

## Hiring a Contractor for Invasive Plant Removal

Many property owners choose to hire a contractor to help identify, remove, and treat invasive plants on their property. A qualified contractor for the Loudoun County Invasive Plant Species Management Plan (IPSMP) is one who can safely and effectively manage invasive plants and/or revegetation while protecting surrounding ecosystems and native species.

To be eligible for IPSMP reimbursement, contractors must meet these minimum requirements:

- The invasives management and revegetation sections of the Application for Funding must be prepared by a certified arborist, landscape architect, or professional forester.
- For projects involving herbicide use, the contractor and all crew performing the herbicide application must hold a Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) Commercial Pesticide Applicator certification, be on site during application, and provide certification numbers for all crew leaders.
- All work removing trees, or working near trees to be preserved, must be supervised by an ISA Certified Arborist

## How to Choose a Contractor

As you're getting your cost estimates, and before you sign a contract or authorize work, consider the following steps:

**For more information, please review the IPSMP Manual located [here](#).**

- Verify licenses: Confirm the contractor's Virginia contractor license and, if herbicides will be used, pesticide applicator credentials.
- Check business status and insurance: Ask for proof of a Loudoun County business license (if applicable) and current liability insurance.
- Ask about invasive plant experience: Request examples of past projects, especially involving the species on your property (e.g., English ivy, Japanese stiltgrass, bush honeysuckle).
- Request a written plan and estimate: Ask for a written description of the proposed methods, schedule, maintenance period, and total cost, including any revegetation or follow-up treatments.
- Get references: Contact previous clients, particularly those with similar invasive plant issues or site conditions.

- Use a written contract: Ensure the scope of work, schedule, and payment terms are clearly documented before work begins.

### **Contractors performing work under the IPSMP**

The following list includes contractors who have performed work on approved, grant-funded projects under the IPSMP. This list is provided for informational purposes only. The Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District does not endorse or recommend any contractor, nor does inclusion on this list imply any form of preference.

[View this map](#) to see current project locations and full summaries.

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$1,550

**Area:** 0.1 acres

**Contractors:** Tyson's Tree Service (chemical treatment and mechanical removal of Tree of Heaven)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Ashburn

**Total:** \$50,000

**Area:** 5 acres

**Contractors:** Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (chemical and mechanical control of invasive shrubs, groundcover plants, vines, and others, including removal of Early Detection Rapid Response [EDRR] species); (Potomac Tree and Shrub Care (tree removal)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Ashburn

**Total:** \$25,878

**Area:** 0.62 acres

**Contractors:** SavATree (chemical and mechanical removal of invasive trees and shrubs)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Lovettsville

**Total:** \$13,500

**Area:** 0.5 acres

**Contractors:** PatriotTree (chemical and mechanical removal of Tree of Heaven and other invasives)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Sterling

**Total:** \$31,650

**Area:** 0.5 acres

**Contractors:** Advantage, Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc (chemical and mechanical treatment of invasive trees, shrubs, and vines); Advantage Landscape (debris removal)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Purcellville

**Total:** \$1,700

**Area:** 0.1 acres

**Contractors:** Arbogast Lawn & Tree Inc (mechanical removal of invasive trees)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Round Hill

**Total:** \$3,900

**Area:** 0.1 acres

**Contractors:** Miller Tree Experts (chemical and mechanical removal of Tree of Heaven)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Lovettsville

**Total:** \$50,000

**Area:** 7.4 acres

**Contractors:** Veterans LLC (chemical and mechanical treatment of invasive trees, shrubs, vines, and others)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Round Hill

**Total:** \$4,850

**Area:** 0.5 acres

**Contractors:** Veterans LLC (chemical and mechanical treatment of Tree of Heaven and other invasives)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$8,250

**Area:** 0.75 acres

**Contractors:** Veterans LLC (chemical and mechanical treatment of Tree of Heaven, Autumn Olive, and other invasives)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Sterling

**Total:** \$6,936

**Area:** 1.6 acres

**Contractors:** Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (chemical and mechanical treatment of Golden Bamboo and English Ivy)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Aldie

**Total:** \$2,474

**Area:** 0.2 acres

**Contractors:** Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (chemical and mechanical treatment of Japanese Knotweed)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Ashburn

