

Falmouth Conservation Commission Invasive Terrestrial Plant Species Control Plan

GOAL: Control the proliferation of invasive terrestrial plants in the town of Falmouth by reducing existing populations and inhibiting the spread of new populations.

Objective	Action Steps	By When	By Whom	Est. Cost	Notes
1. Broaden our invasive information and education efforts to town residents.	1.1 Get local media coverage about the issue (newspapers, TV). Tie into the Casco Bay Invasive Species Network.	Spring 2015	Ombudsman, R. Bittenbender	\$0	Visit news directors to pitch the story. Make a personal connection with residents who work in the media.
	1.2 Look for informational workshop opportunities that can tie into other organizations.	Ongoing	All of us	\$0	
	1.3 Continue to staff a table at the polls focusing on invasive ID and control.	June and November	All of us	\$0	
	1.4 Try and get invited to subdivision homeowners associations to pitch the need for invasive control.	Ongoing		\$0	

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2. Adopt town policies & practices that will reduce the introduction and spread of invasives.	2.1 Expand an existing ordinance to prohibit outright the sale, importation, and planting of invasive plants in Falmouth. Expand the current list of prohibited plants to include additional invasive species.	31 Dec 15?	Town Council	\$0	Current language applies only to subdivisions.
	2.2 Adopt an ordinance that requires that a subdivision property be certified as invasive free before the town accepts any roads.	31 Dec 15?	Town Council	\$0	Norway maple & burning bush are two invasives not on the current list.
	2.4 Require that performance bond requirements for developers include a requirement that their developments are certified invasive free.	31 Dec 15?	Town Council & Planning Dept.	\$0	These might be combined in one ordinance.
	2.5 Adopt policies that reduce the spread of invasives as a result of town construction or reconstruction work, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eradicating roadside invasives before road repairs are started. • Cleaning trucks after handling invasive material. • Disposing of contaminated fill in ways that prevent it from spreading invasives. • Using clear source fill whenever possible. 	Spring 15	Public Works & Parks Depts.	?	Jay Reynolds is already onboard with this.

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3. Eradicate existing invasives on town land and along roadside Rights of Way.	3.1 Continue existing efforts to control invasives on town conservation land wherever feasible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain pesticide control licenses held by ombudsman & volunteers. • Budget for annual equipment and herbicide costs. • Get a PW employee licensed as an applicator. 	Ongoing	Ombudsman Ombudsman	\$0 \$500/yr.	Directed at heavy infestations on conservation lands and on all park properties. Pilot this work in one specific area of town to start. Mailing to all property owners; public information meeting.
	3.2 Contract with a commercial invasive control company for eradication of invasives on all town land wherever existing control efforts are impractical.	Nov 15	Contractor	\$5,000	
	3.3 Contract with a commercial invasive control company for roadside ROW treatment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garner extensive publicity and public comment about this effort beforehand. • Contact individual landowners whose roadside property contains invasives. • Offer to extend control into private property with landowner's cooperation. 	Nov 15	Contractor	\$10,000 yr. 1. \$200	