

TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
Invasive Plant Removal and Tree Buy-Back
Cost-Share Program Application

Resident's Name

Dune Acres Address

Contractor's Name

Contractor's Town Registration Number

(Attach copy of Contractor's Herbicide Application License)

I, owner of the property certify that all work will be completed in accordance with program eligibility and contractor specifications.

Signature/Date

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL WORK

Please provide a brief description of proposed work, including location on lot

Total Amount of Contractor Proposal

\$ _____

Total Amount of Town Grant Requested

\$ _____

50% of cost, up to \$500

(attach a copy of the contractor proposal)

TOWN APPROVED

yes / no _____

GRANT APPROVED DATE

COST-SHARE GRANT PAID DATE

Provide a copy of the final contractor invoice once all work is completed. (before Dec 1st)

After site inspection, the town will issue cost-share payment to the resident.

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Ecological Cost-Sharing Program

The purpose of the town's cost-share program is to encourage the ecological stewardship of privately-owned property. This includes initial removal of invasive species and ongoing maintenance. In all cases, invasive species removal shall include either total removal of the plant (including roots) or the chemical treatment of cut stems/stumps. In addition, the Grant will fund 50% of the cost to replace an invasive or non-native tree with a native tree. Awards are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Residents previously receiving an Ecological Cost-Share Program grant are eligible to apply beginning March 1st.

1. The following species are considered invasive and non-native for the purpose of this program:

TREES - grant will fund 50% of removal and/or replacement up to \$500: Norway Maple, Black Locust, Tree of Heaven, non-native Conifers (spruce, sugar pine, and others)

WOODY SHRUBS: Burning Bush, Honeysuckle, Autumn Olive, Japanese Barberry

VINES: Oriental Bittersweet

OTHER: Garlic Mustard, Creeping Charlie, Vinca (Periwinkle)

2. Cost-Share Applications will be accepted January 1st through July 1st. A total of \$2,500 in town funds is appropriated annually program. Applications will be considered until the appropriation has been exhausted, or up to July 1st, whichever comes first.
3. Eligible cost-share expenditures include contracted labor and chemicals, along with tree replacement expense. Residents must demonstrate that all application expenditures are for live invasive species eradication or non-native tree replacement. Other landscape work is not program-eligible.
4. Residents should first select a qualified contractor to prepare a quote for work. The written quote will then be submitted to the office of the Clerk-Treasurer with the application. Contractors providing services under this cost-share program must meet minimum qualifying requirements:
 - a. Town-registered
 - b. General knowledge of ecological restoration best practice
 - c. Hold herbicide application certification
5. Residents will be notified in writing regarding their program award. Cost-share distribution from the town will be issued following completion of all work, inspection of work by town officials, and proof of payment to the contractor. Completion paperwork must be received by the Town prior to December 1st.