**Total:** \$39,100

**Area:** 6 acres

**Contractors:** Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (chemical and mechanical treatment of invasive trees, grasses, vines, and shrubs)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Potomac Falls

**Total:** \$39,890

**Area:** 2 acres

**Contractors:** SavATree (chemical and mechanical treatment of invasive trees, shrubs, vines, and grasses); Brightview Landscape Services (replanting)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$32,610

**Area:** 3 acres

**Contractors:** Potomac Tree and Shrub Care (mechanical removal of invasive trees)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Upperville

**Total:** \$4,200

**Area:** 0.6 acres

**Contractors:** Virginia Waters and Wetlands (chemical and mechanical removal of Japanese Stilt grass)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$48,855

**Area:** 8.25 acres

**Contractors:** Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc. (chemical and mechanical treatment of Tree of Heaven)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Hillsboro

**Total:** \$47,500

**Area:** 7 acres

**Contractors:** Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc. (chemical and mechanical treatment of invasive vines, trees, and shrubs)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Sterling

**Total:** \$26,750

**Area:** 2 acres

**Contractors:** Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc. (chemical and mechanical treatment of Tree of Heaven, English Ivy, Amur Honeysuckle, and other invasives)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Hamilton

**Total:** \$2,610

**Area:** 0.1 acres

**Contractors:** Bartlett Tree Experts (chemical and mechanical removal of Tree of Heaven)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$2,110

**Area:** 0.1 acres

**Contractors:** Bartlett Tree Experts (mechanical removal of Callery (Bradford) Pear)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Lovettsville

**Total:** \$49,109.59

**Area:** 12 acres

**Contractors:** Donegan's Tree Service (chemical and mechanical treatment of Tree of Heaven); Meadow Farms Nursery (replanting)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$30,890

**Area:** 2.5 acres

**Contractors:** Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (chemical treatment of Tree of Heaven), Bartlett Tree Experts (debris removal)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Ashburn

**Total:** \$35,275

**Area:** 6 acres

**Contractors:** Potomac Tree and Shrub Care (chemical and mechanical treatment of invasive trees, Burning Bush, and others); Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (chemical and mechanical treatment of Sericea Lespedeza, Japanese Honeysuckle, and others)

**Grantee:** W&OD Trail Segment

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$5,613

**Area:** 0.2 acres

**Contractors:** River's Edge Landscapes (mechanical and chemical treatment of invasive grasses and flowers)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Lovettsville

**Total:** \$3,500

**Area:** 0.1 acres

**Contractors:** Sweet Fern Farm (mechanical and chemical treatment of Tree of Heaven, debris removal)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$41,613

**Area:** 12 acres

**Contractors:** Timber Works Tree Care (chemical and mechanical treatment of Autumn Olive, Tree of Heaven, Privet, and other invasives); Meadow Farms Nursery (replanting)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Purcellville

**Total:** \$8.970

**Area:** 0.5 acres

**Contractors:** Veterans LLC (chemical and mechanical treatment of Golden Bamboo, debris hauling)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Round Hill

**Total:** \$49,900

**Area:** 6.1 acres

**Contractors:** Veterans LLC (chemical and mechanical treatment of Autumn Olive, Tree of Heaven, invasive vines, and others)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$39,355

**Area:** 11.8 acres

**Contractors:** Veterans LLC (chemical and mechanical treatment of Autumn Olive, debris hauling)

**Grantee:** Private Landowner

**Location:** Purcellville

**Total:** \$4,897

**Area:** 0.2 acres

**Contractors:** Veterans LLC (chemical and mechanical treatment of Tree of Heaven)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Aldie

**Total:** \$50,000

**Area:** 5.5 acres

**Contractors:** Titan Tree Care (chemical and mechanical treatment of Sericea Lespedeza, Tree of Heaven, and others), Virginica LLC (replanting)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Leesburg

**Total:** \$45,750

**Area:** 2.62 acres

**Contractors:** Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc. (chemical and mechanical treatment of Tree of Heaven, Autumn Olive, Callery [Bradford] Pear, and others)

**Grantee:** HOA

**Location:** Purcellville

**Total:** \$26,545

**Area:** 2 acres

**Contractors:** Virginia Waters & Wetlands (chemical and mechanical treatment of Callery [Bradford] Pear and others, replanting)