Purpose: This checklist is intended to assist with the development and review process for the Invasive Plant Control Plans required to meet the 314 Brush Management and 315 Herbaceous Weed Control conservation practice standards. There are numerous important elements to these plans that need to be fully described and evaluated and this checklist should help to assure a complete package for the landowner and for the licensed pesticide applicator who will review and sign the plan. There is both an excel and word version of the Invasive Plant Control Plan template available through eFOTG.

Site Description:

- _____ General description of the property, land cover/use, forest type, seral stage (~ age)
- ____ Description of sensitive resources on treatment area, on parcel or nearby. Note presence or absence. If present, document size, location, type, etc. as it relates to treatment.
 - Surface waters (streams, ponds, lakes)
 - See ANR NR Atlas Basemap Data layer set (Stream, Waterbody)
 - Wetlands (state mapped and unmapped including seeps, vernal pools)
 - See ANR NR Atlas Watershed Protection layer set (Wetlands VSWI)
 - Private wells, Public Water Sources, Source Protection Areas (SPA) Surface and Groundwater
 - See ANR NR Atlas Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection layer set
 - Uncommon, Rare, T+E Species and Significant Natural Communities
 - See ANR NR Atlas Fish and Wildlife layer set

Invasive Plant Description

- ____ Listing of all species of invasive plants found on site and to be controlled
- ____ Description of plant size/age in treatment context (DBH, height, size of canopies, etc.)
- ____ Description of location of plants/populations on the property
- ____ Description of coverage (~ acreage and density/% cover) within the property (and adjacent parcels if known) and within treatment area

Invasive Plant Control Goal

_____ Description of goal for control on site (eradication/control). Will all plants/areas be treated? Minimum control is 90% reduction of existing invasives on site after first application.

Control Strategies for the Site

- Description of planned practices or managements (and scheduled dates) that could affect invasive plant control. Examples may include Mast Tree Release or timber harvest. Both will involve cutting trees that will provide more sunlight/resources to invasive plants in the understory.
- ____ Description of methods used to treat invasive plants. Include general treatment methods, ideal timing of treatments, equipment, disposal methods. See Species Info Sheets.
- _____ Description of any protection strategies for sensitive resources. When applicable, clearly state that plan will need to be reviewed by VT ANR DEC Wetlands Division when plan does not align with the NRCS/DEC Statewide Comprehensive Control Plan.
- ____ WinPST interactions completed and included. Not required where only herbicide is Glyphosate based.

Re-Vegetation

____ Description of any re-vegetation techniques necessary. Natural regeneration is very common but for some herbaceous treatments exposed soil may be a concern.

<u>Monitoring Plan</u>

Description of any monitoring above and beyond the standard statement.

Invasive Plant Control Map: When the plan will be reviewed by a partner or other agency, be sure to include the location information/map. This will assure partners or other agency personnel can locate the property. Note: All Layers are available through Conservation Desktop or through the ANR Natural Resources Atlas. <u>http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra/</u>

Landowner Name and Location (Town, E911 Address), North Arrow, Legend, and Scale. Consider additional location map.

GIS Layers:

- Aerial Photo and Property Boundaries (preferably not just town parcel maps)
- Treatment Area Polygons
- Surface Waters See Site Description Page 1
- Wetlands See Site Description Page 1
- Wells and Public Water Supplies See Site Description Page 1
- Uncommon, Rare, T+E Species/Natural Communities See Site Description Page 1