

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

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

Thursday, July 26th, 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 perform a mid-point evaluation of the LCIP Work Plan, review roles, Civic Policy Agenda, LCIP Governing Document and set achievable goals for the remainder of 2018.

Attending: Mame Gale, Richard Damro, Jim Anderson, Kathy Stahl, Judy Zimmerman, AJ Leiden, Brianna Shea and Chris Gaetzke

Chris announced we would be reviewing the progress of Civic Governance Policy Document that LCIP adopted in 2015 as a pilot and progression on work plans to get the organization focused for a different type of meeting.

I. Approval of Outcomes Document - June 28, 2018

Mame moved for approval of June Outcomes, Kathy 2nd, all approved

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

Mame: Reported on her day at the Eau Claire Garden Tour at the Corydon Park Prairie, she engaged a lot of people, had 5 people sign up to learn more about LCIP and buckthorn was the biggest issue; plans to do her case study that is in the LCIP work plan by October; no status update on the Quid Pro Quo project; has been encouraging Menomonie residents about alternative uses for Amur Cork Tree and other invasives; has been working with Menomonie township officials on invasive species awareness and management.

Judy: Using goats on Rendell's property is still planned – not sure when will happen; Mrs. Rendell said she had taken part in an Anderson cleanup, the cork trees on the Oak Park Circle property at Fifth Street have been significantly reduced; Judy found somebody using electric hedge clippers on the wall on 24th Ave; working on her case study that will be done by October; organizing other neighbors to be active in controlling cork trees; may take on writing some articles for the LCIP newspaper columns, no status update on the Quid Pro Quo project; encouraging people to find alternative uses for invasives.

AJ: has done some training including on AIS called Project RED (Riverine Early Detectors), trying to branch out into wetlands, DNR contract has not been finalized yet with Beaver Creek; Alex Selle is the new DNR LTE, AIS contact person for the area of 23 counties; Leading two Purple Loosestrife Control Days are in August 8 and 22, along the

Chippewa River down by Durand were there are only pioneer stands north and south of Durand and some found outside of Eau Claire, starts blooming now, can use GPS to plot it, it has a lot of look-a-likes, finding the infestations has been challenging; he presented to several gardening / lakes groups in the area; he covers five counties along the Lower Chippewa River; discussion ensued about approaching / educating new wetlands owners on invasives on their new property; a new fall DNR outreach program is to target waterfowl hunters at the boat landings with educational signs the he will lead.

Jim: observed Wild Parsnip on his travels to the Apple River & thinks St. Croix & Pierce County have a worse problem than Dunn Cty, tried to put on the agenda at the next Dunn County board meeting but was unsuccessful, will keep trying, this issue needs to get to the top of the pile due to the plant's dangerous effect on anyone coming into contact with it, especially emergency/ambulance workers, Adopt-a-Highway workers picking up trash, etc.; he stopped by where they were working at Lakeside Park and wonders about the emphasis on birdsfoot trefoil and yellow sweet clover which are not noxious, but invasive weeds that spread, whereas Wild Parsnip is known to be an extremely dangerous health hazard, so he thinks it's important to evaluate priorities; has been performing 1-1s with key officials and stakeholders to build awareness and education on invasive species including highway department committees; no progress on the landowner chemical seminar project.

Dick: between Sand Creek & New Auburn along M there's a big patch of purple loosestrife; two invasives spreading fast in his area are Bluebells, Bouncing Bet and Tansy is proliferating; hadn't heard any more about the Japanese knotweed at his neighbors; a knotweed patch on Hwy64 next to the Red Cedar River was notified to Dunn County Hwy department to be cut so then he would spray it after regrowth by the County when they were notified, another patch of Wild Parsnip was noted by an LCIP member to the Dunn County Hwy department and they were very responsive to spray it so they need to receive recognition/ gratitude for taking care of it so promptly; been working with stakeholders in his area near Colfax every month to increase awareness; completed his case study, which is shared on the LCIP website.

Kathy: thinks it's valuable to have some kind of tracking program for what we do year-after-year, so she questions spending the \$200/year for the ISM software program; Boyd Preserve has not responded with any needs yet; **Formerly West Wisconsin Land Trust (now Wisconsin Landmark Conservancy) may be a potential partner with our group and will contact them since they have new leadership**; has put out a few newspaper articles in the LCIP column; working with stakeholders all over the jurisdiction to continue increasing awareness and action on invasives; working on her case study by October; no news on the grants out there available for LCIP to apply for; no news on partnering with UW Extension for herbicide training or training criteria.

