

Matching the partner to the project

	Potential partners	Level of leadership
Small site projects	Land managers for the particular site, adjacent landowners, and groups that may use the site for recreation, hunting, or education.	Informal team or committee establishes goals and timeline. Meets occasionally to review progress. More engaged with on-the-ground management activities.
Town- or region-wide projects	The above, plus organizations or individuals in the community that have a vested interest in conservation, forestry, and land management (e.g. land trusts, watershed organizations, conservation commissions, federal and state agencies, environmental education centers, road commissioners, town parks departments, regional planning commissions, natural resource conservation districts, Master Gardeners, private and county foresters, tree wardens, hunting and fishing organizations, hiking and biking clubs, schools.)	Steering committee necessary. Monthly or quarterly meetings necessary to establish goals. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is useful. Project leadership essential for calling meetings and maintaining good communication.
Regional level. Possibly the development of a Co-operative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA)	Same as above. Increased engagement with statewide and federal agencies and conservation organizations. Refer to www.mipn.org for a 'cookbook' that provides a deeper outline of tasks associated with CISMAs and Co-operative Weed Management Areas (CWMA).	Same as above. Likely need additional outreach, management and fundraising committees. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and fiscal agent become necessary. Funding for a part-time coordinator or for lead partner important.

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