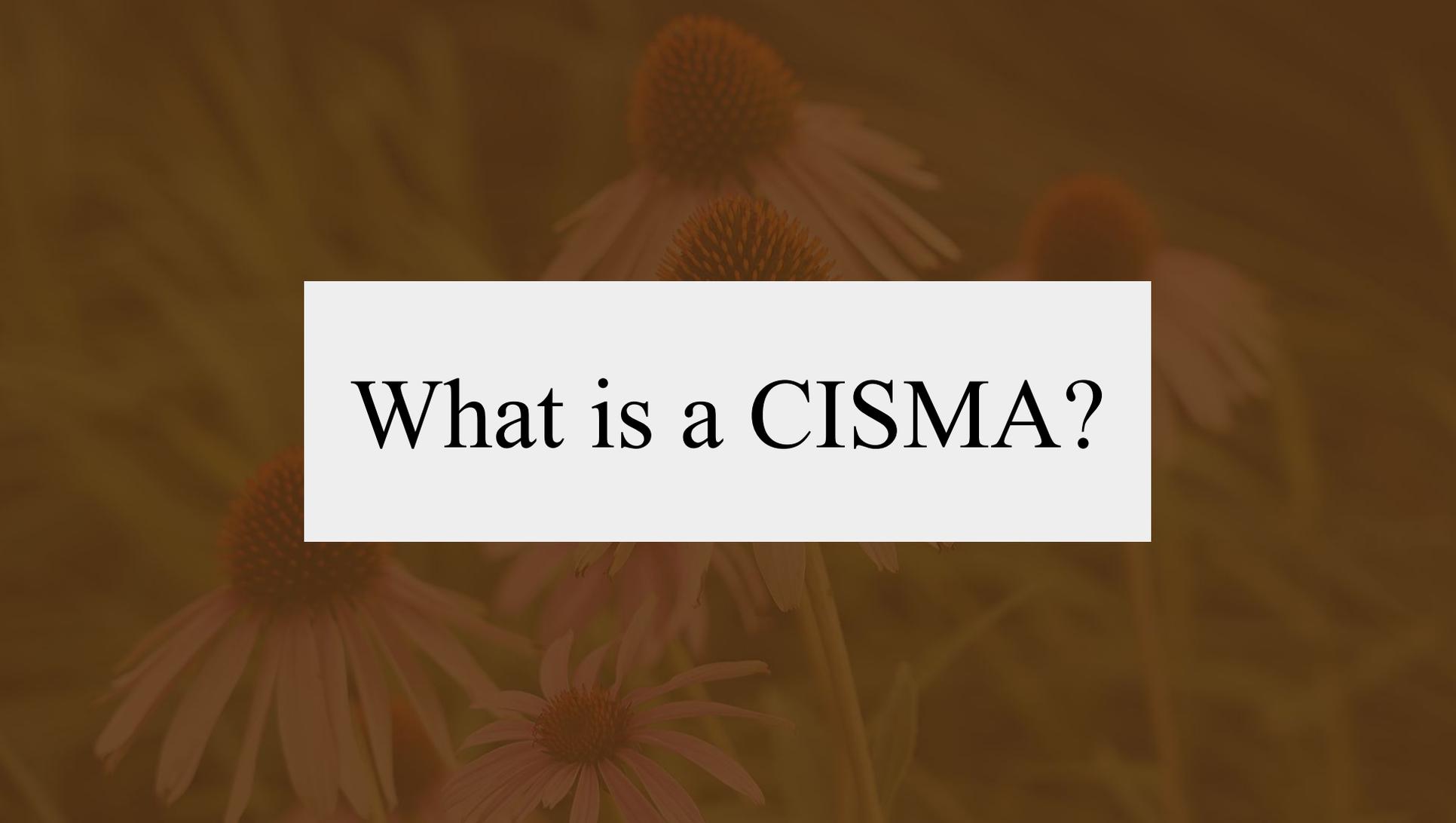




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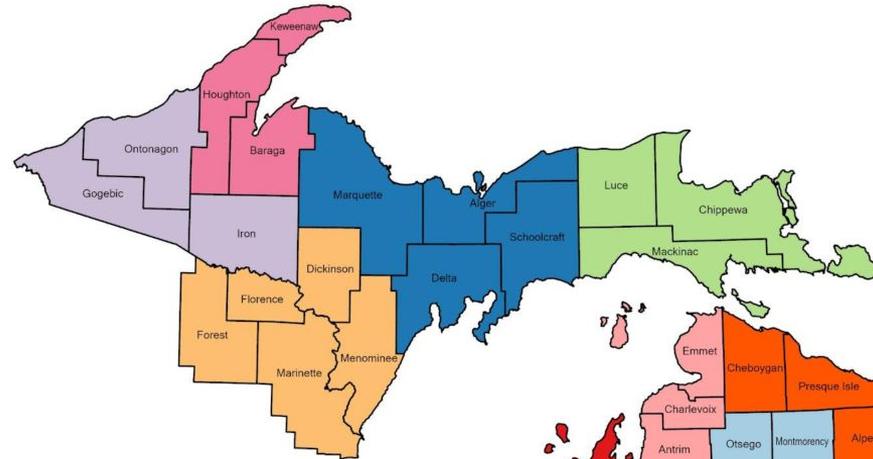
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What is a CISMA?



-  BCK CISMA
-  CAKE CISMA
-  Central Michigan CISMA
-  Detroit River & Western Lake Erie CWMA
-  GiLLS CISMA
-  Huron Coastal ISN
-  Huron Heartland ISN
-  JLW CISMA
-  Keweenaw ISMA
