

## OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting  
Menomin Park Pavilion, Domain Drive, Menomonie, WI 54751  
Thursday, July 27, 2017, 2 – 4:40 p.m.

**Present:** Jim Anderson, Lee Shambeau, Chase Cummings, Richard Damro, Chris Gaetzke, Mame Gale, Keith Gilland, Nick Johansen, Kathy Stahl, Melanie Yager, Jeff Hessburg (NR intern)

**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 perform a mid-point evaluation of the 2017 work plan individually and as an organization. Tour Menomin Park for invasives and have a time to reflect on LCIP over a pot-luck of snack foods.

- I. **Potluck and social time**
- II. **Approval of Outcomes Document** from June 22, 2017: Kathy moved to approve; Chase seconded; motion carried.
- III. **Negotiate Agenda and Individual Check-ins:**
  - a. **Chris** was contacted by Emily Lind, program chair of Sierra Club to do a presentation on terrestrial invasives on October 4<sup>th</sup> in Eau Claire. The new AIS coordinator for the Lower Chippewa River Basin at Beaver Creek Reserve is AJ Lieden, who would like to do an event on August 9<sup>th</sup> about purple loosestrife on the Chippewa River from Durand to Ella. **A meeting is set in Chris's office for 9 a.m., July 28 to plan logistics, etc.** This event will work on the AIS Strategic Plan for the LC River. **Members are invited to contribute input and plan.** Judy Zimmerman will continue trying to recruit student labor for amur cork and other invasives removal near her 5<sup>th</sup> Street area. Leinenkugel is having another invasives control event in Erikson/Irvine Park on Sept. 30 in Chippewa Falls. This is our third year to participate. **Volunteers invited to attend and will receive lunch afterward.** There was a three-year follow-up from the removal of invasives in Fairfax Park in Eau Claire. Neighbors reported treatment results; some problems remain. The city has agreed to spray again after volunteer event. **Chris has tasked the EC Volunteer Coordinator to set up an online signup sheet.**

Reviewed mid-point status of LCIP Goals sheet:

Goal 1: Chris is building on his experience with the ICGOA group and contributing more to its leadership; he continues to try to bring in people who will work with us and make our organization work; work on funding and sustainability.

Goal 2: The projects list is maintained and updated.

Goal 3: Annual meeting was held and evaluated as successful.

Goal 4: Outreach and Education: our Facebook page was hacked so is being removed and a new one is in process. Been updating partners of progress.

Goal 6: Highway Department contacts: there will be a new commissioner for Dunn County soon. Brent Miller, Highway patrol superintendent, was contacted and agreed to work on chervil. Working with Chippewa and Pepin County Hwy Depts. 2018-2021 Goals: Jeff, our intern, is on board; thanks to Dunn County Alliance for support. Continuing to expand efforts with current and potential partners.

Expanding members through outreach events.

- b. **Kathy** reported that Chippewa County Land Conservancy paid Tim Jackson \$100 for an event at Boyd Preserve. Formerly, neighbors had used the area as a dumping ground. Letters were sent to the neighbors about the event; minimal participation. Later, Kathy and Tim were introduced to a neighbor with invasives on his property; he was a Boy Scout leader, and tentative **plans will be made for 3 troops do a garlic mustard event in the spring of 2018. Has a contact with the Menomonie Noon Rotary Club, which is interested in a May, 2018 program about natives and invasives.**
- c. **Jim** suggested varying the date of LCIP's invasives tour to different months to see other varieties of plants. (June is Invasives Month, and June has an abundance of flowering.) **The suggestion was also made to extend specific invitations to county staff who do the spraying as well as to county board members.** Feedback will be considered.
- d. **Dick** has been battling invasives (crown vetch) on his farm; Dick asked about recommendations to avoid spraying when it's over 85 degrees, and Lee informed us about vaporization of volatile components which can drift to neighboring areas. The Escort sprayed areas of Wild Chervil near his residence are working!
- e. **Keith** plans to set up a lab for some UW Stout classes near Lakeside Rain Garden where work has been done previously. He would also like to do some stream monitoring, and will visit with Ted. **Kathy suggested getting students involved with ISM tracking.**
- f. **Lee** visited with a forester who found buckthorn on school property and hoped to arrange a student event to pull buckthorn; more adults would be enlisted to help in Wausau. Has had regular contact with several counties' DOT personnel, and he is interested in doing an event/ bus tour on August 15. He can e-mail info to gather participants. He can get a bus, perhaps funded by distributors, and may have food. Lee's tour could include comparisons of spring vs fall treatments. He wants workers to share their experiences and results. Japanese knotweed was treated in Hudson after road construction spread the invaded area. Three treatments were tried so comparisons on effectiveness can be made. Located phragmites on I-94 near Eau Claire and Cty Hwy TT. **Chris will report to DOT and DNR.** Teasel was found in Trempeleau County south of Osseo. St. Croix County had purchased a sprayer for wild parsnip, but did not use it yet due to busy workload. **Chippewa County Hwy reported that they have seen a 50% reduction to Wild Chervil populations in the county. They wanted to thank LCIP and DNR for the support for their control projects!**
- g. **Nick** suggested a "driving tour route guide" so board members and others can identify invasives on their own time. Nick noted work on amur cork in his neighborhood.
- h. **Mame** shared from a book, Backyard Foraging, about Japanese knotweed uses. Reported that Nancy Schofield did a presentation on amur cork at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. Her powerpoint presentation had minimal attendance, with special interest from one Master Gardener. **Has an appointment to meet with Lisa Peterson about Japanese knotweed on her property.** She will assess the landowner's interest/ willingness to work on the problem. She can discuss cost-sharing. Has a new battery-operated Lynx pole-chainsaw, and **plans to prune out her buckthorn and honeysuckle with it.**
- i. **Jeff** worked on spotted knapweed today near the newly established prairie at the Red Cedar Demonstration Farm, and said he has learned a lot this summer.
- j. **Chase** has finally connected the Koch pipeline company, and will provide them with a map of locations of invasive species, as well as information about how and when to treat various species after 3 years of trying to connect. **He hopes to provide a training session for maintenance crews.** He is willing to meet company crews on site. The company's pipelines are not on general maps now so there will be extra steps to determine their location. Has a new contact with the electric company so he can communicate about right of ways.

