

# OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting  
Community Services Building, Room 55, 3001 US HWY 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751  
Thursday, June 22, 2017, 2-4:30 p.m.

Present: Chris Gaetzke, Chase Cummings, Ted Ludwig, Lisa Ludwig, Richard Damro, Jim Anderson, Mame Gale, Martin Van, Melanie Yager, Judy Zimmerman, Nancy Schofield, Kathy Stahl

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.

Meeting purpose: To give individual updates to 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. To learn more about the amur cork tree from a guest speaker, Nancy Schofield.

1. **Approval of Outcomes Documents** – May 25, 2017. Motion by Mame, second by Lisa to approve outcomes document. Passed.
2. **Negotiate agenda and individual check-in** (5 mins each) – identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in members' jurisdictions and agreed individual action items.
  - a. **Chris** reported on completion of a video about the Rain Garden at Lakeside Park in Menomonie. Chippewa Valley TV produced it; City of Menomonie and TMLIA funded it. It is in final editing stage and final copies will be available soon for showing. Mame and him were guest speakers at a luncheon for a Community Foundation of Dunn County's, Non-profit community Lunch and Learn Monthly Program; Chris did a powerpoint on civic governance and LCIP. Salzman Custom Slabbing and Sawing will buy some amur cork tree wood for woodworking/ furniture making. This is an option for landowners who need trees cut. It was uncertain whether cut wood could be given vs. sold to the woodcutter, and Chris suggested the choice was up to the landowner. Presented at the Chippewa Valley Nature Festival on June 5. Three persons attended, and many good questions were asked. It was LCIP's third year to present. LCIP participation next year was considered. Kathy suggested the topic might be shrubs that attract birds, the soil type for such shrubs, and related information, as birdwatchers are active attendees at the festival. Alternately, an outdoor activity could be offered, and it could be advertised. Received a thank you from Patricia Andress of the Chippewa Valley Land Conservancy following a presentation given by Kathy. Ms. Andress is a librarian at Chippewa Falls Public Library, where she posted a display on invasives for a month. Chris reported that the person who does mowing and spraying for New Haven Township was on the Invasives Tour. Met with Judy Zimmerman, a landowner who is removing invasives on her city property. **Judy donated a weed wrench/ cable-style puller which is now in the LCIP trailer. Thanks were extended.**
  - b. **Lisa** is on the executive committee of the multi-county branch of Sierra Club, which has a large membership. She proposed that LCIP do a program for the group in late fall or the new year. **She will talk with the Sierra Club board to see when a date would be good to come.**
  - c. **Ted** and Lisa completed an invasive plants survey today. He reported a significant amount of active, young buckthorn in Menomonie creek areas, wild parsnip on 770<sup>th</sup> and Wilson Creek, Japanese knotweed at 220<sup>th</sup> St. and 1280<sup>th</sup>. **He will check on reported poison hemlock on 1290<sup>th</sup> Ave. in New Haven; Kathy will contact L. Hathaway at Rural electric; the town (road crew) and homeowner will be notified.**

- d. **Dick** has a neighbor with lots of wild chervil, and Dick is monitoring effectiveness of herbicide from Lee. Crown vetch is also monitored. Chris reported that an expert on crown vetch is working locally and will be providing recommendations soon. Asked about the \$1,000 grant for wild chervil given to the Town of Grant; billing is in progress.
- e. **Jim** commented that the wild chervil season is ending and the timely treatment dates were discussed.
- f. **Kathy** requested suggestions for upcoming articles and newsletters.
- g. **Chase** reported that Pepin County has wild parsnip which either wasn't sprayed or wasn't sprayed at the right time, but is being mowed. Chris suggested a fall treatment for biennials, and said Lee was going to try early spring spraying with growth regulator (early enough to prevent effects on desirables/ early spring native perennials.) A Pepin county landowner has made several attempts to control Japanese knotweed, and not yet succeeded at controlling it that has effected 5 acres of his property. Some knotweed was spread at a different site, apparently when the ditch was reshaped, **so the highway department will be contacted.** Chase works with an intern, Eli, who is promoting removal of Japanese knotweed on his father's property. **Chase will follow up on garlic mustard control along a Koch pipeline in Pepin County.**
- h. **Judy** described a Rent-a-Goat program, and its pros and cons were considered. Ted reported its use in Minnesota parks; it takes several years of use to be effective and requires intense management.
- i. **Mame** reported that Lee sprayed wild parsnip on her road. She alerted a cable-laying crew about its properties to watch out for. The crew knew little about wild parsnip.
- j. **Marty** proposed a possible case study at Tanglewood Greens Golf Course, which has thick invasives surrounding the course. **Marty will contact the new management and new groundskeepers at an appropriate time.** Nancy reported that UW-Stout has a Golf Management major, and faculty there may be enrolled in the project. Jim suggested enrolling support of the PetsPlus entrepreneur. **Judy may inquire about finding teen workers.** LCIP has previously offered hourly wages to students who work and had little interest.

