

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

Community Services Building, Room 56, 3001 US HWY 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751

Thursday, January 26th, 2017, 2 - 4:30 PM

Present: Kathy Stahl, Chris Gaetzke, Martin Van, Ted Ludwig, Lisa Ludwig, Tim Jackson, Richard Damro, Mame Gale, Jim Anderson, Melanie Yager, Chase Cummings, Lee Shambeau.

LCIP Identity Statement: LCIP is an organization that reaches goals toward invasive species awareness and control by using Civic Governance as a new approach to educate and organize the civic infrastructure needed to produce a basis to govern for the common good and sustain democracy as a just system. **(Chris took 10 minutes to review the LCIP Identity Statement and what civic infrastructure, how to define your role as an active citizen, civic imagination and how to define LCIP's role to expand and enhance efforts within the 5 county jurisdiction)**

Meeting Purpose: To review proposed 2017 work plan for operations that will allow the organization to expand and improve outreach, education and control of invasive species within the five-county jurisdiction and early 2017 projects.

- I. **Approval of Outcomes Documents** – December 1st, 2016. Motion by Kathy, second by Mame to approve Outcomes Document. Passed.
- II. **Negotiate agenda and individual check-in (5 mins each)**– identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items.

Chris said he has been working on updating the amur cork tree project and chemical info on the LCIP website. Also, added more links and now reporting almost 16,000 hits and 167 likes on the site since it went up in 2013.

Mame spoke with Chad Cook, a neighbor with 20 acres west of her. He will contact the neighbors between him and Oak Park Circle about the amur cork and will also talk to John Sippl about what can be done with NRCS funding. She picked up the list of trees available from Menomonie for planting within the city, the city will pay \$35 for the cost of each ~5-year-old tree.

Jim reminded us of the Red Cedar Watershed Conference on March 9th at UW-STOUT. To register click [HERE](#).

Lee was at the townships meeting in Trempealeau County and Wheaton. Wheaton is budgeting \$3,000 for Wild Chervil control. He has several meetings coming up in February that he will attend. Wild Parsnip seems to be the big issue. 4-Control, Inc is purchasing a sprayer that will be rented at a 5% discount if the township is involved with LCIP. This will allow the towns to utilize a dedicated sprayer. He is doing spring and fall test sprayings to test results. Fall applications would be better as it doesn't interfere with agriculture. Lee stated that it costs townships \$200-350/mile to spray for woodies and invasives, while typical mowing/brushing costs townships ~\$2,000/mile. **Lee will finalize the cost for application on Road Right of Ways and send to LCIP.**

Lisa reported that small grants are available from the Chippewa Valley chapter of the Sierra Club. To find out more contact her.

Chase has been working with the land owners that have the Japanese Knotweed problems. Pepin County is working on a program to make sure earth moving equipment of cleaned to prevent movement of invasives before and after conservation best management practices are installed through DATCP funded projects. A question came up to where car wash wastewater goes after it drains inside the building. **Chris will ask Randy Eide for the answer.**

Tim reported he gave a presentation to Save Our Hills Alliance in December that was well received. SOHA will be supporting another Dunn County NR Intern in 2017 because of his presentation.

III. Address Governing Issues.

Review 2017 LCIP Strategic(Work) Plan.

Chris went over the Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Goals handout (Attachment 1) setting out goals and roles within them. Discussion was held on all items with the following changes or additions:

Item 3. **Kathy, Jim, and Mame will be this year's committee planning for the meeting.**

Item 4C. **Dick will be added.**

Item 5A. **Kathy will assist Ted.**

Item 6A. **Jim, Chase and Mame will part of the workgroup. They will meet February 6th at 1:30 in Chris's office.**

Item 7. **Kathy will contract Mark Renz to see if we still have access to ISM Track software.**

2018 Item 2. **Jim will contact Jim Hathaway at Dunn Electric about this.** Utility companies should also be included in this effort.

Civic Governance update, defining individual role (Chris) Discussed in identity Statement at the beginning of the meeting. See above

Report financials (Kathy)

See Attachment 2. There is also a bill from WordPress she paid with her credit card for the annual website charge. **Motion by Chris, second by Ted to authorize repayment. Carried. Discussion was held on investing some of group funds. Motion by Lee, second by Chase, to invest \$12,000 in the Eaton Floating Rate Fund through Stifel Nicolaus. Motion passed.** Discussion about creating an annual budget from Chris to make LCIP operations more transparent and easier to track. **Kathy will work up a format using Quicken and present at next meeting.**

Amur Cork tree action plan, WDNR grant update (Kathy, Chris and Mame)

Chris reported that three projects have been paid out with 20 large trees cut with others waiting for bids. A meeting in the Oak Park Circle area has the word being spread by Mame and Chris in early January.

Wild Chervil update (Lee, Kathy, and Chris). Discussion on what was done so far. Chris requested and was approved to be on the Dunn County Towns Association meeting on April 24th from 7-9 PM in the Dunn County Judicial Center to talk about invasives, especially Wild Chervil and the role townships can have to manage them.

