

Adapting Forestry Best Management Practices for Minnesota

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The Wisconsin Council on Forestry led the effort to create voluntary best management practices (BMPs) for invasive species for four audiences:

- 1) Forestry BMPs
- 2) Recreation BMPs
- 3) Rights of Way BMPs
- 4) Urban Forestry BMPs

The BMPs provided a model guide that other states could adapt.

Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council

In 2013, under the leadership of the Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council (MISAC), work began to adapt the Wisconsin manuals for Minnesota.

The first BMPs adapted were for Urban and Community Forestry. A Minnesota interagency technical team led the effort and solicited input and support from a wide range of Minnesota organizations and stakeholders in Minnesota.

Minnesota Technical Team:

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- ❖ Gary Johnson, University of Minnesota
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The guide:

Minnesota's Urban and Community Forest Best Management Practices for Preventing the Introduction, Establishment, and Spread of Invasive Species

will be posted on the MISAC website (www.mda.state.mn.us/misac) and a short handout summarizing the key best management practices will be developed.



Next steps include adapting the Wisconsin BMPs for the three other audiences: Forestry, Recreation, and Rights of Way.

If you are interested in:

- ❖ **reviewing the Minnesota Urban and Community Forest BMP document**
- ❖ **being involved in a technical team for the Minnesota Forestry, Recreation, or Rights of Way BMPs**

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