Reported that the new maintenance person for Pepin County Housing Authority found Japanese knotweed and she is cutting it now and will spray it later. Met the Pepin County intern with the zoning office; the intern can create a crowdsourcing map for Pepin County showing a driving tour on which locations of invasive species are noted. Citizens can enter location and identification information, which Chase can verify and then add permanently to the map. Mentioned we now have an account set up with EDDMAPS, and can do reports and inquiries. **He will complete the set-up.** Reported that Pepin County will be getting a new highway commissioner.

#### **IV. Addressing Governing Issues**

##### a. Civic Governance Review

Chris provided a Civic Governance review focusing on what civic leadership and infrastructure looks like and how LCIP is moving that direction. Thanked all members for suspending judgement for the past two years while LCIP explored what Civic Governance approach can do to improve the organization. LCIP has been governing (developing policies) on how to operate and give a unified message to the stakeholders that they are working with.

##### b. Financials

Kathy reported financials that you can review at the end of this document.

##### c. Township engagement in roadside invasive management

Kathy expressed concerns about our contacts with townships. She proposed new strategies in which we ask to be on their meeting agendas, talk to members ahead of time, and perhaps do PowerPoint presentations to educate. It was noted that county clerks maintain lists of towns associations members, and that lists can be purchased. (It was noted that membership may change often.) Dunn County has 22 townships. Only about half were represented at the last Towns Association annual meeting in April. Kathy commented on a possible disconnect between boards and the crews that actually do mowing of roadsides, etc. She suggested that mowers and farmers are more available for tours and informational events. She suggested going to boards to get approval/ funds to allow mowers to attend events. Keith contributed from his experience: "Make the WHY to the board, and the HOW to maintenance." Lee suggested using a cost-share system when talking to boards to get better buy in. **Chris will work with Kathy and Lee to develop a message that will be sent out to the Dunn County Townships to see more action locally that will include the information about the August 15<sup>th</sup> Invasive Tour.**

##### d. Amur Cork Tree & Wild Chervil Grant updates

Chris updated the grant projects. ACT work will continue with the new round of funding by the DNR for mature female trees and small trees treated or pulled by UW Stout students.

#### **V. Identify Next Steps**

Next meeting: Aug. 24, 2017 at the Dunn County Community Services Building, room 55, 2 – 4:30 p.m.

#### **VI. Evaluate the Meeting**

**4.85** Average

Comments: Stayed on task, all active members contributed to the work of LCIP, goals are being met, valuing check-ins to keep all members accountable to LCIP goals.

#### **Attachment A: LCIP Treasurer Report 7/27/17**

**7-27-2017 RCU Checking account: \$ 204.72 (minus outstanding check=\$4.72)**

**Expenses and outstanding checks as of 7-26-2017 and expenses since last LCIP meeting:**

**Outstanding check & Expense: 6/28/2017 Univ of WI for ISM Track = \$200**

**Expense: 7/18/2017 Tim Jackson for Boyd Preserve work = \$100**

**7-27-2017 RCU Primary Savings account: \$45.17**

**Income: RCU Interest = \$0.12**

**7-27-2017 RCU Secondary Savings account: \$750 Civic Governance Account**

**Income: UW Ext: \$250 for Class Materials/Lectures-“Civil Governance Educational Course”**

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**Stifel Account: \$11,845.83**

**Income: Interest=\$0.20**

**Expense: 6/30/2017 Menomonie Transportation for Invasives Tour = \$154.70**

**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: \$2,702.80**

**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 \$2,250**

**Mary Dominick 70% share \$1,610**

**Sharon Walleen 70% share \$553.88**

**ACT Herbicide 2016 grant: 12 gallons = 2 gallons remaining**

**½ gallon to Judy Zimmerman**

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

**3 Sprayers @ \$38=\$114**

**2 ½ gallons to Chippewa Conservancy for Boyd Preserve work day, amount unknown**

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

**Wild Chervil Grant 2017: \$2,500**

**{Towns of Grant and Howard and Dunn County invoice from 4 Control not yet received, total unknown}**