

## OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

### Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

Dunn County Community Services Building, 3001 US HWY 12E, Room 55 Menomonie, WI 54751

Thursday, January 25th, 2018, 2 - 4:30 PM

**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 evaluate 2017 work plan to see if goals were met and then set 2018 work plan and activity goals to expand and improve outreach, education and control of invasive species within the five county jurisdiction.

Attending (16): Martin Van (LCIP), Chase Cummings (Pepin County Land Conservation), State Rep. Rob Stafsholt, Simon Shambeau (4-Control), Brad L. & David C. (3M), David Whiteley (Tainter Lake), Lisa Ludwig (Red Cedar Basin Monitoring Group and LCIP), Jarin Boettcher (Menomonie High School Intern), Ted Ludwig (Red Cedar Basin Monitoring Group and LCIP), Douglas Owens-Pike (Metro Blooms), AJ Leiden (Beaver Creek Reserve AIS coordinator), Mame Gale (VP-LCIP), Judy Zimmerman (LCIP amur cork tree removal), Kathy Stahl (LCIP Treasurer), Chris Gaetzke (Dunn County Land & Water/LCIP Chair)

- I. Approval of Outcomes Document – November 30, 2017  
Postponed due to no final outcomes document developed.
- II. Negotiate agenda and individual check-in (**5 mins each**)– identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items

Brad & David C. reported they had volunteered down in the DNR Maiden Rock SNA; also spoke about the 3M land management plan: one more year in alfalfa, then will rotate back into corn, roughly 100 acres in a 3-year span.

David Whiteley shared a packet that the Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association provided to new and current lake residents about 10 years ago, which includes great brochures about plant-management. He thought a similar packet would be great to develop for invasive species knowledge for newcomers. **He will look into this.**

Simon Shambeau reported that Lee was in Florida for a couple months and invasive control work was still going on in southern states.

Rep. Stafsholt reported he had previously been active in spreading the word about invasives and worked on the gypsy moth invasive species project before running for office. He was there to see where LCIP is going in 2018 and showing his support for invasive management and education. **He was going to share LCIP's work with other legislators.**

Chase Cummings is working with the new Pepin County highway commissioner to get some rural right-of-way cost-sharing for maintaining spraying programs to keep wild parsnip & Japanese knotweed under control. One private landowner had 4-6 acres of Japanese knotweed, which was cut & treated and still battling it. He is at his wit's end and looking for economic support from LCIP. Reported he spent quite a bit of time trying to get contact with Koch regarding garlic mustard and knotweed along their pipeline and finally got a response from them; he's putting together a map showing where the invasives are located. He thinks it's important to reach out to other counties where Koch has pipelines since he now has their attention which took quite a while. Koch asked for a map so they can manage those right-of-ways differently. It looks like they have their own crew that need training so LCIP will need to stay on top of this and maximize the contact. LCIP may have a mini-field day with them or just go out with their crew to educate them. Kathy suggested also contacting Koch in Pierce County.

Martin Van had sent a letter to Tanglewood Greens about their amur cork trees and other invasives, but hasn't heard anything back yet. **He will continue to contact them.**

Mame Gale reported on the 21 postcards she and Chris sent out to those who had removed amur cork trees on thanking them. She has also started visiting those that responded to the 2,200 LCIP letters that were mailed out just before Christmas, that have requested a site visit. Most of the time there are no cork trees but sometimes there are & she is able to point out buckthorn and explain control of them as well. **She will continue to do site visits.**

Judy Zimmerman told of her idea of posting a cork tree display in some public places where people can touch the bark since it is very unique. She initiated contact with the Public Library about allowing a permanent display – they were receptive. **She also will be including cork tree info plus a sample piece of wood at her table (for the Community Garden) at the Winter Farmer's Market held inside the Raw Deal in Menomonie every Saturday thru April from 9:00 to 1:00.**

AJ Leiden is getting organized for the upcoming season as the Beaver Creek Reserve AIS Coordinator and working with a DNR pilot project.

Ted Ludwig spoke about a neighbor that cut down buckthorn and treated it with chemicals from the Twin Cities. They're planning to burn on the lake, but then realized that the ash contains a large amount of phosphorous and the ash should be removed from the lake before ice melts. The Menomonie high school site the huge brush pile is too close to other trees so it's not a good idea to burn the pile. The power line along the Galloway creek was cleared of brush, which was good, but all the ripe berries are still laying on the ground. This was Ted's last year for monitoring sites on the two lakes & he hopes someone new will step forward. He has the needed equipment in his shed ready to go and it only has to be done once a month although he did it once a week. For the first time in ten years since he's been monitoring, Galloway creek was frozen from 5<sup>th</sup> street down to the Red Cedar river with run-over and you could have skated all the way down the creek. The falls were frozen, so it was the first time it was not possible to take a sample at the mouth of the river to monitor road salt, he chipped thru six inches of ice and still couldn't see where the water was at – very unusual.

Kathy Stahl reported that Chippewa County will be starting their five-year management plan for land conservation and forest department. The plan is due by the end of 2019, which needs to have a point-person on invasive control, especially for the wild chervil. Chris reported that the county forester has that role and Kathy said it should be part of his trail management role although they may be relying on LCIP to do it for them.

Jarin Boettcher reported his last project was Lakeside Park in November 2017.

