

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)