

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

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

Thursday, May 24th, 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: Chris Gaetzke, Judy Zimmerman, Dave Whitely, Mary Gale, Kathy Stahl, Jarin Boettcher, Jim Anderson, Dick Damro, Chase Cummings, Lee Shambeau

I. Approval of Outcomes Document – April 26, 2018

Chase moved a motion to approve, Mary seconded. Outcomes approved.

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.

Jim: mentioned that the Lake Wissota Garden Club in Chippewa Falls stopped selling plants for fundraising due to the potential spread of jumping worms – [the story was in Leader-Telegram](#) – Chris will make link to article on website. agreed to be driver for June 14th invasive bus tour.

Dick: discovered his neighbor has Japanese knotweed that he hadn't noticed before. He will work with them to attempt to control it. Discussed questions about cutting & treating honeysuckles. Talked about all the plant losses he had from the winter-cold and now drought.

Chase: cost-shared with the large Japanese knotweed site for spraying in Pepin County and having another cost-share project with them that will have Lee come out and spray again. Knotweed has gone from 4 acres to 1 acre with support from neighbors. Another housing site has contacted them for help with knotweed. Highway dept. sprayed right-of-way and was asking about windy days. Chase will supply spray sheets for data and will enter into ISM track. They have a new highway commissioner that is getting up to speed. Lee wants to come and spray flood-control projects on PL566 dams. Hwy dept. do not want to do anymore mowing on dams because they'd done some spreading of invasives and damage in the past. Still working on contacting Koch Pipeline, but an adjacent landowner got interested and called Koch and got nowhere with them. Garlic mustard showed up in front of his house for the first time this spring and will work on it.

Judy: appreciated Kathy's article in the Leader-Telegram on jumping worms from 2016. She heard chainsaw noise down the road and discovered her neighbor in Oak Park Circle was out cutting smaller ACT's above the wall on 5th Street! They plan to let a tree service cut the bigger cork trees. She reflected on modern-day Habits & Lifestyle which affect our ability to interact per LCIP's 'civic governance' standard since we barely talk to our neighbors anymore. She will continue to encourage her neighbors as she can contact them.

Dave W: asking about the educational material folder to be made available this year. **Dave will work with Chris on putting together materials and cover designs.** Discussed prickly ash on his property is continuing to spread. Cut a lot of buckthorn and hauled to burn pile this spring.

Mary: got a call from Dennis C. from CV Wood Turners Guild – wants to try turning scotch pine, Amur Cork. Had lots of black walnut growing in her field – was not successful in spraying, but has been mowing them. Has been pulling up buckthorn & garlic mustard while black locust & honeysuckle are also showing up. Helped with recent school Environmental Field Day in Knapp for Boyceville and Colfax 5th graders. Has wild parsnip coming up in her ditch again and has had Lee spray while notifying the Township about it. She said Escort and PGR works on it the best. Got a call from Margaret Bostrom and will be giving a presentation to their philanthropic meeting, which meets monthly. **Will also be working with Chris to put together a display for the upcoming NW Hosta Society Club on June 16 and Stepping Stones Garden Tour on June 23.**

Kathy: wants **to put out another article on either jumping worms or on proper chemical use to keep landowners from being discouraged if the glyphosate/ Roundup isn't effective.** Discussed what invasives info at the Stepping Stones garden tour – tables with literature. Discussed the Senior American Day event and their presentations on June 5th on Invasives with Dick and Mary.

Jarin: graduates this Saturday from Menomonie High School. May not be at meetings due to a new job he has. Talked about having high school students working one or two hours a day after school on removing plants and how to coordinate – Kathy's concern was the use of chemicals by minors. Jean D'Angelo would be the best contact at the school for summer and fall projects. **Chris would talk to her about potential, mature students that wouldn't a lot of guidance.**

