

## OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

### Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

Dunn County Community Services Building, 3001 US HWY 12E, Room 60 Menomonie, WI 54751

Thursday, June 28th, 2018, 2 - 4:30 pm

**LCIP Identity Statement:** LCIP is a civic non-profit that reaches goals toward invasive species awareness and control efforts by using Civic Governance to educate and organize the civic infrastructure needed to govern for the common good.

**Meeting Purpose:** To check in on 2018 work plan goals that will expand and improve outreach, education and control of invasive species within the five county jurisdiction (Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin & Pierce).

Attending: Mary Gale, Richard Damro, Jim Anderson, Kathy Stahl, Chase Cummings, Lee Shambeau, Judy Zimmerman, Dave Whiteley and Chris Gaetzke

#### I. Approval of Outcomes Document – May 24, 2018

Kathy moved, Mame seconded, all so moved

#### II. Negotiate agenda and individual check-in (**5 mins each**)– identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items from the 2018 work plan.

Dave W: gave an update on the folders-production on invasives for the Lake landowners, previous folders were hand-delivered to each door or hung on the doorknobs, discussed how/where to assemble the folders, he has a good price on production.

Mary: was at Stepping Stones Garden Tour LCIP table, gave a report on how receptive people were, wants to send out more thank you cards; learned about Yellow Iris and how it can invade lakesides; spoke about a group called Green America which has a quarterly publication that could be encouraged to publish something on invasives. **Mary will meet with the executive director of the non-profit to pitch the idea of publishing an article on CISMAs or invasives in general.**

Judy: was also at the Garden Tour LCIP table and said she thought that the vases that were 'turned' from invasive tree species might be endearing people to invasive species rather than emphasizing the problems they cause; Mary Jo Wagner approached her about using the education table at their Garden Tour in Eau Claire on July 14th, Judy thinks Eau Claire should probably set up a spin-off LCIP organization over there; provided a sample of a card that could be used on the LCIP table to encourage/invite people to come to monthly LCIP meetings and give the meeting dates for the year; is active in the Menomonie Community Garden (MCG) and thinks the two organizations can collaborate about "growing things," Luisa has already presented to the MCG on jumping worms; expressed concern about the woods next to her place being overgrown after removing the mature cork trees, with lots of garlic mustard and other unknown plants taking over.

Jim: Palmer amaranth is a new weed on the DATCAP noxious weed list; he expressed concern about over-using the toxic chemicals or emphasizing invasive species that are not such an issue;

water hemp is an issue & has built up a resistance; discussion ensued on birdsfoot trefoil and crown vetch – whether they are a problem or not, since they are valued as an animal feed source

Dick: spoke about the Japanese knotweed on his neighbor's place and his interaction with them; wanted to get a copy of the DNR brochure on knotweed; where he sprayed for crown vetch it is dissipating and the spray (Milestone) has not harmed other plants; spoke about a patch of knotweed in Eau Claire county; is using Milestone on it

Lee: has used Vanquish and Arsenal on knotweed but Arsenal is toxic to trees in the area; Japanese knotweed gets spread in waterways when dirt is moved and spread the plants/seeds; talked about Triclopyr (Garlon) use and the concerns – true or false – about whether it causes cancer, or if this is just anecdotal information; knotweed has been a particularly hard species to control; going from chervil to parsnip to knotweed doing control projects; townships are calling for help; parsnip along County B; St. Croix County treated one side of road and not the other and it was like night & day; uses a combination of Milestone and Escort to control multiple invasives; the wild parsnip is opening up a lot of discussion due to its hazardous quality, causing burns, and has moved inland into the fields from the roadsides; need to do spraying early in the spring for best control; there's a site in Bayfield County where they were required to get rid of spotted knapweed, especially in gravel pits; talked about gravel pits needing to be certified as weed-free and passing a test like the one from the [North American Invasive Species Management Association certification program HERE](#); the county gravel pits are a source of spreading the knapweed and other invasives; [MOSES](#) and [Driftwatch](#) websites have data on organic farmers/gardeners; encouraging people to sign up early for the Rochester [Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference](#) in October since rooms are booking fast and it will be biggest invasive species conference in North America! Mentioned that LCIP should send out letters to all affected Wild Chervil landowners in Dunn and Chippewa counties.

Chase: said they are making reclamation required on gravel pits per the reclamation ordinance; pits have to have a permit to operate under Wis. DNR NR135 Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation & Wis. Stats 195; "NAISMA Gravel Pit Certificate of Inspection;" pesticide applicator training – there's an overlap; the map for Koch pipeline invasives has been updated – will make it available; 4-Control did some spraying on some of the dams; there are drift complaints from agricultural users – have killed some garden plants; sometimes hard to tell whether drift is from highway application or farm-spraying; Dicamba spray used on broadleaves can take out tomatoes when volatilized.

