

## OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

### Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

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

Thursday, February 22nd, 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 finalize the 2018 work plan, explore alternative uses for invasives and organize the March 22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting that will expand and improve outreach, education and control of invasive species within the five county jurisdiction.

Attending (15): David Whitely, Dennis Ciesielski, Jerry Lilly, Jarin Boettcher, David Cotts, Brad Luedtke, Chris Gaetzke, Lisa Ludwig, Ted Ludwig, Dick Damro, Jim Anderson, Martin Van, Chase Cummings, Douglas Owens-Pike, Judy Zimmerman

#### I. Approval of Outcomes Documents – November 30, 2017 and January 25, 2018

Outcomes from January 25<sup>th</sup> were approved as written with a motion by Lisa L. and second from Jim A.

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

Chase: working on ISM track for invasive species in the area in order to track the work. He is also working on two projects with property owners including Japanese knotweed. No news from Koch Pipeline – no new contact.

Martin: finished his case study and will send to Chris for review.

Jim A.: just back from hip surgery and says he appreciates all the people he's met thru LCIP and all the work he has been involved with. He mentioned Josh Jacobson would like to have cork trees for woodworking.

Dick: regarding MIPN ([Midwest Invasive Plant Network](#)), reported about phragmites grass control webinar about around Green Bay work which is a grass which grows up to 20 feet tall. Chris reported that some patches had been found in the median along the Interstate 94 around our area.

Lisa: told about preparing garlic mustard pesto using the leaves after pulling up the plants by the roots.

Jarin: did some ACT activity with Chris and looking to help control small patches.

Ted: not much new to report. Discussed about making Pesto with Garlic Mustard. Recipe below for fresh plants before they flower.

## Garlic Mustard Pesto

8 cups packed garlic mustard leaves  
3-4 cloves garlic, chopped  
2/3 cups pine nuts, walnuts nuts, almonds or pecans  
1 cup extra virgin olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste  
½ cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

Pick the garlic leaves off the stems and wash if needed, pat dry with paper towels. Pack 8 cups of garlic mustard leaves into a blender. Pour ½ cup olive oil in the blender and pulse continuously, scraping down the leaves. When leaves start to break down, add remaining olive oil, chopped garlic, nuts and parmesan cheese, continue to pulse in the blender until smooth. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Divide pesto and place in two 4 oz freezer containers. Drizzle additional oil olive over top of pesto to help retain the beautiful green color. Pesto can be stored in the freezer, or use within a couple weeks.

Brad: will be making a trip to the 3M plant “abrasives facility” in Prairie du Chien to find out what they are doing on their property for environmental impacts or habitat. They are in their first year in Green Tier Program and figuring it out.

Doug: reported on his new job at [Metro Blooms](#). Will be able to teach people about plant diversity, will be working with students, creating a handbook and designating a “weed-of-the-week”. Chris referenced a [DNR FR436](#) Field Guide on common invasives that might be useful.

Judy: has been at the Community Garden table at Raw Deal Winter Farmers Market on Saturdays from 9:00 to 1:00 and has displayed literature from LCIP plus a sample chunk of ACT. She has had conversations with people who don’t know anything about the tree and are interested. The Menomonie public library has not responded about a display table. She still plans to motivate her neighbors in Oak Park Circle who have ACTs that need to be removed. She visited Melanie who is in good spirits and making a slow-but-sure recovery.

Dave: discovered he is on the committee to create an informational folder with Chris soon.

AJ: reported via email that Beaver Creek Reserve will be hosting a review session of the Lower Chippewa AIS Strategic Plan on March 14 at 6pm and RSVP to him at [aj@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:aj@beavercreekreserve.org).

Kathy: reported via email that she will be back from vacation next week and back on track with working on her role in action items in the 2018 Work Plan.

Mame: reported that she was sick and didn’t want to share it with anyone else.

Chris: needs people to go to Beaver Creek Reserve on March 14 for the AIS Strategic Plan review. Mame, Kathy and he will be attending the three-day invasive event at Beaver Creek Reserve starting with the Western WI Non-native Phragmites Summit on 3/5, then the Aquatic Invasive Species meeting on 3/6, ending with the Cooperative Invasives Species Management Area (CISMA) meeting on the 3/7 including the IPAW annual meeting. He is exploring options for expanding into Eau Claire County and how

we can get involved through the Chippewa Valley Museum in Carson Park. LCIP has previously been involved in Carson Park through a control event in 2013. There are a lot of invasives in the park. Looking for others to sign up for Red Cedar Conference Booth on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to cultivate more activists to work on invasives versus just “doing mostly educational programs” through making the 2018 Work Plan come alive and be checked in on through the year during meetings, mid-point evaluation and end-point evaluations.

### III. Address Governing Issues

- Dennis Ciesielski presentation on invasive alternative uses (15 mins)

Dennis Ciesielski was guest speaker along with Jerry Lilly and told about his introduction to the cork trees and buckthorn. Wants the [Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild](#) to be aware of the removal of trees so they can obtain and use the wood to turn them into vases, etc. He showed several of his turned vases made from buckthorn, cork trees, boxelder and sumac. This organization meets once a month on the 1st Wed of each month from 7:00-10:00 pm at the Eau Claire Insulation Bldg, 1125 Star Ave. Dennis is willing to be the contact person for the Guild on obtaining trees that are cut to be used in turning projects.

- Approve 2018 Work Plan (All)

Chris went thru the 2018 work plan and **got confirmation that all active members agreed to live out their role within the goals set in this document.** Everyone also agreed to check-in on their progress meeting these goals during the Individual Check-In period of each meeting. There will be a mid-point evaluation done at July 26<sup>th</sup> and Endpoint evaluation done at the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to see what has been working, what members need to focus on and what needs are there to be met by others in the organization (using the 4 Civic Standards listed on every agenda to guide decisions).

- 2018 Annual Meeting (March 22) discussion (All)

Discussed logistics, advertising, speakers, flow of agenda and outreach efforts. Everyone attending agreed to invite existing partners and new citizens to increase LCIP's capacity.

- Report financials and review requests (Chris)

No financial report was submitted.

- Amur Cork Tree grant updates (Mame & Judy)

Chris and Judy gave update on progress of program. Have now had 62 respondents from mass letter sent out in December 2017. Working on getting contractors and students engaged in control work before the deadline of June 2018 when the grant runs out.

### IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is the **Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 - 4:30 PM, Community Services Building Room 60, 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

Go over LCIP meeting evaluation:

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? Yes

What worked? Finished early What were the gaps? Got off on tangents of some agenda items. Steps to close the gaps? Chris hold the members in line to what we agreed the discussion topics set at the beginning of the meeting.

Discuss action items for next meeting.

Everyone will work on promoting others to attend the annual meeting to increase our capacity and outreach to new stakeholders.

Total score: **Average 4.76** (4.5, 4.85, 4.9, 4.84, 4.87, 5.0, 4.5, 4.8, 4.7, 4.9, 4.5, 4.8)