Amendments to the Noxious Weed ordinance

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Amur Cork tree

Amur cork tree is an emerging threat to Wisconsin forests.

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<u>Amur cork tree</u> (*Phellodendron amurense*) is a relatively new invasive plant found in at least four Wisconsin counties. It is classified as <u>Prohibited</u> under Wisconsin's invasive species law, <u>NR 40</u>.

--Wisconsin DNR Forestry News

Summary of changes to ordinance:

Clarify that invasive plants are noxious weeds

Create process for City Council to prohibit invasive plants

Create publicly accessible list of prohibited plants

Create a clear enforcement process