-  Lake St. Clair CISMA
-  Lake To Lake CISMA
-  Mid-Michigan CISMA
-  North Country CISMA
-  Northwest Michigan ISN
-  Oakland County CISMA
-  Saginaw Bay Shoreline CISMA
-  Southern Michigan IST
-  SW x SW Corner CISMA
-  Three Shores CISMA
-  West Michigan CN
-  Western Peninsula IC
-  Wild Rivers ISC



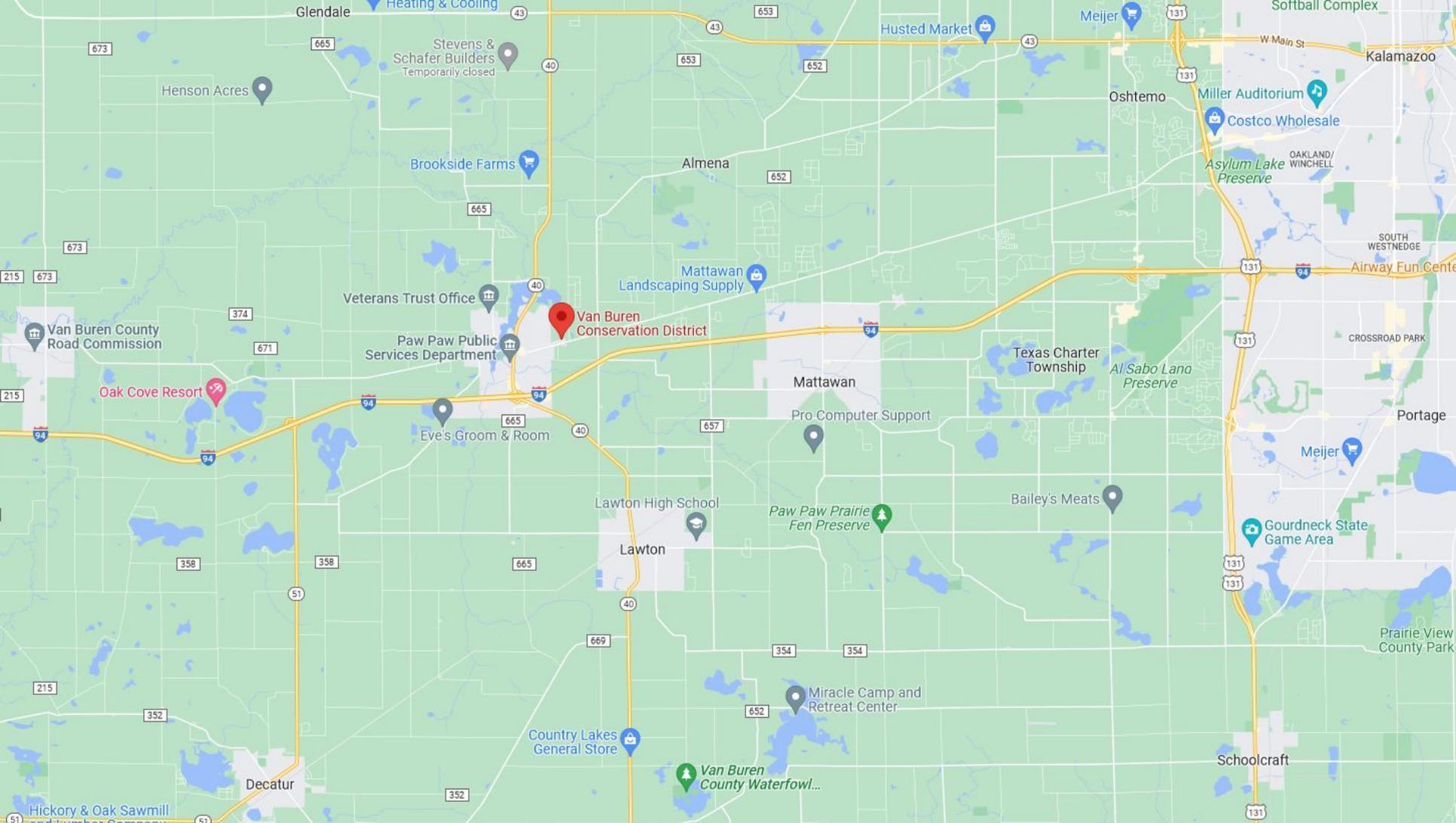
# Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas



