

MIDWEST INVASIVE PLANT NETWORK: A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO REDUCING THE THREAT OF INVASIVE PLANTS AT A REGIONAL SCALE.
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Despite the abundance of problematic invasive plants in the Midwestern United States, the issue of invasive plants has received relatively little attention in this region. The lack of awareness of invasive species issues in the Midwest is largely a result of the lack of organization and coordination among groups and individuals working on issues related to exotic plant invasion in the region. The Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN), composed of individuals and organizations dedicated to addressing the threat of invasive plants in the Midwest, was formed in order to more effectively address the problem of invasive plants at a regional scale. MIPN is working to facilitate collaboration and information-sharing and help to energize local projects going on throughout the Midwest. MIPN is working on a variety of projects through its four project committees: Education, Early Detection & Monitoring, Green Industry, and Research.