

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting
Mame Gale house, N4799 510th St. Menomonie, WI 54751
Thursday, September 28, 2017, 2-4:30 p.m.

Present: Jim Anderson, Dick Damro, Mame Gale, Ted Ludwig, Kathy Stahl, Marty Van, Melanie Yager, Judy Zimmerman, Tim Jackson, Brad Leudke (3M) and Dave Cotts (3M)

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 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.

Pre-meeting discussion: Mame was featured in the Eau Claire Leader Telegram newspaper today, with a photo of her on her new deck; the article provided information about amur cork tree and work on invasive species. Mame had an inquiry from a wood turner who would like to try making bowls from amur cork.

- I. **Approval of Outcomes document** from August 24th unanimously approved on a voice vote.
- II. **Negotiate Agenda (no change) and Check-ins**
 - a. **Mame and Judy** have contacted homeowners on Oak Park Circle. **They have several more contacts to make and will follow-up with folks whose interest was marginal.**
 - b. **Kathy** suggested that the DNR offers trees, shrubs and seedlings which could be used for re-planting after clearing of invasives. An effort could be made to promote planting of native species. The purchase unit is 1,000 plants; we would need people to do planting. Also, many seedlings are small and may not survive. There may be a stipulation, “not for yard use.” Mame suggested the Arbor Day Foundation offer of 10 free trees plus two free lilacs for \$10. The trees are probably blue spruce, which is not native here. Mame passed around the flier discussing recommended trees for Menomonie, offering more options.
 - c. **Judy** did some research at a local nursery, which sells 6’ black spruce for \$200/each; Dick’s experience is that black spruce are not drought tolerant. Judy visited Bobolink Nursery to find alternative replacements after buckthorn removal. Judy is willing to be a “model” or “mentor” for a buckthorn removal/replacement project, as her buckthorn is not coming back. She spoke to a crew who removed a poplar tree; the crew does spray to prevent buckthorn, but indicated minimal success at prevention. Melanie indicated Chris’s idea that replacement should be postponed two years after removal: after one year, shoots appear from old roots as well as from residual seeds. The next year shoots would be residual seeds. Ted concurred that woody invasive seeds remain viable for up to 8 years, and birds bring in more! He’s worked on his neighbor’s buckthorn patch for 5 years now.

- d. **Ted** will do final spraying of several Japanese knotweed sites next week. He stated that now is an excellent time to pull small buckthorn. Ted will do field work with Chris and Menomonie high school classes the Oct 24-25th; they will leave the trailer on site and remove the buckthorn to burn in piles this winter. Inquiries were made about whether students could spray, which chemicals they could use. Due to students' coming and going, ideas were suggested about cordoning off areas which had been sprayed to eliminate traffic through sprayed areas. Ted, Chris, and DNR representative Shelby addressed Krista James' UW-Stout Environmental Science class on 9/2; they presented opportunities for students to get involved in environmental work, stream monitoring, and trail work. A few students responded via email and that was it.
- e. **3M reps Brad and Dave** reported on having a stand of black locust cut; Lee will assist in the spring to prevent regrowth. A survey of company acreage was planned, and a 5-year plan was developed. There are two areas on 3M property for bat colonies; one is occupied. Ted related his bat survey information and discussed migratory/ non-migratory species and white nose syndrome. Interest was expressed. 3M did not do a controlled burn last year, but would like to try a 5-acre burn this year. They have a plan from the DNR and have had contact with the local fire department. Repairs and upkeep on 19 bluebird houses (14 had hatchings) will be completed over winter. Mame and others encouraged contact with the media to make people aware of what the company is doing for their property; all publicity must be approved through proper company channels.
- f. **Dick** has been busy spraying multiple sites of Japanese knotweed; he would like to try alternate equipment. Dick indicated some patches may better be treated using a boom. Japanese knotweed was spotted south of Culver's restaurant parking lot in Menomonie, and steps will be taken to notify Culver's neighboring landowner about treatment. Dick worked with his neighbor on a plan to remove 2-5' buckthorn at the neighbor's. Dick worked with Chris and Ted at the Lakeside Park Rain Garden last week, in conjunction with Andersen Windows.
- g. **Jim** attended a field day 9/27 at the Red Cedar Demonstration Center; attendees included farmers, fertilizer reps, chemical reps, and crop consultants. Jim reported that the county has endorsed/passed a resolution for the promotion of increasing pollinator species. He suggested we would get recognition for development of a similar policy promoting native species and decreasing invasive species. He is willing to work on it. Jim is interested in putting purple martin houses in the 12-acre parcel SW of Menomin Park, where he'd like to see fewer forbes and grasses and more wildflowers after invasive species are removed.
- h. **Marty** reported that the greenskeeper at Tanglewood golf course may not have time to devote to non-greens areas, but he would welcome a survey of the area, including neighboring areas from which invasives can re-invade. Golf carts could be provided to surveyors. Permission is needed from the management. Thoughts on what services we could provide, what positive publicity could be provided and what additional costs (as for chemicals or professional services) would be incurred. Potentially, there may be cork

trees in the area, or aquatic invasive species. **Jim will contact management.** Maps of the course are available and can be adapted for our use.

