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New Program Targets Invasive Plant Control in Delaware County

Sign-up Deadline is March 16, 2018

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 15, 2018 – Several invasive plant species threaten the woodlands of Delaware County, reducing the overall environmental benefits that trees provide. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) created the Invasive Species Control in Woodlots of Delaware County Project to help battle invasive plants.

Financial assistance is now available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to eligible agricultural producers, or farm or forest landowners to remove invasive plants. EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers protect the environment while promoting agricultural production. With EQIP, NRCS conservation experts provide technical assistance to implement environmentally beneficial conservation practices on agricultural land.

NRCS conservation professionals will provide one-on-one personalized advice to help determine which conservation actions will provide the best results to address a broad range of natural resource concerns, including erosion control, water quality, and wildlife habitat. Removing autumn olive, bush honeysuckle, wild garlic mustard, multiflora rose, tree of heaven, and other invasive plants will help address the threat to Delaware County woodlots.

To participate in USDA conservation programs, applicants must meet eligibility criteria. Applications received by March 16, 2018, will be ranked according to their overall environmental benefit and evaluated for current funding.

To learn more about EQIP or other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, contact the Delaware NRCS office at 740-362-4011 or stop 557 Sunbury Road in Delaware.

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