

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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CISMA Treating Invasive Species Along County Roadsides

The County Road Commission Wants You to Know . . .

The Van Buren County Road Commission has contracted with the Van Buren Conservation District to provide an herbicide treatment to control invasive species identified as Phragmites and Japanese knotweed along the road right-of-way. The control of these invasive species along roadsides is crucial as roads are high-risk sites for the introduction and spread of invasive species. Transporting seeds and plant parts by vehicles causes invasive species to be introduced to other locations. In addition, road maintenance operations often inadvertently transport seeds, soil, and vegetation fragments up and down the road system.

Additional information regarding the invasive species herbicide treatment may be requested by contacting Alex Florian, SWxSW Corner Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) Coordinator, at (269) 633-9044, or invasivesed@vanburencd.org. These treatments will begin in early August and will continue to the first hard frost.

The SWxSW Corner CISMA protects our shared natural resources from invasive species in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. Together with the Conservation District, the Van Buren County Road Commission supports community education and responsible management of invasive species.

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