Chris: he's been in contact with Lee about projects, esp. wild chervil. Birch Creek event got canceled due to inclement weather. Had some recent requests for cork tree work – Lucy Lammers, Crestview Court & Hillview Drive. Rendall's (adjacent to Oak Park Circle) are going to use goats on their smaller cork trees and other scrub trees. Middle School had an Earth Day event that he and three other LCIP members helped at in which they made a competition for work to get done quickly. Environmental Field Days went well, got a lot of thank you cards from Boyceville students. Mike Kneer got a grant from Thrivent Financial to remove buckthorn, black locust and honeysuckle from Maggie Foote's B&B property in Industrial Park. This project would be a great "public-awareness" event. Chris presented with his counterpart, Nichole Butler from [SCRC CWMA](#) from 9:00 to 3:00 about technique & land management at the IPAW Field Day. Kelly Kearns presented on current and future invasives, they have the SCRC CWMA trailer full of tools like ours to review with 30 attendees. They also looked at some of the invasives in the area. Met with Luisa Fumigalli about jumping worms. She has Tea Seed Meal powder that is an irritant and supposedly deadly for the worms and will be testing it. Kelly Kearns from the WDNR said they would give us \$2,000 for chervil work from Natural Heritage Conservation funds, also hopes to get \$1,000 from Forestry Suppression Fund. Talked to Lee – he is working with multiple townships; Chippewa County just bought 4 pounds of Escort XP for chervil, which is a lot. Town of New Haven has been discussing spraying along with the Town of Sheridan is budgeting. Town of Howard already has budgeted funds to spray remaining chervil. if we can get \$3,000 from DNR we could give some to them equally. Chris will continue to work DNR folks to secure funding and get funds distributed to multiple counties and townships. NR Intern is to start on May 29th that will help LCIP develop media to get to citizens in need.

III. Address Governing Issues

- Wild Chervil update (Chris, Kathy, Lee)

Lee discussed hotspots and ongoing control activity in townships and counties: New Auburn and Cooks Valley needs attention since there hasn't been previous activity there before by the townships. Lee is also working with a few large Wisconsin non-metallic mining companies to train and treat invasives in their mines to be certified weed-free.

- Upcoming event planning- Birch Creek reschedule, Anderson Windows, SAD event, Master Naturalist, Invasive Tour (Chris)

Birch Creek was not rescheduled due to lack of teacher getting back to Chris, so will have to wait until next year. Anderson Window project this year may be the Industrial Park property with Mike Kneer. Kathy, Mary and Dick will attend the SAD event in Eau Claire to share their experiences and information on local invasives. Haven't heard from Rachel on the Beaver Creek Master Naturalist program she was going to teach on. Chris and other LCIP members are actively promoting the 5th Annual tour with flyers, emails, phone calls and personal invites in hope to get 30 attendees like last year.

- Review the new approved 2018 LCIP Governing Document (All)

Had a brief discussion on what the new Governing Document means and how members are using it. Will plan on having a more pointed discussion in June.

- Report financials and review requests (Kathy)

Kathy reported the financials and can be viewed at the end of this document.

- Amur Cork Tree grant updates (Mary & Judy)

Chris looking to extend grants for new landowners. Work is continuing, but has slowed down due to weather restrictions. Mary, Judy and Chris will continue forward in pushing to spend remaining funds in 2018.

IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is on **Thursday, June 28th** 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 **4.85**.

Go over LCIP meeting evaluation:

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? Yes

What worked? Pointed check-ins tied to the 2018 Work Plan goals

What were the gaps? Taking longer than needed to discuss happenings

Steps to close the gaps? Work toward 5-minute check ins

Discuss action items for next meeting. Everyone had items to work on for the next meeting in June.

Decision-making by LCIP is based on these Civic Standards:

- All those impacted by the problem are stakeholders and help define the problem in light of civic principles and the realities of their situation.
- All stakeholders are accountable for contributing resources (leadership/time, knowledge, constituencies & dollars) to solve the problem.
- All stakeholders are engaged in decision-making and policy-making that contributes to the common good.
- All stakeholders implement policies grounded in civic principles in the places where they have the authority to act.

Attachment A: LCIP Treasurer's Report for May 24, 2018

5-24-2018 RCU Checking account: \$39.86 Outstanding Checks: None

5-24-2018 RCU Primary Savings account: \$9,662.45 Income since last meeting: April Interest \$6.69

5-24-2018 RCU Secondary Savings account: \$10.21 Civic Governance Account

Income since last meeting: March Interest \$.01

4/30/2018 Stifel Account: \$12,207.02 (including cash & portfolio accounts)

Income on Cash & Eaton Vance Floating Rate Account:

4/2/2018 Reinvest Dividend Eaton Vance \$40.27

4/30/2018 Portfolio Account \$12,160.00

4/30/2018 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= \$12820.35, Remaining ACT funds from DNR ACT grants: \$6589.69

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

Mark Vinall 70% share	\$1107.75
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	<u>\$671.75</u>
Total	\$12,820.35

Landowner Chemical Program (\$2000): Remaining funds: \$1605.07

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