



## OHIO INVASIVE PLANTS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, February 20th, 2026

10:00am – 3:30pm

Goslin Nature Center at Alley Park  
2805 Old Logan Road SE, Lancaster

- 9:30am      **Registration; refreshments & drinks**
- 10:00am      **Welcome; Update on OIPC's 2025 Accomplishments**  
*Jennifer Windus, OIPC President*
- 10:30am      **Wind, Waves, and Weeds: Plant Invasions in Great Lakes Coastal Dunes**  
*Dr. Sarah Emery, Bowling Green State University, Center for Great Lakes & Watershed Studies*
- 11:30am      **Break**
- 11:45am      ***Callicarpa dichotoma* (Asian beautyberry): An ecological evaluation of traits in an emerging invasive plant**  
*Mesa Grine, Wright State University, OIPC research grant recipient in 2025*
- 12:00        **Lunch & Networking:** Lunch buffet from Provisions Deli for those who registered in advance
- 1:15pm      **Invasive Plant Management on Ohio's State Forests**  
*Tom Macy, Forest Health Program Manager, ODNR Division of Forestry*
- 2:00pm      **Management Rapid Updates (10 minutes each):**  
*Sam Wilhelm, Toledo Metro Parks - Controlling Aquatic Invasives at Howard Marsh Metropark*  
*Kevin Ptacek, Five Rivers Metro Parks - Using GIS to Track & Prioritize Long-term Invasive Vegetation Management Strategies*  
*Derrick Cooper, The Nature Conservancy - Collaborative Approach to the Restoration of Brainard Fen*  
*Kari Horn, Great Parks of Hamilton County - Wintercreeper Treatments in Three Great Parks*
- 2:45pm      **Panel discussion/questions on updates**
- 3:15pm      **Wrap-up & door prizes**

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