Chris Gaetzke he had a meeting about ISM track with Kathy and Chase to keep it moving. He has been organizing the ACT work stemming from the ACT letter that went out in December.

### III. Address Governing Issues

- Douglas Owens-Pike presentation (15 mins)

Douglas showed slides from his project on his 80-acre property near Colfax. He talked about his adventure managing rural land that had invasives and how they can move around and enjoy it after management. He spoke about the 'Rule of Two-Thirds' in that, if two-thirds of the neighbors do something (remove invasives), then the rest will too. He believes we are on the leading edge of a 'wave phenomenon' of invasive outreach, education and control where the wave keeps building until it peaks and we're over the hill, where we get to coast down to the other side.

- Endpoint evaluation of 2017 using 2017 Goals sheet and Project sheet (All)

Chris then directed the group's attention on the 2017 LCIP goals list in order to develop the 2018 list with the group discussing and adding to or subtracting from the list. Discussed roles for each active member going into 2018.

- Aquatic Invasive Species Initiative Beaver Creek Reserve offer (All)

AJ reported that DNR is piloting a new way to deliver grants for AIS work in Wisconsin. 2018 will be the pilot year with Beaver Creek Reserve (BCR) to try it out. The idea is to have grant funds go to a central location and be distributed out for Clean Boats Clean Waters, Project RED and other AIS services. LCIP discussed this great opportunity to further partner with BCR and thought they would like to have AJ become a part of the steering committee to bring LCIP beyond terrestrial plants in 2018.

- Set 2018 accomplishments (All)

Discussed vision on where we want to go in 2018. **Decided to have Chris develop the 2018 Work Plan with goals and the draft 2018 project/event list. Review of those documents will take place between the meetings with final approval at February 22 meeting.**

- Report financials and review requests from October (Kathy)

Kathy reported financials and updates since the October meeting. See the report after the evaluation below.

- Amur Cork Tree grant updates (Mame, Judy and Kathy)

Chris shared that a second-round letter sent out to 2,200 households in two different groups: one was in Menomonie from Main Street to the south end of town, and the other to a group in the Downsville area. The letters went out just before Christmas. There have been 51 responses with some wanting help in identifying cork trees and some knowing they have them or wanting assistance. The first mass mailing in 2016 there were only 30 responses.

- Garlon 3A WDNR projects (Chris)

Chris reported that Chad Mogen from DNR called and said they have 20-30 gallons of Garlon 3A leftover from a project in Dunnville Bottoms and they want to donate it to somebody before it goes bad so they thought of LCIP. It's a lot of herbicide to use, but **LCIP will look into larger scale projects to use it at.** The problem with Garlon 3A is that you have to mix it with water so it can't be used in late fall and winter. Lee said he might be able to do some trades with Garlon 4 to help expand the usability.

#### IV. Identify Next Steps

- **Next monthly meeting is on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</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

- Meeting score average was **4.85.**

Go over LCIP meeting evaluation:

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? Overall met the purpose with a lot of topics covered with little detail discussed.

What worked? All stakeholders contributing.

What were the gaps? Lack of in-depth discussion on certain projects/topics.

Steps to close the gaps? Put less on the agenda and have everyone come with succinct check-ins.

Discuss action items for next meeting. **All stakeholders agreed to action items and review the 2018 Work Plan and 2018 Events/Projects document.**

## LCIP Treasurer's Report

January 25, 2018

1-25-2018 RCU Checking account: \$296.19

Expenses since last meeting:

Trailer supplies: \$655.02

Office & Postage: \$63.35  
 ACT Mailing: \$967.48  
 ACT Removal: \$2,070.25  
 Checks: \$17.00

**1-25-2018 RCU Primary Savings account: \$11,876.70**

Income since last meeting:

November & December Interest: RCU \$15.85

**1-25-2018 RCU Secondary Savings account: \$3,755.59 Civic Governance Account**

Income since last meeting:

November & December Interest: RCU \$2.22

St. Croix County Civic Governance Donation: \$2,000

**12/31/2017 Stifel Account: \$11,975.44**

Income on Cash & Eaton Vance Floating Rate Account:

11/1/2017 Eaton Vance Floating Rate Dividend Reinv: \$39.28

12/1/2017 Eaton Vance Floating Rate Dividend Reinv: \$36.21

12/30/2017 Portfolio Value: \$11,975.44

**Save The Hills Grant: \$1,500, Grant depleted**

\$148 Health Newsletter & Chervil Handout

\$689.60 Amur Cork Tree letter expenses

\$967.48 Amur Cork Tree December mailing

\$1,805.08

**DNR Amur Cork Tree Rapid Response Awards: 2017 (\$8270.04), 2016-2018 (\$11,140.00),**

**Total \$19,410.04:**

**Award spent= \$10,591.45, Remaining ACT funds from DNR ACT grants: \$8,818.59**

(ACT RR Funds received from WDNR to date: \$8270.04)

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 Dominick 70% share	\$1,610.00
Sharon Walleen 70% share	\$553.88
Loeffler/Bryant (@ \$42) Anderson 70%	\$84.00
Mark Vinall 70% share	\$1,107.75
Don Platz 70% share	<u>\$962.50</u>
	\$10,591.45 Spent

**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

(Sarah Freeman)

**WI Donation of ~30 gallons of Garlon 3A**