Brianna (2018 NR Intern): has been shadowing different agencies such as the NRCS, DNR, and USFWS; went to a plant day where they did a bee/monarch planting at Osceola - Horst Gallery funded by Aveda; mentioned a black-spotted fruit fly (drosophila) that burrows into the raspberry fruit, they come up from southern Wisconsin and mostly go after the later-bearing fruit; will **assist at the PLS events in August.**

Chris: worked with a few cork tree landowners to get them to use wood for lumber, internship going well – working with more Ag issues than invasives lately, promoting AIS efforts; there are only 10 gallons of Milestone mixed with Garlon 3A that came from DNR; Menomonie School District seeks speakers for their community outreach program, of which agreed to be on 11.26.18 in the evening; Wisconsin Master Gardener Conference is coming up in Eau Claire – Sept. 21-22, need to get a booth; discussed some story-possibilities for the newspapers and how we could use a variety of approaches; discussed the need to be fluid in everywhere we go to allow stakeholders to engage with LCIP in every capacity they can, especially away from meetings. Continuing to make a case for LCIP and using CG to get there to develop active citizens within the jurisdiction; maintaining project list; holding everyone accountable to the LCIP Work plan goals on a monthly basis; outreaching to local legislators and government officials; no news on herbicide training videos work with Lee; no news with developing information folders for other counties to hand out to interested landowners; will work on meeting with key committee members on a monthly basis to check in with and assist them in completing their goals; continuing to work with township officials for control work in ROWs; promoting funding from DNR for cork trees.

No update from Martin Van for a few months...

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

Chase was not able to be at the meeting due to a DNR investigation going on in Pepin County

Brad and David from 3M will give their midpoint check in on progress at the August LCIP meeting

III. Address Governing Issues

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

Discussed all events and people going to them. Progress will be addressed at the next meeting.

- Report financials and review requests (Kathy)

The group voted to purchase an 8-foot folding table for event-use, since the table being used now weighs 50 pounds and won't fit in a car.

IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is on **Thursday, August 23rd** 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: Average was **4.93**
5.0, 5.0, 4.9, 5.0, 4.9, 4.8

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? Yes, to check in and evaluate where LCIP is half way through the year and how frame success moving forward toward December

What worked? Check in and going through the LCIP Work Plan goal by goal

What were the gaps? Some members not checking in and reporting progress

Steps to close the gaps? **Contact the members that missed and get updates**

LCIP goals evaluation up against the LCIP Work Plan (1-5)

Discuss action items for next meeting.

Attachment A: LCIP Treasurer's Report for July 26, 2018

7-26-2018 RCU Checking account: \$650.38, Minus outstanding checks: \$134.88

Outstanding Checks:

Menomonie Transportation=\$115.50 (Bus tour of invasives)

4 Control=\$400 (Escort for Wild Chervil grant)

7-26-2018 RCU Primary Savings account: \$6,174.52

Income since last meeting:

June Interest \$5.50

7-26-2018 RCU Secondary Savings account (Civic Governance): \$1,010.34

Income since last meeting:

June RCU Interest \$.12

6/30/2018 Stifel Account: \$12,222.25 (including cash & portfolio accounts)

(previous month value \$12,213.62)

Income on Cash & Eaton Vance Floating Rate Account:

6/30/2018 Reinvest Dividend Eaton Vance \$42.20

6/30/2018 Portfolio Account \$12,175.23

6/30/2018 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= \$13,059.84, Remaining ACT funds from DNR ACT grants: \$6350.2

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

Thomas, Christoffersen, Mondlock 70% share	\$2329.49
Eide 70% share	\$332.33
Jan Harvey 70% share	\$875.00
Jim Selz 70% share	\$486.50
Parejko/Zimmerman 90% share	\$2250.00
Mary Dominick 70% share	\$1610.00
Sharon Walleen 70% share	\$553.88
Loeffler/Bryant (@ \$42) Anderson 70%	\$84.00
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	\$671.75
Joe Falkner 70% share	<u>\$239.49</u>
Total	\$13,059.84

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 ~10 gallons of Milestone/Garlon 3A