

Why Are Invasives Bad?

Invasive species are directly affecting the Hickory Nut Gorge, its biological communities, and its people!

Non-native invasive plants:

1. Create a greater Flood Danger
2. Create a greater Fire Danger
3. Decrease food supply for birds and other wildlife
4. Outcompete and crowd out native Species
5. Directly impact our food supply
6. Limit access to land for recreation
7. Affect the scenic beauty of the Gorge
8. And many others

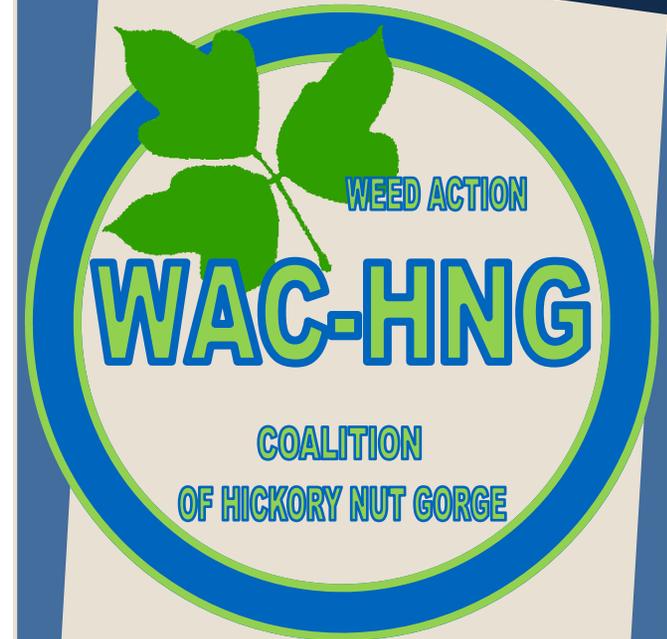


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Invasive plant species are a serious problem in the Hickory Nut Gorge. They are outcompeting our native plant species causing habitat degradation and a decrease in property values.

You can be a part of the solution!

It starts right in your own backyard!

What Can You Do?

Tired of removing invasive plant species just to have them come back the next year? Make sure they are **GONE FOR GOOD** by purchasing a **MANAGEMENT PLAN!**

WAC-HNG will inventory your property for invasives, free of charge. If invasives are bad enough on your land, we may suggest you order a site management plan. A site management plan provides you with the information, expertise and resources you need to permanently remove invasive species from your property!

Fee schedule: \$125 for up to 10 acres
\$35 for each additional contiguous 10 acres

Once you have a plan—we will pay up to 1/2 of the cost for you to hire a contractor to remove the invasive species!

1. We will come out to your property at your convenience to conduct a detailed analysis of the invasive plants on your property, free of charge.

2. If determined necessary, order a site management plan from WAC-HNG.

3. We will create a custom management plan which details a 5-year prioritized work and cost schedule.

4. You will have the option to use the detailed information we provide to treat your invasives in any way you wish; whether it's done by you or a contractor.
--Contractor Referrals Available--

We will pay up to half of the cost for a contractor to come out and remove the invasives !

Our Partners

Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy
The Nature Conservancy
Foothills Conservancy of NC
MountainTrue
NC State forest Service
US Fish and Wildlife Service
NC Natural Heritage Program
NC State Parks
Town of Lake Lure
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Friends of Hickory Nut Gorge
Henderson County Extension Service
Mountain Valleys RC&D
Rumbling Bald Resort
The Hickory Nut Gorge Foundation
And Area Landowners

Oriental Bittersweet



Kudzu



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Japanese Knotweed



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