

## OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting  
Dunn County Community Services Building, Room 55, 3001 US HWY 12E, Menomonie, WI 54751  
Thursday, October 26, 2017, 2-4:30 p.m.

**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. Reflect on how Civic Governance has changed LCIP.

**Present:** Jim Anderson, Dick Damro, Mame Gale, Chris Gaetzke, Ted Ludwig, Kathy Stahl, Marty Van, Judy Zimmerman and Chase Cummings

I. **Approval of Outcomes Document** - September 28, 2017

Mame Gale approved, Jim Anderson seconded. Approved as written.

II. **Negotiate agenda and individual check-in (5 mins each)**- identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items

No additions

- a. **Jim** reported on the bike and hiking trails around Menomonie; the trails present an opportunity to work with interested parties to walk the trails and point out any problems/invasives along trails. Kathy was at a meeting where the Menomonie Mayor said there are people looking for projects all the time, Gary Barnett is a contact person with the city. LCIP could engage the Friends of the Red Cedar, possibly do a bike tour of invasive species in summer of 2018 or make educational signs. **Jim will look into this.**
- b. **Martin** spoke about being sensitive to sprays due to his history with all the vapors he's been around, and so he often feels bad the next day after treating for 3 hours or more. 2-3% solution of Vanquish seems to be better to control honeysuckle and 20% solution of Garlon 4 for buckthorn. Chris said buckthorn seeds are viable for up to 7 years.
- c. **Dick** pointed out how buckthorn is very visible at this time of year since the leaves stay on the trees longer. Looked at Japanese knotweed he sprayed; all knotweed is turning yellow so it's hard to tell about the success of treatment; uses Milestone on the plants. Spent a whole afternoon getting rid of buckthorn along sloped bank on his property and thinks he would like a larger sprayer with a long hose to avoid bending over. Mentioned two places to possibly get them for next year.
- d. **Mame** saw a large cork tree on 19th Street in Menomonie and discussion ensued on how to approach removal of these mother trees on private property some of which is owned by landlords. She had a cork tree removed on her property, but not treated and the suckers came up but are easily removable the first year and the stump can still be treated. She found a huge buckthorn which she believes was part of the prairie re-planting project in the past along with honeysuckle. She showed the property map of owners around Oak Park Circle that she and Judy put together. She is using basal-bark treatment on some black walnut and other trees. She mentioned that Milestone is needed for black locust in the following year after cutting down.

- e. **Judy** suggested having some kind of brush cutter for after-management in woody areas like in the woods next to her. Garlic mustard and other invasive are taking off in the newly opened-up areas. She told about going down into the woods where the big “mother” trees had been removed and finding a sea of cork tree seedlings wherever the female trees had been and pulling (possibly hundreds of) them by hand. They pull easy the first year or two then it takes two hands to pull up the older ones, but it still works well to pull them compared to buckthorn which makes a mess of the soil. Cork tree roots are not as extensive as buckthorn roots. She mentioned about writing a group email to the neighbors in Oak Park Circle telling the story of her success in removal and the history of the tree’s invasion, so far no response from them or interest in removing remaining cork trees. She told of her success cutting out and spraying most of the buckthorn on her land and how they are not coming back and is willing to mentor others in her process which includes a lot of kneeling to cut and then hauling away brush to burn.
- f. **Ted** spoke about the Menomonie high school project clearing buckthorn at the mouth of Galloway Creek. The pile was as big as the meeting room and they are planning on burning the pile in the winter. Did not get to follow up spraying of Japanese Knotweed because of busy schedule.
- g. **Chase** reported on the Koch pipeline project in Pepin County. There’s a new highway commissioner he wants to meet since wild parsnip got out of control this year. Other invasives like Japanese knotweed the hwy department intended to spray but there was some confusion about the spray tank so it didn’t get done. They also mowed at the wrong time and thereby spread seeds, need to mow earlier. 4-Control, Inc. were out to treat black locust & honeysuckle on park areas that Chase is considering clear-cutting whole property to restore remnant prairie and oak savanna. Black locust is a real problem, one of the worst to get under control out there. Tall water hemlock was found by a report in GLEDN, which is herbicide-resistant that he checked into and didn’t find it. Maiden Rock project is postponed until the following Friday. Sees a need to inform the Dunn County Towns Association about mowing the roadways at the wrong time is an issue, need to educate the townships on when to mow and not mow to keep from spreading seeds; it’s important to get to the foreman in the town to get action.
- h. **Kathy** asked if anyone else is interested in going to Boyd Preserve for a follow up visit. The Chippewa County Land Conservancy folks were excited about what was done there before and have a nature preserve located in their residential area. The question of native vs. non-native thistles was raised; she is working with Lee about doing spot-spraying on Cyprus spurge in Eau Claire County.
- i. **Chris** spoke with Brock Woods regarding funds available for native replacement projects that the WDNR are trying to get going in the Great Lakes region of Wisconsin. Stated that Jonathan Noldin, Stout student, showed up, and wants to work on invasive projects in the future. Reported that the Lienenkugel event went well with Jarin, you can now see Duncan Creek from Erickson Park where removal was done. Was at the emerging Monroe County (Sparta) invasive group during the last LCIP meeting. They have a large number agency people involved and looking into how to be sustainable and engage citizens. He presented at Chippewa Valley Sierra Club, they’re interested and active on removal of woody invasives so far. **Reminded all members at the meeting to review the 2017 LCIP Goals sheet and be prepared to report on them at the November(last) meeting of the fiscal year.**

### III. Address Governing Issues

- Tanglewood Greens invasive work (Martin and Jim)

Martin and Jim reported on Tanglewood Greens (new owners of the former Chippewa Valley Golf Course) invasives work. The golf course folks are not very receptive to the cork tree problem; they respond like they feel “invaded” or bothered by this matter since invasives are not a top priority yet. Jim will be going to the fish fry this Friday and urged others to go this Friday or other Fridays to have a presence there. Martin will write a letter to Tanglewood explaining more.

