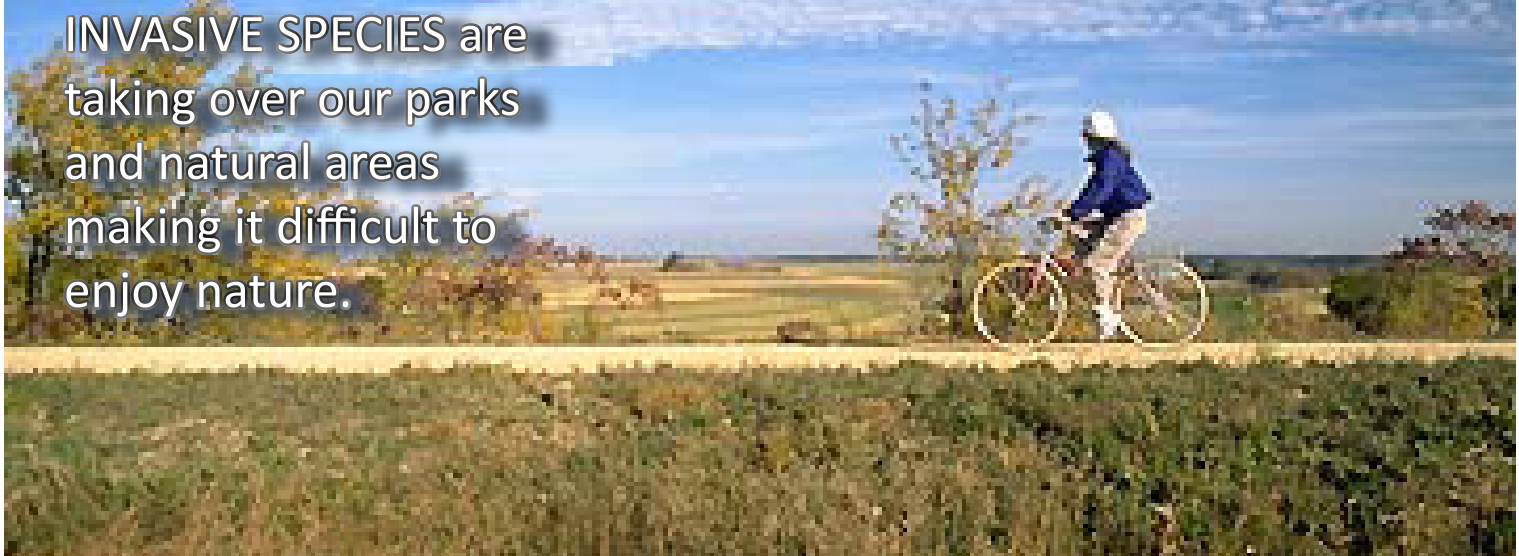


Trails at Risk from Invasive Species

INVASIVE SPECIES are taking over our parks and natural areas making it difficult to enjoy nature.



You can play a critical role in slowing the spread of invasive species.

WHAT BIKERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INVASIVES

- Invasive species are nonnative plants, animals, and diseases that can cause harm to the economy, environment, and human health.
- Invasive plants tend to reproduce and grow quickly making trails impassable. They affect wildlife shelter and food sources by reducing native plant populations which also leads to soil erosion.
- Invasive insects and diseases can kill trees.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH BIKERS?

- Invasive plant seeds, insects, and diseases can be moved on equipment, such as mud on tires or seeds with burs on clothes and shoes.
- Concerns about spreading invasive species may endanger access to lands and trails in the future.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Learn to recognize invasive species in your area so you can avoid riding through them.
- Be aware of seeds that stick to your clothing and shoes.
- Clean yourself and your equipment before and after use. Take advantage of bike wash stations when available.
- Properly dispose of soil, seeds, or plant parts from cleaning.
- Minimize soil disturbance; stay on designated trails.
- When in doubt about the presence of invasive species, stay out!
- Educate others about invasive species and their effects on our environment, economy, and recreational opportunities.
- Volunteer to help control invasive species.