

## OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

### Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

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

Thursday, August 23rd, 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:** Mame Gale, Richard Damro, Jim Anderson, David Cotts, Brad Luedtke, AJ Leiden, Brianna Shea, Martin Van, Chase Cummings and Chris Gaetzke

#### I. Approval of Outcomes Document – July 26, 2018

Mame voted to approve the 7/26/18 Outcomes Document and Brad 2nded. All approved without any further discussions or changes.

#### II. Negotiate agenda and individual check-ins tied to LCIP Work Plan (5 mins each)- identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items from the 2018 work plan goals.

No changes in the agenda were made and approved as written.

Jim: discussed the need to invite the new Executive Director of [Landmark Conservancy](#), Lindsey Ketchel, formerly West Wisconsin Land Trust to LCIP to see how a partnership could form. **Jim will personally invite her to the next meeting.** Discussed Garden Valerian and Tansy issues coming from the north that were talked about in a recent [Country Today newspaper article](#). It is all about timing of getting the word out for people to look and report new invasive populations. Mentioned calling Zack Jacobson of [Fox Walk Log & Timber Builders Inc.](#) that operates 6 miles west of Menomonie to come and gather any Black Locust and Amur Cork Trees available for building projects.

Mame: had 4-Control come over and work on 6.5 acres of invasives including Amur Cork Tree (ACT), Buckthorn, Honeysuckles. Talking with others about additional ACT projects. **Will be presenting to [Women's Giving Circle group](#) in Menomonie on invasives this fall. Will call Zack Jacobson.**

David and Brad (3M): Brad gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2018 3M projects addressing invasives on their property. They burned their native prairie planting on April 25<sup>th</sup> with the help from the Menomonie Fire Dept. Worked on clearing and spraying Black Locust, Spotted Knapweed and Siberian Elm with the help of 4-Control, Inc. They hope to continue their progress of taking back their woodlands from invasives by continuing to use the UW Stout Capstone Project Invasive Species Management Plan. **They will attempt to outreach to other Menomonie corporations to do the same on their property.**

AJ: coordinated Purple Loosestrife projects on the Lower Chippewa River on Aug 8 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was only about a dozen plants found on roughly 15 miles of river paddled, all of which were pulled and disposed of properly. Had a very successful AIS Snapshot day on Aug 18<sup>th</sup> with 10 volunteers attending on Lake Wissota. **Gearing up for the upcoming Waterfowl Hunter Clean Boats/Clean Waters program sponsored by the DNR.** The statewide AIS Management Plan is under review for revision.

Dick: working with friends to control Buckthorn in small lots this fall. Would be available to spray Japanese Knotweed population on HWY 64 near the Red Cedar River if the Dunn County HWY Dept. would be able to mow it first. Chris had reached out to them with no response yet.

Chase: still working on some road right of way issues with herbicide drift in Pepin County. Working on managing Japanese Knotweed stands on roads as well. Actively working with the new Highway Commissioner to continue the control of Wild Parsnip in the county.

Martin: first meeting able to attend since April due to family needs. Has observed his work on Honeysuckles last fall using Vanquish has been highly successful. He will continue to monitor and work on remaining Honeysuckles on his property.

Brianna (2018 NR Intern): been job shadowing many governmental agencies and attended both Purple Loosestrife events with Beaver Creek Reserve. Found out through the summer she would like to pursue a career in wildlife management possibly with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Thanked LCIP for the experiences and support.

Chris: ACT projects moving along with more sites found in Woodland Terrace and Jarin and Brett finishing up a project before going to college. DNR is working on getting a pilot and staff to come out with LCIP to fly over Menomonie and Downsville this September to find outlying populations of ACT from the bright yellow color it shows. The 8-foot table for the LCIP booth has been ordered and will be put in the trailer when it arrives. Attended both PLS events on the Lower Chippewa River. Wild Chervil (WC) reports to DNR have been submitted with a total of 35.9 acres of WC cost shared on for a total of \$3,000. The total cost to the region tracked through 4-Control projects was \$12,918 for around 170 acres treated total. Dunn County LWCD will be ending their pilot with CG, but will continue to use it with LCIP. Will send out an explanation to the Steering Committee before the next meeting. Registered for the UMISC conference and working on the two presentations that will be given on LCIP's behalf. Worked with KT Gallagher from the Dunn County Health Department to send out a public and county employee notice on the health effects of Wild Parsnip. Worked with Dunn County Surveyor Dept. to use LCIP hand tools and sprayer to control woody invasives around their roughly 40 base stations. Committed to 1-1s with key LCIP stakeholders and committee members more regularly between meetings to bring more clarity and support for using the Civic Governance approach.

