



2016 Invasive Plant Status Update

PROJECT SUMMARY

The *Elimination of Target Invasive Plants* project began in 2013. The project, supported by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Natural Resources, aims to eradicate five plant species on the Minnesota Noxious Weed list: Oriental bittersweet, Grecian foxglove, Dalmatian toadflax, cutleaf teasel, and Japanese hops. Though the project is a partnership between Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), University of Minnesota Extension, and Conservation Corps Minnesota (CCM), there are also numerous state and local agencies collaborating to eliminate these plant species.

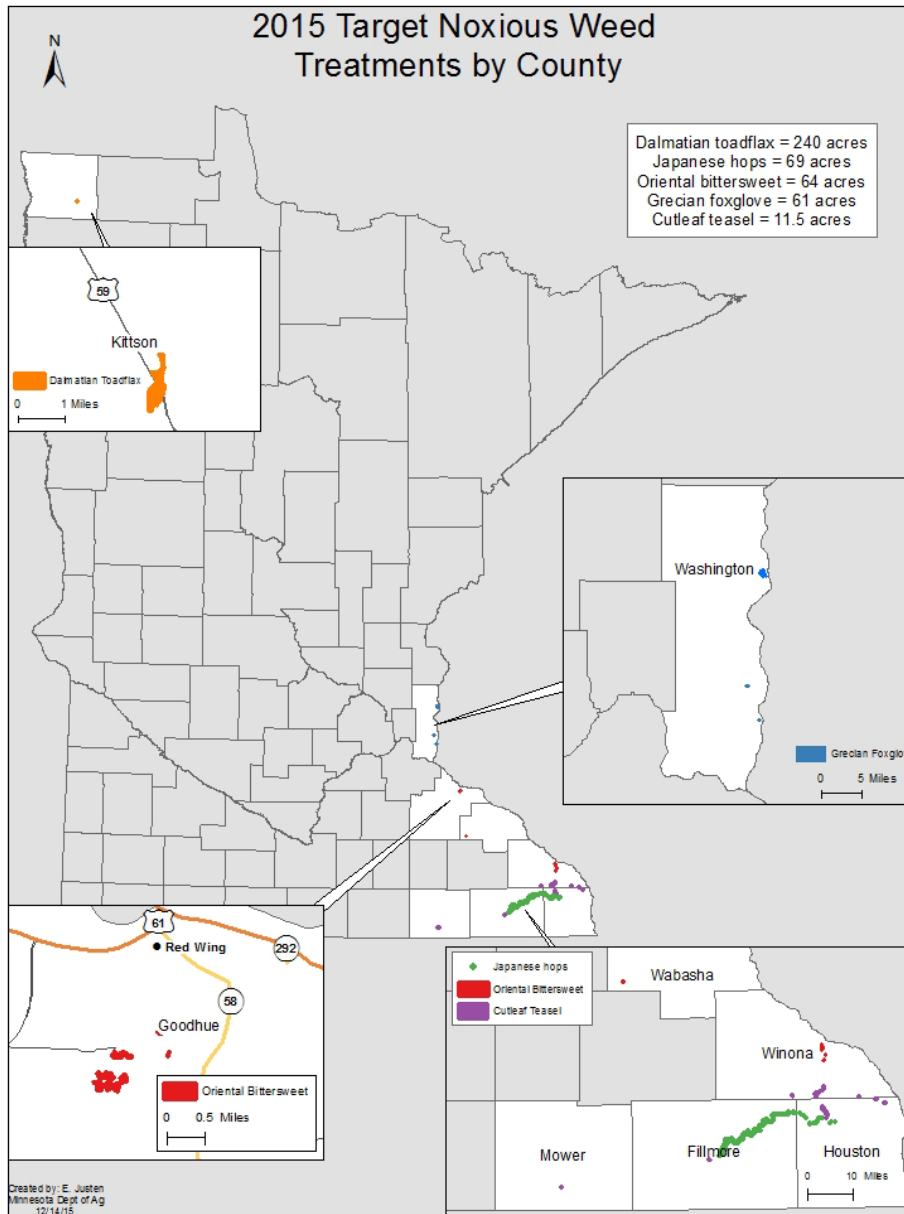
CALL TO ACTION

1. Help us monitor infestations by letting us know if you see any missed vines, plants or regrowth on your property.
2. The support of your state and local representatives is key to the continuation of this project.
3. Become a Forest Pest First Detector. First Detectors are trained volunteers who learn about and report new invasive species. More info can be found at:
<http://www.myminnisotawoods.umn.edu/forest-pest-first-detector/>

2015 OUTCOMES

2015 was the second year treatments were funded through the grant project. Project partners and collaborators treated target invasive species on 446 infested acres in eight counties throughout the state of Minnesota.

Species	Location	Private acres treated	Public acres treated	Number of landowner agreements	Number of infested acres
Oriental bittersweet	Winona	42		40	1,500
Oriental bittersweet	Red Wing	21		62	500
Oriental bittersweet	Wabasha County	1		1	10
Grecian foxglove	Washington County	61		13	270
Dalmatian toadflax	Kittson County	40	200	5	240
Cutleaf teasel	Winona, Houston, Mower Counties	9	2.5	8	15
Japanese hops	Fillmore and Houston Counties	69		34	162



These eight counties had treatments through this project in 2015: Kittson, Washington, Goodhue, Winona, Fillmore, Houston, and Mower. The map shows the areas of each species treated by county.

PLANS FOR 2016

The team at the MDA, U of M Extension, and the CCM will continue the collaborative effort to manage the target invasive plants. Plans are already in the works for surveys and treatment monitoring of all target species. Control work will continue for each species starting in the summer, and the crews will continue to target the areas with high-density infestations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the project and to keep up with current events, visit the *Elimination of Target Invasive Plants* website at: www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/weedcontrol/targetplants.aspx. This page will provide information on the project and will be updated with links to outreach events and project status.

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