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# What are Invasive Species?

Invasive Species are those species that are:

1. Not from our area
2. Cause harm to the environment, economy, or human health

Plants

Animals

Fungus



# Why care about invasives?

- Invasive species displace native species, and do not provide the same ecosystem services as those native species.
- Many invaders threaten agricultural products or infrastructure
- Some invasive species can seriously injure humans, pets, or livestock

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How can we help?

# Lake Surveys

- Identify what invasive species are in your lake.
- Use that information to show why your lake should have a boat wash.



# Letters of Support

- I can help make the case that a boat wash at your lake would be beneficial at a regional level.
- Some grants may require collaboration with your local CISMA

The image shows two identical copies of a letter of support. Each letter is on a white background with a green header bar at the bottom. The header bar contains the SWxSW Corner CISMA logo on the left and the website address [www.vanburencd.org](http://www.vanburencd.org) on the right. The letter is dated June 18, 2022, and is addressed to the US Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance program at 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. The letter is signed by Alex Florian, SWxSW Corner CISMA Coordinator. The letter text is as follows:

June 18, 2022

US Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance  
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Falls Church, VA 22041-3803

Dear Mr. Lövdahl,

It is with great enthusiasm that we offer this letter of support for the Grand Traverse Conservation District's "Helping Michigan's Communities Go Beyond Beauty" proposal on behalf of the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network (ISN) as part of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's "Preventing the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Through Strategic Landscape-Level Approaches". The strategic focus, expertise, ingenuity, and state-wide collaboration demonstrated in this project points to how essential ISN's Go Beyond Beauty (GBB) program is to communities around the state of Michigan.

The SWxSW Corner CISMA is a cooperative invasive species management area working to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties.

The SWxSW Corner CISMA recognizes that invasive plants are a threat to ecosystems and our economy, and prevention is the key to best management. With the strength of the innovative, voluntary, positive, and successful GBB program able to move outside of ISN's service area, Michigan can change how it deals with invasive ornamental species. Gardeners will have the tools to learn and change their buying practices, businesses will be empowered to evolve to meet changing demand, and our world-renowned ecosystems will benefit. Recognizing these voluntary efforts through GBB is the next step

for the efforts against invasive species. Continuing to take this ground-breaking program state-wide requires careful implementation, and we are excited to be a part of that. We currently have a single patch of parrot feather watermillfoil, an invasive species on Michigan's watchlist. This plant was introduced to our CISMA by a landowner who didn't know it was invasive when they purchased it. The public awareness brought by a program like GBB could have prevented this introduction, and we would love to help implement GBB in order to prevent the next introduction.

The SWxSW Corner CISMA is excited to see the cooperative effort of the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network continuing as a critical resource for the entirety of Michigan. We strongly support this grant proposal and are excited to continue as a part of this regional network.

Sincerely,

*Alex Florian*

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