2017 Annual Meeting. Will be March 23rd from 2-4:30 PM. **Committee of Kathy, Jim, Mame and Chris will organize it.** Chris brought up the idea of having a Good Neighbor/Outstanding Member award presented at this meeting.

Chris mentioned a new publication that Dunn County Environmental Services Department will be sending throughout the county called *The Resource* that Land & Water Conservation Division will have 7 pages in. **Chris will submit an article on spring invasives (Garlic Mustard, Wild Parsnip and Common Buckthorn) to get the word out to the all citizens in Dunn County.**

IV. Identify Next Steps

Next meeting is on Thursday, February 23rd from 2-4:30 PM, Community Services Building Room 55, 3001 US HWY 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751

Holding one on one conversations within your jurisdictions about the group with the use of the LCIP governing document to increase the civic capacity of LCIP

V. Evaluate the Meeting

January 26th meeting score average was **4.93**. Everyone felt that there was great participation and members are defining their roles for 2017 work. Committees were set up, which were well over due.

Attachment 1

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Goals

2017 Goals

1. Continue to develop Civic Governance approach found in approved LCIP Governing Document. **(Chris G. leading, all Active Members testing out in their individual jurisdiction and role)**
 - A. Report monthly via feedback loop to steering committee on progress. **(All Active Members)**
 - B. Work towards the common good to grow membership and expand active members by using the LCIP Identity Statement as guide to give consistent message. **(All Active Members)**
 - C. Organize key stakeholders that contribute to monthly meetings and organization by using 4 Civic Standards located in the LCIP Governing Document. **(All Active Members)**
 - D. Develop roles for the active members through the use of principle driven calendars (1 hour a week) and key one-on-one public conversations (Bi-monthly). **(Chris G. & All Active Members)**

E. Work with each active member to develop an Individual Work Plan tied to the LCIP Governing Document. (Chris G. & All Active Members)
2. Maintain working version, events & projects document. (Chair/Volunteer Coordinator) A. Sustain yearly projects, presentations and exhibitions that show success and failures of invasive species control, maintenance and outreach/education. (Volunteer Coordinator/ All Active Members)
3. Hold an annual meeting on March 23 rd to meet by-law requirement, increase partnership engagement and present special recognition award (All Active Members, special committee of Kathy S., Jim A., Mame G.)
4. Expand outreach and educational materials, write media articles/news alerts, develop newsletters, maintain website and Facebook page. (Kathy S., Chris G., Mary G.) A. Share LCIP and other CISMA, IPAW, Governmental staff developed and written resources with others. (All Active Members) B. Engage a volunteer/student for communications and outreach. (Tim J., Keith G. & Lisa L.) C. Develop case studies of invasive management projects (Martin V., Mary G., Kathy S., Dick D.) D. Engage Quid Pro Quo projects between landowners to promote collaboration. (Mary G.)
5. Raise funds to support invasive control, educational handouts and Civic Organizing leadership training (All Active Members) A. Research grant opportunities and maintain a working list of grant opportunities. (Ted L., Kathy) B. Approach and engage donors where stakeholders may have resources to help support projects. (Jim A. & Melanie Y.)
6. Maintain working relationship and information sharing with Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin and Pierce County Highway Departments & Townships. (All Active Members) A. Develop working relationship with all interested Highway Departments and Townships using a 1-1 meetings or going to their meetings to expand our capacity to solve large scale roadside invasive management issues. (Lee S., Kathy S., Chris G., Jim A., Chase C., Mame G.)
7. Utilize ISM Track software to efficiently track LCIP control project results. (Kathy S. & Chase C.)

(2018-2021 Goals)

1. Develop an Early Detection Volunteer network similar to the Wisconsin Invasive Species First Detector Network. (Volunteer Coordinator) A. Work with UWEXT, WDNR, US Fish and Wildlife Service, IPAW to develop. (All Active Members)
2. Host a landowner, chemical seminar that includes how-to spray, sources of chemicals, timing and professional resources. (Jim A., Lee S., Martin V.)
3. Host a Natural Resources Intern annually that is stationed through Dunn County LWCD and NRCS that will work on special projects for LCIP during the summer months. (John S. & Chris G.)
4. Expand members in Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin and Pierce Counties. (All Active Members) A. Engage the community including faith organizations, non-profit organizations and connected citizens through the use of the Civic Governance approach. (All Active Members)

LCIP Treasurer's Report

January 26, 2017

Today's Checking account: \$1,038.69

Minus outstanding checks **\$75.42**

Savings account: \$18,492.72

Expenses since last LCIP meeting:

ACT payments for Bob Thomas, Christoffersens, and Mondlock = \$2,329.49

Mondlock & Christoffersens checks are still outstanding (\$963.27)

Income: RCU Interest = \$10.16

Save The Hills Grant (2015): \$1,500

\$148.00 Health Newsletter & Chervil Handout

\$689.60 Amur Cork Tree letter expenses

\$837.60 used of grant, leaving **\$662.40 of STHA grant funds**

DNR ACT Rapid Response Award (Nov 2016-June 2018): \$11,140.00

Thomas, Christoffersen, Mondlock 70% share \$2,329.49

Remaining funds: \$8,810.51