- i. **Tim** has continued from his summer job at Pierce County Parks Department-Nugget Lake; he continued the twenty+ years of tradition to remove honeysuckle and buckthorn on the site. He is looking for work. He reported on an upcoming informative event 10/12 in Northfield; Chris will get a van if there are members who could attend. Maiden Rock outing will be 10/27. **Kathy shared that Tim's effort at Boyd Preserve may lead to a garlic mustard pulling event by the Boy Scouts in spring of 2018.**
- j. **Melanie** has new neighbors in a house with a well-establish butterfly garden; **she will inquire about seed-gathering there, or transplanting if the neighbors dismantle the plot.**
- k. **Chris** reported in an email since he was at Sparta talking to the emerging Monroe County Invasives Species Working Group talking about how LCIP has grown and succeeded. I have been working with a lady that is trying to get control on a 1,650 square feet gardens. She is researching and will purchase BioChar to spread on the site as treatment to start the process. She will be making an application for the LCIP Landowner Chem Program. Worked with B. Klink to get 5 more gallons of Vanquish to use on his bush honeysuckle from the LCIP Landowner Chem Program. He gave a presentation at UW Stout to Env Science students with Ted Ludwig and Shelby Kilibarda on LCIP. I had a lot of interest initially with only one email inquiry afterward that I haven't heard back from them after my replied email. He was contacted by Freshwater Family Farms to come down to tour and give advice on invasive species management and prairie creation on a 712 acre privately owned property in process of being restored. We are planning on going down to Northfield, WI on October 12th from 8 AM to 2:30 PM. Anyone interested in coming along for a group of 4-5 let him know.
- l. **Keith** reported via email that Stout students will be working on the Lakeside park shoreline project on Oct 31s and Nov 2nd. He will have 24 students there at a time from 11:30-3:30 those days (from the sections I teach and with another instructor's students). **Keith will be meeting with Dick and Chris from the city sometime in the next couple of weeks to identify a site for another group of students (I forget the exact name but it's some sort of leadership-focused group) to do a buckthorn removal project.** He is expecting 20 students with that group most likely on the afternoon of Saturday Oct 21st.
- m. **Chase** reported via email that Japanese knotweed sites are/have been treated, including Hwy Dept. right of way sites. Received a notification from EDDMapS requesting confirmation on a report of tall water hemp. **Someone found it in Pepin county and he need to check it.** Agricultural weed becoming more and more resistant to herbicides. Lee came out to Pepin County park and campground and sprayed for black locust. Thanks to Lee! **He will still need to get a map and recommendations put together for Koch pipeline.**

III. Addressing Governing Issues

- a. Amur Cork Tree lumber uses and demonstration (Mary) Was discussed and viewed before the meeting and in the [Eau Claire Leader Telegram on 9/28/17 edition.](#)

- b. Tanglewood Greens invasive work (Martin and Jim) See Marty's check in for more info.
- c. Native replacement plants project (Melanie) Melanie is working on developing a program that will replace invasive species areas that are clean from invasives for 2 years with native species.
- d. Fall Projects—Leinenkugels 9/30 8 AM-12 PM, Menomonie High School October 24-25 ALL DAY, Maiden Rock SNA 10/27 9AM-1 PM (All) All are moving all along and getting people to lead the events. **Contact Chris for more details on the upcoming events.**
- e. Report financials (Kathy) Kathy reported and is included as Attachment A at the end of this document.
- f. Amur Cork Tree & Wild Chervil projects (Kathy) See Mary and Judy's check ins above for details.

IV. Identify Next Steps

Next monthly meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, 2-4:30 p.m. at the Dunn County Community Services Building, room 55, 3001 US highway 12 E, Menomonie WI 54751

- The November meeting is proposed to be the **fifth** Thursday of November (30th) due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, and it is proposed that the December meeting be cancelled.

V. Evaluate the Meeting

Score of the evaluation was **4.975**, with many positive comments about the pleasant setting. A tour of the amur cork deck and property followed the meeting. Thanks to Mame for hosting the meeting and providing snacks and cider!

Attachment A: LCIP Treasurer's Report **September 28, 2017**

9-28-2017 RCU Checking account: \$2,708.29

9-28-2017 RCU account minus outstanding checks: \$2,535.41

Expense and Outstanding Checks:

9/27/2017 4 Control, \$88.88 Klink Landowner Chemical Program

9/27/2017 Logan Loeffler, \$42, ACT Control

9/27/2017 Bryant Ayers, \$42, ACT Control

9-28-2017 RCU Primary Savings account: \$3317.47

Income: 8/31/2017 RCU Interest \$1.07

9-28-2017 RCU Secondary Savings account: \$1,751.32 Civic Governance Account

Income: 8/31/2017 RCU Interest \$1.04

Stifel Account: \$11846.83

Income: 8/31/2017 Stifel Interest \$.50

Save The Hills Grant: \$1500

\$148 Health Newsletter & Chervil Handout

\$689.60 Amur Cork Tree letter expenses

\$837.60 used of grant, remaining \$662.40 of STHA grant funds

DNR Amur Cork Tree Rapid Response Awards: 2017 (\$8,270.04) & 2016-2018 (\$11,140.00), Total \$19,410.04:

Award spent= \$8,521.20, Remaining ACT funds from DNR grants: \$10,888.84

(ACT RR Funds received from WDNR to date: \$8,270.04)

Thomas, Christoffersen, Mondlock 70% share	\$2329.49
Eide 70% share	\$332.33
Harvey 70% share	\$875.00
Selz 70% share	\$486.50
Parejko/Zimmerman 90% share	\$2250.00
Dominic 70% share	\$1610.00
Walleen 70% share	\$553.88
Loeffler/Bryant (@ \$42) Anderson 70%	<u>\$84.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,521.20

ACT Herbicide 2016 grant: 12 gallons = 2 gallons remaining

Landowner Chemical Program (\$2,000): Remaining funds: \$1,750.70

3 Sprayers @ \$38=\$114

Brian Klink Vanquish \$46.42, \$88.88 = \$135.30

Wild Chervil Grant 2017: \$2,850

Award Spent= \$2,500

(Funds received from WDNR to date: \$500)

Town of Howard \$1000

Town of Grant \$1000

Dunn County \$500