



# We Control Invasive Species Through Ongoing Stewardship



**Invasive species are a constant threat** Your native oaks may be barely visible behind a wall of buckthorn, your wetlands thick with purple loosestrife, or your once-diverse prairie now a weedy tangle, invaded by teasel and thistle. Keeping invasive plants under control is an on-going task, since native landscapes are surrounded by non-native plants whose seeds can travel by wind, animals, or people.

**Our restoration and maintenance plan** We begin by clearing the current non-native invaders through a program specifically tailored to your site. The tools our licensed professionals use include a combination of controlled burning, conservative application of herbicides, ecological mowing, and tree removal. Next, we re-establish the native plant community through planting and seeding. Ongoing stewardship is essential to discourage repeat invaders.



*“Invasive species are a threat to almost every community type in the Chicago Wilderness region.”*

*- Chicago Wilderness Biodiversity Recovery Plan*



**Before Clearing Buckthorn**



**Tree Clearing**



**Canada Thistle**



**Teasel Infestation**



**Spot Herbiciding**



**Garlic Mustard**



**Yellow Sweet Clover**