



Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition

A cooperative partnership managing invasive species in
Dickinson, Menominee (MI), Florence, Forest, and Marinette Counties (WI)

Dear Prospective WRISC Partner;

The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) invites you to join WRISC as a Partner. WRISC was formalized in 2010 when the first round of Partners signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signifying their support for regional cooperation on invasive species education and management. Since then, WRISC has grown to a coalition of 31 Partners from Michigan and Wisconsin representing citizen groups, organizations, businesses, schools, and federal, state, and local units of government.

Each Partnership is a great benefit which strengthens our Coalition as we continue to seek funding for invasive species management and education across our five-county service area, which includes the Counties of Florence, Forest, and Marinette in Wisconsin, and Dickinson and Menominee in Michigan. A broad base of local support increases WRISC's chances of receiving grants to help prevent the spread of key invasive species threatening our local ecosystems. Grants are our major source of funding. In the past several years, we have secured approximately \$650,000 in grants to support local invasive species projects and create jobs. There is no cost to become a Partner, and Partners are eligible for election to the nine-member Board of Directors, the governing body which directs the course of WRISC activities.

Included with this letter is a copy of our current MOU. New Partners are added at our Annual Meeting, which will take place June 7th, 2017 in Florence, WI. If you have any questions about the MOU, or the signatory process, please feel free to contact WRISC's board of directors or Coordinator (contact info below and at www.wrisc.org/board-of-directors). Our website also has more information about WRISC, our goals, and our projects. All of our organizational documents, including our By-laws and Strategic Management Plan can be found at www.wrisc.org/documents. Should you wish to become a WRISC Partner, please fill out the attached form and return it to wildriverscwma@gmail.com or WRISC c/o Lindsay Peterson, 420 N Hooper Street, Kingsford, MI 49802 **no later than April 15, 2017.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Rice".

Bill Rice - WRISC Board Chair
906-774-3742, wmdrice@gmail.com



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Application for WRISC Partnership 2017

Please complete the following form and return to wildriverscwma@gmail.com or WRISC c/o Lindsay Peterson, 420 N Hooper Street, Kingsford, MI 49802 **no later than April 15, 2017.**

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person:

Name (print): _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Legal signatory for the organization

Name (print): _____ Title: _____