and conduct land stewardship, education, research, and information exchange regarding invasive plants. The Iron Furnace CWMA will also work cooperatively with the Ohio Invasive Plants Council

when their objectives coincide.

Removal of autumn olive at the Vesuvius Recreation Area in the Ironton Ranger District of Wayne

