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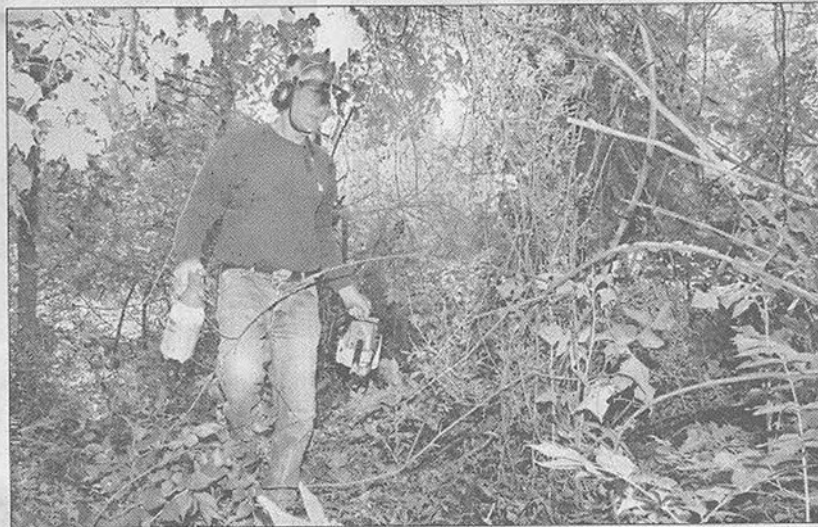
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David Mott with the Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District carries equipment as he searches for invasive plant species in the woods at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site near Lerna on Wednesday.

The Coles County SWCD has the partnership for Healthy Forests Program where Coles County landowners can apply for our Woodland Invasive Specialist (WIS) to visit their woodland sites and work with them to increase the quality of these woodlands through the removal of invasive plants. This allows our WIS to educate the landowner on the types of invasive plants in their woods and inform them about how detrimental they can be to an ecosystem. Our WIS also shows landowners beneficial native woodlands and their role in the ecosystem.