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Biographical Sketch

John Peter Thompson is a contractor and consultant working with USDA ARS, APHIS, Forest Service and the National Park Service, as well as the Africa Trade Office of Maryland (Parker & Associates), and Invasive Plant Control, Inc..

His areas of expertise are agriculture, agronomy, horticulture and ecology specializing in invasive species issues and include document aggregation, information taxonomy, meeting facilitation, and bioeconomic development policy, environmental risk assessments and regulatory analysis. He has an appointment as an adjunct instructor as a subject matter expert with the Prince George's Community College lecturing and consulting on the creation of an "Environmental/Sustainable/Green Jobs" Workforce Development Institute, and teaching introduction to landscaping and horticulture. He is a principle investigator for the North East Mid West Institute in Washington, DC having written a book on national invasive species certification policies.

Mr. Thompson is a nationally recognized speaker on horticulture, invasives, bioeconomics and history. he was born in California but has lived in Maryland for the last 52 years. He owned and operated a small business for ten years before returning to the family nursery and garden center business in 1988 starting as a warehouse janitor and finishing as CEO and Chairman of the Board in 2008. During this time, while managing the perennial production and sales department, he was awarded the Perennial Plant Association Retailer of the Year award in 2000.

Mr. Thompson has been reappointed to the National Invasive Species Council Advisory Committee (NISC ISAC) having previously served as Vice Chair and Secretary. He is the Maryland Nursery & Landscape Association liaison to the Maryland Invasive Species Council and expert subject matter member of the State of Maryland's Invasive Plant Council. He also is an active user of social media "Tweeting" daily **@InvasiveNotes** with over 6925 followers as well as a writer of essays about social, scientific and philosophic issues on his blog, Invasive Notes (www.ipetrus.blogspot.com). John Peter works as a volunteer advocate to politicians and policy makers as President of the National Agricultural Research Alliance – Beltsville (NARA-B.org - 501c4). In this capacity he works with Congress and policy makers on behalf of the people and programs of USDA ARS and APHIS, in particular focusing on the Henry A. Wallace Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and the National Agricultural Library (NAL).

John Peter Thompson is a former Chair of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce; a former trustee of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, as well as former founding director and President of the Mid Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council (now MA-IPC), and former President of the Maryland Nursery & Landscape Association. He currently serves as a technical advisor and national credit steward for the LBJ Wild Flower Center's Sustainable Landscape Initiative (SSI or SITES). At a community level he continues to serve as the Chair of the Prince George's County Historical Preservation Commission; and a director of the Prince George County Community Foundation.

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