Kathy: asked about Dobb's Landing and spotted knapweed and degraded area in the oxbow; expressed concern about chemical-use when people would prefer to use organic methods; does LCIP need to have available an "organic" educational response for those who are averse to using chemicals? Milestone is the best non-restricted herbicide used for spotted knapweed; tomatoes & grapes are most susceptible to chemical spraying and drift

Chris: the bus tour was a success with 29 riders, Jim did a great job driving the bus; tour resulted in an article in Dunn County News by Jim Swanson; Anderson window project went well – removed eight dump truck loads of invasives; NW Hosta Society and Stepping Stones Garden Tour were both a success; contacted Jean D'Angelo to find intern to work with us; Jarin still working on some projects when available; requests for cork tree funds are increasing; DNR gave \$2,600 for Sheridan, New Haven, Grant, Cooks Valley townships for spraying and for use on

Dunn/Chippewa County roads; have some funds set aside for future by buying herbicide. Chris will work with Lee to get Garlon 4 for Garlon 3A that LCIP has.

### III. Address Governing Issues

- Wild Chervil update (Chris, Kathy, Lee)

See report from Chris above. Additionally, the towns of Wheaton, Colfax and Howard sprayed their roadside Wild Chervil with budgeted funds.

- Upcoming event planning- Stockholm Art Fair, Purple Loosestrife Days, Chip Co Land Conservancy, State Master Gardener Conference booth (All)

Stockholm was decided not to attend with a booth. No additional word on details or promotion of Aug 8 and 22 PL work days on the Lower Chippewa River. No update on CCLC. No update on the SMGC booth.

- Discuss 2018 LCIP Governing Document (All)

Chris discussed the importance of the LCIP Gov Document to continue to be the groundwork of LCIP to build a civic infrastructure that defines citizen roles and responsibilities, which will continue to spread the impact of LCIP within the 5 county jurisdiction. Chris reminded everyone that the July meeting will be based on the 2018 Mid-Point Evaluation of Work Plan progress.

- Report financials and review requests (Kathy)

Chris gave the report that Kathy submitted before she left for other business. See below in Attachment A for details.

- Amur Cork Tree grant updates (Mary, Chris & Judy)

Received an extension from DNR for remaining funds to be spend until Jan 31, 2019. More interested landowners calling monthly with work slowed down. Jarin and his friends continue to work on ACT projects on weekends.

- UMISC registration and participation on Oct 15-18 (All)

Chris and Lee mentioned if anyone is interested to book their room and register for this bi-annual conference happening in Rochester, MN this year. Chris will be giving presentations on Tues morning and Wed afternoon. Lee will have a booth and maybe on some panel discussions.

### IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is on **Thursday, July 26<sup>th</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

- May 2018 meeting score average was **4.92.**

Attachment A: LCIP Treasurer's Report for June 28, 2018

6-28-2018 RCU Checking account: \$150.38

Outstanding Checks: none

6-28-2018 RCU Primary Savings account: \$6,669.02

Income since last meeting:

May Interest \$6.57

6-28-2018 Outstanding bill \$400 to 4-Control for wild chervil control

6-28-2018 RCU Secondary Savings account (Civic Governance): \$1,010.22

Income since last meeting:

May RCU Interest \$.01

UW Extension \$750

Tainter-Menomin Lake Improvement Association \$250

5/31/2018 Stifel Account: \$12,213.62 (including cash & portfolio accounts)  
(previous month value \$12,207.02)

Income on Cash & Eaton Vance Floating Rate Account:

5/31/2018 Reinvest Dividend Eaton Vance \$40.05

5/31/2018 Portfolio Account \$12,166.60

5/31/2018 Money Market Account: \$47.02

DNR Amur Cork Tree Rapid Response Awards: 2017 (\$8270.04), 2016-2018 (\$11,140.00), Total \$19,410.04:

Award spent= \$13,059.84, Remaining ACT funds from DNR ACT grants: \$6,350.20

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

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| 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                        | \$962.50   |
| Erick Fanetti 70% share                    | \$367.50   |
| Tom Walsh 70% share                        | \$525.00   |
| Rendall ACT 70% share                      | \$664.65   |
| Jarin Boettcher 70% share                  | \$671.75   |
| Joe Falkner 70% share                      | \$239.49   |

Total \$13,059.84

WDNR Wild Chervil Grant: \$3,000, spent \$3,000

Town of Sheridan: \$250

Town of New Haven: \$500

Town of Grant: \$200

Dunn County Hwy Dept: \$650 for County Roads only

Chippewa County Hwy Dept: \$500 for County Roads only

Town of Cooks Valley: \$500

Escort Herbicide: \$400

Landowner Chemical Program (\$2,000): Remaining funds: \$1,605.07

3 Sprayers @ \$38=\$114

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

Joseph Gerbyshak \$145.63

WI Donation of ~30 gallons of Garlon 3A