

Voluntary Codes of Conduct
For Landscape Architects
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1. Seek out education and information on invasive species issues:
 - a. Work with local plant ecologists, horticulturists, nurseries, botanic gardens, conservation organizations and others to determine what species in your region either are currently highly invasive or show aggressive potential. Investigate species under consideration that may present a threat.
 - b. Increase interaction with other professionals and non-professionals to identify alternative plant material and other solutions to problems caused by harmful invasive plants.
 - c. Take advantage of continuing education opportunities to learn more about invasive species issues.
2. Identify and specify non-invasive species that are aesthetically and horticulturally suitable alternatives to invasive species in your region.
3. Eliminate specification of species that are invasive in your region.
4. Be aware of potential environmental impacts beyond the designed and managed area of the landscape plan (e.g. plants may spread to adjacent natural area or cropland).
5. Encourage nurseries and other suppliers to provide landscape contractors and the public with non-invasive plants.
6. Collaborate with other local experts and agencies in the development and revision of local landscape ordinances. Promote inclusion of invasive species issues in these ordinances.