

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

Community Services Building, Room 55, 3001 US HWY 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751

Thursday, April 27th, 2017, 2 - 4:30 PM

Present: Kathy Stahl, Chris Gaetzke, Ted Ludwig, Tim Jackson, Richard Damro, Jim Anderson, Melanie Yager, Keith Gilland, Mame Gale, Lee Shambeau, David Cotts, Brad Luedtke, Martin Van.

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 gave update on where Civic Governance is going in 2017 and how LCIP is helping to build the case study of evidence that this approach can work well with invasive species organizations.)**

Meeting Purpose: To give individual updates on the 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.

1. **Approval of Outcomes Documents** – March 23, 2016. Motion by Mame, second by Dick D. to approve Outcomes Document. Passed.
2. **Negotiate agenda and individual check-in (5 mins each)**– identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items.

Chris reported the Dunn County Environmental Services Department has distributed copies of the first issue of *The Resource* which is the guide to services within Dunn County. There have been some issues with the first mailing, but they are being worked out. LCIP had a display at 3M Earth Day event and a lot of interest was apparent. Chris gave a presentation to Eau Claire County Highway and Parks Departments and they displayed a lot of interest in chemically treating their roadsides. Environmental Field Days will at MPS Environmental Center and Elk Mound Schools on May 3rd and 5th with presentations on invasive plants to 5th graders. Chris and Kathy worked on the grant for the Dunn County Alliance sponsored Natural Resources Intern. Application deadline is April 28th and John Sippl has about a dozen applications already. First applicant for the Landowner Chemical Program. It is a neighbor of Martin and is for honeysuckle control near Eau Galle. He will be picking up chemicals on May 9th. A Pat Andress of Chippewa Falls Land Conservancy contacted Chris and wants to work on their invasive situation. Kathy will give a presentation for their group on May 8th. They will have a display at the Chippewa Falls Library throughout the month of May of the LCIP display and materials.

Chase checked in via Email and reported highway department will be contacting Lee about control.

Jim reported that the presentation that Chris gave at the townships meeting was well received. Many townships did not have representatives at the meeting. He mentioned to his county committee the problems with invasives. **Jim will follow up with Jim Hathaway from Dunn Electric on next steps with invasive awareness and action.**

Dick D. talked to one of his neighbors about wild chervil on his property which is being logged. **He will follow up on this.**

Brad & David has been going by the older records of what problems there is on the 3M properties and will be coordinating with Lee about problem areas. He needs to coordinate with management about funds to control problems. It was brought up that the 3M efforts to control invasives should be noted along the trail so that people should be aware.

Lee said that 23 people were at the meeting in Eau Claire County. Chervil and parsnip are showing up. Lee can sell 2 ½ gallon containers of mixed herbicides as needed without any special licensing. Stanton Township and Wheaton Township will be doing some spraying. Lee reported the amur cork that was basil bark treated last year is dead.

Mame said that garlic mustard is flowering and she said a source stated that amur cork has a medicinal use. She will be laying her deck with amur cork lumber in the next few weeks.

Ted was out with the Colfax students at the Environmental Center and much young buckthorn was pulled. The sites he is working on Japanese Knotweed so far are showing little growth.

Martin has a neighbor that had 20 acres of buckthorn that was sprayed and it looks like it has been effective.

Tim has been looking at soils that wild chervil is present and testing if chervil has allopathic properties. He is also looking at the properties of native vs. non-native grasses looking at which uses more Phosphorus.

Keith is looking for student projects for continuing work on Invasive plants. He talked about what his students could do to support our efforts.

Melanie is willing to make a marketing effort for the Invasive Tour in June. Hope to fill the buss this year!

3. Address Governing Issues.

Review the 2017 LCIP Annual Meeting. Dick brought up people did not have time to look at the display items. Should focus more on the organization next year to answer questions for new partners.

Spring LCIP project coordination and commitments. (All)

The Red Cedar Trail project with Menomonie Middle School for April 28th was cancelled but a project for that day will be held at 21st Street on that date at the Middle School grounds. The project will be from noon to 2:30. Several people will be attending.

May 8th and May 10th events are a go and everything is set up for them. Chris will present at Chippewa Valley Nature Festival on June 3rd. Kathy will be working with the Chippewa Falls Land Conservancy organization and their properties.

Civic Governance update, Fiscal Agent for ICGOA & Civic Policy Workshop 6/21/17 @1-4PM (Chris)

There will be a workshop regarding the Civic Governance on 6/21 in Baldwin that Mame, Kathy and Chris will be attending. This will be promoting the civic governance approach. Chris and Kathy are working on setting up LCIP as the fiscal agent for Interstate Civic Governance Organizing Agency (ICGOA) which would involve one account with two disbursements each year.

Chris also brought up that LCIP will be doing a Mid-Point Evaluation of our work plan and goals documents in July.

Report financials (Kathy)

See Attachment 1.

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

As of last week, 90 mature female trees have been removed. Mame stated things have been progressing and more people are interested than ever before. The students have been working well and getting a lot done. Chris stated about ~\$3,200 of the rapid response funding remains.

Wild Chervil update (Lee, Kathy and Chris)

Chris got an email from Kelly Kerns (WDNR) stating that an award letter for the remaining funds in the rapid response grant funds for use in Dunn and Chippewa Counties for Wild Chervil in roadsides. Discussion was held how funds should be used for the townships and it was felt it should be used to prompt those who haven't started working yet. Lee is looking at his test plots but no info yet.

4. Identify Next Steps.

Next meeting is on Thursday, May 25th 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.

5. Evaluate the Meeting

April 27th meeting score average was 4.92. Everyone felt that there was great participation and contribution to the organization by developing their role and expanding outreach within their jurisdictions. Hope to continue to advance LCIP to be a leader in the community for other non-profit organizations to use the same Civic Governance approach.

Attachment 1

**LCIP Treasurer's Report
April 26, 2017**

4-26-2017 RCU Checking account: \$539.92

Checking account balance once outstanding checks clear: \$93.60

Expenses and outstanding checks as of 4-26-2017 and expenses since last LCIP meeting:

Outstanding: Mary and Randy Eide ACT control outstanding \$332.33

Outstanding: Katherine Stahl reimbursement for boot brush/pick promos outstanding \$113.99

Expense: Expert Tree Service (Jim Selz ACT control) expense \$486.50

4-26-2017 RCU Savings account: \$4,567.21

Income: RCU Interest = \$5.74

Stifel Account: \$12,000

Save The Hills Grant: \$1,500

\$148 Health Newsletter & Chervil Handout

\$689.60 Amur Cork Tree letter expenses

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

DNR Rapid Response Award 2017-2018: \$11,140.00

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

Eide 70% share \$332.33

Jan Harvey 70% share \$875

Jim Selz 70% share 486.50

Remaining funds: \$7,116.68

ACT Herbicide 2016 grant: 12 gallons

Remaining: 2 ½ gallons

Landowner Chemical Program: \$2,000

3 Sprayers @ \$38=\$114 **Remaining funds: \$1,886**