

MIDWEST NATURAL RESOURCES GROUP ACTION PLAN FOR TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE SPECIES IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN. Carmen T. Chapin, Midwest Natural Resources Group, National Park Service, Ashland, WI 54806.

In response to an inquiry from the federal Interagency Task Force for the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration on federal initiatives that could support the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy (<http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/collaboration/strategy.html>), the Midwest Natural Resources Group (MNRG – <http://www.mnrg.gov>) developed this *Action Plan* to “... *apply [the MNRG’s] existing resources to establish a team charged with developing an Action Plan, [and] to effectively coordinate and develop inventories, mapping and treatment of terrestrial invasive species for the Great Lakes basin.*” This *Action Plan*, which closely parallels the 2001 National Management Plan written by the National Invasive Species Council, is a first step toward achieving this goal by promoting increased collaboration and efficiency among federal and non-federal partners within the basin. Through its action items, the plan also helps define the appropriate role of the MNRG in addressing the threat from terrestrial invasive species within the Great Lakes basin. To facilitate ongoing and effective leadership on invasive species control, the *Action Plan* calls for a permanent Great Lakes Terrestrial Invasive Species Committee (GL-TISC) to accomplish many of the action items in partnership with other federal, state, tribal and applicable non-governmental organizations (NGOs).