

# Jasper County Residential Invasive Buy-Back Program

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The Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District is promoting the removal of problematic invasive tree and shrub species in our county. These species have proven themselves to be detrimental to the woodlands of Jasper County and as part of our mission and business plan, the SWCD wants to offer incentive to landowners to replace these invasive trees and shrubs with native species that encourage a healthy environment. The SWCD will offer cost share funding as follows:

- 50% cost share up to \$300 for the replacement of species including: Callery Pear, Ornamental Pear, Norway Maple, Tree of Heaven, Siberian Elm, Amur cork tree, princess tree, Buckthorn, Winged Burning Bush, Japanese Barberry, Asian Bush Honeysuckle, Privet species, and Autumn Olive.
- Removal of invasive trees or shrubs must occur on residential property within Jasper County.
- Replacement trees or shrubs must be on a list of acceptable native shrubs which will be provided to the property owner by the Jasper County SWCD. If not listed, it is acceptable to contact the office to request an exception.
- All up front costs will be covered by property owner, reimbursement will be issued after proof is shown of removal (2 photographs, before and after removal, will suffice) and purchase of acceptable native is proven with a receipt.
- Program will run through November 30, 2022, or until designated funds are disbursed.

## **Requirements and Limitations**

- 1) Complete an application for participation and submit (phone call or email is acceptable) to the Jasper County SWCD office.
- 2) A member of the SWCD staff will contact you to verify the species planned for removal/replacement.
- 3) Upon approval notification (same day possible), you can remove the invasive shrub and purchase replacement native tree or shrub.
- 4) Once practice is complete, the applicant will inform the SWCD staff and submit required pictures and receipt for replacement tree or shrub. Receipt will need to have price and species listed on it. If no species is on receipt, a picture of the label will suffice. These can be scanned and emailed or dropped off at the SWCD office.
- 5) Reimbursement check will be mailed to applicant. Reimbursement will be up to \$300, one offer per household.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST SPECIES TO BE REMOVED

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**Applicant Signature** **Date**