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My experience as a restoration ecologist FT since 1989, has largely been in the upper Midwest. During that time, I have seen much land set aside, or purchased for "preservation," allowed to degrade into large weed seed production areas. Any attempt at controlling invasive species in the area, in my opinion, should emphasize the need for management on existing public lands. This management should consist not only of invasive species removal, but also enhancement of existing native systems so that they are more resistant to alien species. As an example, the mature maple woods of some of the Jo Daviess County Land Trust areas, seem to be resisting Allaria invasion. There are microorganisms which must be discouraging the Allaria.

Public sector and NGO land budgets must take into account the need for management, or what we will have is more the APPEARANCE of preservation with land purchase, while actually creating the REAL effect of weed seed production areas.

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