

2023 Invasive Shrub Removal and Replacement Program

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

- 100% cost share up to \$50 for the replacement of Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) and Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus* and *Euonymus alatus* v. *compactus*), both of which have been deemed highly invasive by the state of Indiana. Barberry is listed on the Terrestrial Plant Rule that was release Spring 2020 and is not allowed to be sold in the state, it is also a host to disease of wheat, which is another cause for removal.
- Removal of invasive shrubs must occur on property within Marshall County.
- Replacement shrubs must be on a list of acceptable native shrubs which will be provided to the property owner by the Marshall 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, 2023, 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 Marshall 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 shrub.
- 4) Once practice is complete, the applicant will inform the SWCD staff and submit required pictures and receipt for replacement 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 drop box.
- 5) Reimbursement check will be mailed to applicant. Reimbursement will be up to \$50, one offer per household.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
TOWNSHIP _____
ZIP _____ PHONE _____
SPECIES TO BE REMOVED <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Barberry <input type="checkbox"/> Burning Bush

Applicant Signature Date

