

iMapInvasives Jurisdictional Partnership Program

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1 Definitions

The following terms have these meanings: (a) "DEC" means New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; (b) "CALS" means the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University; (c) "CIPM" means Cornell Integrated Pest Management, which is part of CALS; (d) "NHP" means New York State Natural Heritage Program; (e) "iMap" means the iMapInvasives web platform and associated administrative functions; (f) "Jurisdiction" means a US state or Canadian Provincial management unit; (g) "J-admin" means the lead administrator who serves as the single point of contact for a Jurisdiction to CIPM; (h) "data manager" means an optionally-filled administrative position within a Jurisdiction who is supervised by the "J-admin"; (i) "Organization" means an organized group assigned and managed within a Jurisdiction by a J-admin. There can be many Organizations within a single Jurisdiction; (j) "Project" means a discrete record gathering effort within an Organization.

2 Summary

iMap is a comprehensive, GIS-based data management system for tracking invasive species observations, assessments, and management actions across North America. The platform is managed by CIPM at CALS, in close collaboration with DEC and NHP. Core platform development, database administration, and programming services are fully funded through a partnership with DEC, to support NY priorities, objectives, and use of iMap as the official repository for invasive species records.

3 Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction partners gain access to the administrative functions of iMap that are necessary for data management including, but not limited to, selecting which invasive species to track, managing access to sensitive distribution data, assigning user permission levels (data viewing, confirming, and editing), and full data export and upload capabilities. Users within partner jurisdictions have access to additional features beyond the public-facing iMapInvasives, including advanced data entry and management tools, and custom reporting and email alert capabilities. Partnership fees support onboarding, training, user support, and the incremental infrastructure costs associated with multi-jurisdictional operations outside of New York State.

4 Participation Costs

CIPM uses a sliding scale model that respects the wide range of agency budgets. Jurisdictions self-select a contribution amount at or above the minimum contribution based on their program size, usage level, and organizational capacity. There is no application or justification process. We trust our partners to choose a rate that reflects a meaningful investment for their Jurisdiction. All partnership fees are paid to CIPM and are used to support baseline Jurisdiction platform operations and support. Funding provided by DEC is reserved for NY operations and projects.

4.1 Minimum Contribution and Suggested Annual Rates

Minimum Contribution. \$1,500 annually. **Suggested Contribution.** \$2,500 to \$5,000 annually.

4.2 Multi-year Commitment Incentive

Jurisdictions that commit to a 2-year agreement receive a 5% reduction on their selected rate. A 3-year agreement receives a 10% reduction. Multi-year commitments help both parties plan ahead and reduce annual procurement overhead.

4.3 Revenue Context

This partnership model is designed for sustainability, not profit. With 6-8 jurisdictional partners, anticipated annual revenue falls in the range of \$12,000 - \$35,000, supporting the operational costs of a multi-jurisdictional platform without placing undue burden on any single partner. Core development remains independently funded.

5 Jurisdiction Benefits

All Jurisdictions receive the same core benefits regardless of contribution level.

- Access to features needed to administer invasive species data
- Advanced platform access for all authorized users with the Jurisdiction
- Ability to flag species as hidden from public view
- Inclusion in the iMap partner community and communications
- Onboarding support for new J-admins
- Ongoing platform support

6 Get Started

Interested Jurisdictions are invited to reach out to discuss the contribution level that fits their program. We are happy to schedule an introductory call to walk through the platform, answer questions, and explore how iMap can support your invasive species data needs.

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