Melanie: is still battling her health condition and hopes to come back to LCIP soon...

Kathy: was not able to be at the meeting, but sent the Treasurer's report and checked in on progress with Chris. Will get the 8-foot table to Chris. Registered LCIP for the 2018 Wisconsin Master Gardener Conference in Eau Claire on Sept 21 and 22.

Judy: was not able to make the meeting, but is making progress in her neighborhood and on her property clearing invasives one at a time.

### III. Address Governing Issues

- Upcoming event planning- Chip Co Land Conservancy, Leinenkugel Project, and State Master Gardener Conference booth (All)

Discussion on upcoming events that stated the Chip Co Land Conservancy has not contacted LCIP back for a follow up event at the Boyd Preserve.

The City of Chippewa Falls/Leinenkugel event at the new Erickson Park will take place on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8 AM – Noon. **Anyone from LCIP interested in coming for the event and lunch afterward let Chris know so he can update the organizers of the event.**

Kathy has reserved the table for the [State Master Gardener Conference](#) and will be at the booth on Friday until the afternoon. Then Mame will be at the booth on Friday night and Saturday to give information to attendees and boost the member list for more folks can be engaged in LCIP and invasive species awareness and outreach.

UW Stout Biology labs projects will be scheduled through UW Stout professor Keith Gilland, Park Director Dick Henning and Chris within the next month that will involve removing and treating invasives with one or more City of Menomonie parks.

No update on Menomonie High School work events from Ted Ludwig.

- Report financials and requests (Kathy)

Kathy sent in the report and Chris read it off with no questions. See it in Attachment A.

#### IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is on Thursday, September 27th 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 and Work Plan Objectives

Go over LCIP meeting evaluation: 4.75 to 5 rating with a **4.82 Average Score**

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? We did with time to spare

What worked? Checking in on individual work plan goals and staying on task stated in the meeting purpose.

What were the gaps? In-depth check ins by key members that were out of town.

Steps to close the gaps? Continue to keep and promote consistent communication between steering committee members between the meetings.

LCIP progress evaluation up against the LCIP Work Plan (1-4) **2.73 Average**

**Chris discussed the new need to rate where LCIP is in relationship to achieving the 2018 Work Plan goals so everyone in attendance scored LCIP on a whole where they thought they were in the 1-4 scale for the year, 1 meaning just have a work plan, 2 a plan with ownership, 3 a plan, ownership and some evidence and 4 a plan, ownership, evidence of all work plan goals accomplished or worked. Scores ranged from 2-3.1 with a 2.73 average. This means LCIP is on track and has some significant progress to make that will take diligence to complete by the endpoint evaluation in December. Everyone agreed to work on action items and continue to address work plan goals weekly.**

Discuss action items for next meeting.

August 23, 2018

**8-23-2018 RCU Checking account: \$134.88, Minus outstanding checks: \$58.93**

Outstanding Checks:

Katherine Stahl: \$75.95 for folding table

**8-23-2018 RCU Primary Savings account: \$6,178.99**

Income since last meeting:

July Interest \$4.47

**8-23-2018 RCU Secondary Savings account (Civic Governance): \$1011.03**

Income since last meeting:

July Interest \$0.69

**7/31/2018 Stifel Account: \$12,320.10 (including cash & portfolio accounts)**

**(previous month value \$12,222.25)**

Income on Cash & Eaton Vance Floating Rate Account:

7/2/2018 Reinvest Dividend Eaton Vance \$41.71

7/31/2018 Portfolio Account \$12,273.08

7/31/2018 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: \$6,350.2**

(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 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

**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