

# Wayne National Forest

## 2013 Invasive Species Accomplishments

Invasive plant treatments occurred across 1,730 acres of the Wayne National Forest (WNF) in 2013. Invasive species controlled included: garlic mustard, Japanese stiltgrass, Ailanthus, Japanese hops, kudzu, princess tree, Japanese knotweed, multiflora rose, Oriental bittersweet and exotic honeysuckles.

WNF works with the Appalachian Ohio Weed Control Partnership (AOWCP) to combat invasives. Together we received \$50,000 from the North American Wetland Conservation Association to treat invasive plants, restore native species and provide nesting habitat for water fowl on ten WNF wetlands (385 acres) for two years. Another major partner in the project is Hocking College student interns who volunteer with AOWCP to provide the in-kind match for the grant. In return, students gain hands-on experience with invasive control; native seed collection and propagation; duck nest construction, placement and monitoring; and much more.



*Treating invasive vines at a wetland: removal gives hikers a better view of the wetland and its wildlife.*

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*Seeding female Ailanthus trees seen from helicopter*

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources aerially surveyed for and mapped Ailanthus on over 160,000 acres in partnership with the WNF. This ongoing partnership has surveyed over 480,000 acres to raise awareness about the high infestation of this species in SE Ohio. The efforts raised awareness and brought additional funds from the Eastern Regional Office in 2013 to treat Ailanthus with seasonals, contracts and the AOWCP. The Wayne was able to treat many acres beyond its initial target acres with these funds and make a big difference on Ohio's federal lands.

Fund Code	Funding	Acres	Comments
NFWF	\$42,306	115	
NFRG	\$5,751	40	
NFVW	\$106,409	410	NNIS and TSI funds
NFVW RO	\$196,000	465	+411 acres for TSI
CWK2	\$21,695	215	
WFHF	\$33,810	255	
NAWCA	\$17,144	80	Grant for wetlands
Volunteers	\$0	150	611 hrs of NNIS work
SPS5	\$12,440	0	160,000 ac mapped
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$435,554</b>	<b>1730 ac</b>	

**Partners/Cooperators:** Appalachian Ohio Weed Control Partnership, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, USFS Northern Research Station, Buckeye Hills RC&D, OSU Extension, Hocking College, Ohio Invasive Plant Council, contractors and volunteers.