### 3. Address Governing Issues

- a. **Amur Cork Tree presentation by Nancy Schofield** (UW Stout professor, retired) gave a powerpoint program on amur cork trees. She discussed habitat, range, history, botanical features; she showed samples. Public awareness was discussed. Chris got permission to post her presentation on the LCIP website.
- b. **ISM Track** discussion: Chase discussed a login and password; cost would be \$200/year. It is used for tracking of invasive locations and date found, and method and effectiveness of treatment. Data can be used for sharing of information, case studies, grant applications, and as a resource about effectiveness of herbicide treatments, etc. The program has a tutorial. Kathy is willing to help with data input for participants using paperwork forms, while others use iPhone apps and GPS info. **Ted moved to enroll; Lisa seconded; motion approved. Kathy will set up account. A demo will be done at the July or August meeting by Chase or Kathy.**
- c. **Invasives Tour:** 23 participants, 16 plants were discussed, 3 hours- deemed very successful. **Thanks to Jim Anderson for driving the bus and donating his time!**
- d. **Stockholm Art Fair, July 15, 2017:** Kathy cannot represent LCIP on this date; no volunteer was found to assist. Kathy would like to attract visitors with "What's Playing" about current invasives and currently blooming native plants. Chase suggested a local roadmap which visitors could follow.
- e. **A Farmer's Market display** was suggested by Mame. **Price for a space will be checked by Mame through the Menomonie Food Coop.**
- f. **Boyd Preserve Program** is planned with Kathy and Tim doing a program/ demonstration for the neighborhood. (Tim will be hired with the funds received from the Chippewa Valley Land Conservancy.)

Proposed date is July 18. Letters will go out to potential participants. Chris and Mame volunteered to help. Kathy asked for thoughts and suggestions.

- g. **Northern WI State Fair:** we may have a display or speaker. It was suggested we ask and sponsor Nancy Schofield to speak on amur cork. **Mame will accompany her if she accepts.**
  - h. **LCIP Officers:** Ted had to step down from Secretary due to work overload. **Melanie was voted in as interim Secretary for six months.**
  - i. **Financials:** See **Attachment A** below prepared by LCIP Treasurer Kathy Stahl. Chris reported use of funds from the DNR's Natural Heritage Conservation Fund and Rapid Response Forestry fund to Grant township, Howard township, and highway departments for Dunn and Chippewa counties. Lee has billing in progress. Kathy proposed we discuss how to make contacts with highway departments in a timely way so we can be part of their annual budget-setting efforts.
  - j. **Civic Governance Review:** Kathy and Chase attended a Civic policy workshop on 6/21, and participated in an overview, case study, and small group work. **Chris will have a conference call followed by one-on-one visits with invitees to see where the Interstate Civic Governance Organizing Agency (ICGOA) is going in the future.**
  - k. Wild Chervil update: All townships and county roads that funds were available for have been treated by 4-Control, Inc. LCIP will wait for invoices and pay them and get reimbursement from WDNR for the work. **New Haven township wanted to be on the list for funding next year since they have been trying to work on their roads for the past two years with little success.**
4. **Next meeting: Thursday, July 27, 2 – 4:30. Potluck and meeting at the pavilion at Menomin Park, including a walk through the park.** There are 3 picnic tables; no grill. E-mail sign-up sheet for food/snacks so we get a nice variety. Lake Menomin Park is south of I-94 on Lake Menomin, west of the 3M plant which is on Stokke Drive. On highway 12/29 east of Menomonie, turn north on Stokke Drive, then east (left) on Domain Drive. Turn north (right) onto the gravel road to the park. (There is a field/prairie area to pass before you get to the parking lot.) Alternately, from Hwy 12/29, turn north at the stop light on Red Cedar St. which is where RCU credit union stands on the corner, and is east of the hospital. Proceed north and the road naturally curves to become Domain Drive eastbound. Take the gravel road north (left) into the park.
5. **Evaluation:** omitted. Dismissed because of ending the meeting after 4:30 PM.

#### **Attachment A. LCIP Treasurer's Report, June 22, 2017**

6-21-2017 RCU Checking account: \$ 104.72

Expenses and outstanding checks as of 6-21-2017 and expenses since last LCIP meeting: None

6-21-2017 RCU Savings account: \$245.05

Income: RCU Interest = \$.40

Stifel Account: \$12,000.33

Income: Interest=\$.20

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) Remaining funds: \$2702.80

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

Eide 70% share \$332.33

Jan Harvey 70% share \$875

Jim Selz 70% share \$486.50

Parejko 70% share \$2250

Mary Dominick 70% share \$1,610

Sharon Walleen 70% share \$553.88

ACT Herbicide 2016 grant: 12 gallons

Remaining: 2 ½ gallons

Landowner Chemical Program (\$2,000): Remaining funds: \$1,886

3 Sprayers @ \$38=\$114

{Brian Klink Vanquish bill from 4 Control not yet received, amount unknown}

Wild Chervil Grant 2017: \$2,850