- Civic Governance reflection (All)

CG has opened the eyes of active members to define their role and be active and accountable to LCIP. This has allowed LCIP to grow and expand invasive species influence, outreach and education. More businesses have gotten involved doing projects. More non-agencies are involved than before. CG has allowed Chris divide tasks and stay involved because there are so many positive responses from the community. Chase reminds us that it’s all about relationship-building (1-1’s) that help build a stronger community behind invasive species management. Judy suggests it’s a challenging problem that requires creative and unconventional solutions that CG fits into. All agreed to continue testing out the CG approach into 2018.

- Native replacement plants project (Melanie)

Native replacement plants project interest by Melanie, but no further info due to her absence. She will report at the November meeting.

- Fall Projects- Maiden Rock SNA 10/27 and UW Stout Lakeside Park 10/31 & 11/2 (Keith & Chris)

Oct 21st event with Stout got canceled, but will be out this 10/31 & 11/2 removing all invasive woody plants at Lakeside Park with Jarin the High School Intern assisting. There was discussion about the buffer zone around the lake where mowing is prohibited, but it means that plants like sumac then can take over.

- Freshwater Family Farms property tour review (Dick, Kathy, Tim, Lee, Chris)

Freshwater Family Farms property tour reviewed by all that went to Northfield, WI. This over 700-acre property is owned by Ashley Furniture owner and goal is to restore native habitats and allow use by others in the community for education, retreat and recreation. LCIP only found a few new invasives the property managers didn’t know about. Overall the property located in Jackson County was very clean of invasives since they have had a large crew of employees getting time to restore the property over the past 5 years. This group wants to stay connected with LCIP and would like to have LCIP back after they tackle the buckthorn, honeysuckle and Japanese barberry locations LCIP found while on the tour.

- Report financials and donation (Kathy)

Kathy gave the report and will be at the end of the Outcomes Document.

The group showed appreciation for the recent grant from the Gale Family Foundation. Discussion ensued about possible uses for funds; equipment was top of the list (~\$500), hiring Stout students (\$15/hr.) for projects, a “point person or coordinator” for projects year-round to do jobs and/or manage projects, \$500 toward the funding for the 2018 NR Intern and \$250 for Civic Governance for 2018.

- Amur Cork Tree & Wild Chervil projects (Mame, Judy and Kathy)

Chris is working with Oak Park Circle resident on a multiple yard tree project. Reminder that the remaining ACT funding (\$8,638.84) is only available until June 30, 2018. Please work with Judy and Mame to get people into the LCIP system.

IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next monthly meeting is on **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** 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

- September 2017 meeting score average was 4.89.

Member scores: 4.95, 4.975, 5.0, 4.8, 4.8, 4.75, 5.0, 4.8, 4.9

Go over LCIP meeting evaluation:

Did we achieve the meeting purpose?

What worked? What were the gaps? Steps to close the gaps? Come more prepared for check ins.

Discuss action items for next meeting.

### Attachment A: LCIP Treasurers Report

October 26, 2017

10-26-2017 RCU Checking account: \$2,578.29

10-26-2017 Quicken checking account minus outstanding checks: \$2,536.29

Outstanding Checks:

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

10-26-2017 RCU Primary Savings account: \$13,319.38

Income since last meeting:

9/30/2017 RCU Interest \$1.91

10/19/2017 Gale Foundation \$10,000

10-26-2017 RCU Secondary Savings account: \$1,752.33 Civic Governance Account

Income since last meeting:

9/30/2017 RCU Interest \$1.01

Stifel Account: \$11,868.79

Income on Cash & Eaton Vance Floating Rate Account:

9/30/2017 Stifel Interest on Cash \$0.02

9/30/2017 Eaton Vance Floating Rate Return \$21.77 (4.07%)

Save The Hills Grant: \$1,500

\$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 (\$8270.04), 2016-2018 (\$11,140.00), Total \$19,410.04:

Award spent= \$8,521.20, Remaining ACT funds from DNR grants: \$8,638.84

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

Thomas, Christoffersen, Mondlock 70% share	\$2,329.49
Eide 70% share	\$332.33
Jan Harvey 70% share	\$875.00
Jim Selz 70% share	\$486.50
Parejko/Zimmerman 90% share	\$2,250.00
Mary Dominic 70% share	\$1610.00
Sharon Walleen 70% share	\$553.88
Loeffler/Bryant (@ \$42) Anderson 70%	<u>\$84.00</u>
	\$8521.20

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 \$1,000

Town of Grant \$1,000

Dunn County \$500