

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL ENCOMPASSING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF RESTORATION - URBAN TO RURAL. Steven B. Barker, Restoration Ecologist, JFNew, 708 Roosevelt Road, Walkerton, IN, 46574.

Northwest Indiana is a complex assortment of urban and rural environments, where intense industrial, commercial and residential developments mingle closely with high quality natural areas. The former is largely responsible for degraded, biologically deficient environments while the latter offers an opportunity for both preservation and restoration. Clearly, the challenge of invasive species control is both real and potent. The presentation will briefly cover the history of the Northwest Indiana landscape, current status of natural areas in the region, and highlights of restoration projects as they relate to invasive species.