

## OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

### Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

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

Thursday, October 25th, 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:** Brad Luedtke, Mame Gale, Kathy Stahl, Jim Anderson, Dick Damro, Judy Zimmerman, Ted Ludwig, Martin Van, and Chris Gaetzke

#### I. Approval of Outcomes Document – September 27, 2018

Mame moved to approve the 9/27/18 Outcomes Document and Ted 2nded. All approved without any further discussions or changes.

#### II. Negotiate agenda and individual check-ins strictly 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.

Brad: Menomonie 3M factory grounds invasive work is mostly complete; he has a lot of scars from prickly ash and buckthorn & found more than he expected on the hillside. He found that Garlon 4+bark oil works for both prickly ash & buckthorn stump treatments. They have a concern about opening up their Menominee Parkside property too much since it might become too inviting for trespassers that have already been an issue. LCIP discussed about pros/cons of using goats (they don't eliminate the root-growth, which regenerates). 3M will likely expand their facility into their crop fields to the north or south. **He will look into having future projects with students on their remaining invasive infested areas.**

Mame: Yesterday the roadside ditches were cleared all along her road which makes her concerned about spreading wild parsnip further down the road. Would prefer it be known as an Enthusiastic Family Foundation donated a substantial amount of money to support LCIP's continue invasive work within the five county jurisdiction. Had a concern that DNR funding/support would not continue with their funding. Took an ACT road trip with Judy and did not find anything by the Pinewood Golf Course, but did find lots of ACT berries hanging over Fifth Street properties on some mature trees there – the berries stay on longer than the leaves. **Will continue to work with LCIP members to accomplish 2019 goals.**

Dick: **Has enough seeds to plant Giant Beard Tongue in areas that once had invasives so he will do that.** Sprayed Japanese knotweed along Hwy 29 and Hwy A where there are huge patches growing back into the farmland. Had the first acorns on his swamp white oak – a tree that grows in floodplains; discussed hybridizing swamp white oak with burr oak to be a good replacement trees in invaded areas.

Ted: Cut down a lot of common buckthorn & Japanese barberry with the Menomonie high school students on their property. Working on common buckthorn at his home with his neighbors, along with other invasives.

Martin: Regarding prickly ash he has been using a [battery-operated hedge clipper](#) (available from Harbor Freight by the Lynxx brand for \$140) along with a homemade [Killstick](#) to dap cut stumps with great success so far. Discussed the bulk purchase of native shrubs/trees from Chippewa, Pierce or Pepin Counties. Each form may be online or can be picked up at the County Land Conservation Department offices. Discussed whether to get a bundle of 500 shrubs and then sell them at cost to the community. He will move forward to make suggestions on what to order soon of 500 to start until orders are full so they will be ready for people to order this winter. Discussed how to proceed, possibly advertising the availability of the shrubs in the newspaper to landowners. Also discussed what is deer-resistant (very little) and how we will need to use deer-repellant spray on most of the plants where deer roam.

Jim A.: discussed his idea of opening up the LCIP to 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs and enlisting their help in control and re-planting. Discussed setting up a demonstration planting of native shrubs and trees to plant for replacement after the invasives have been removed using Dunn County land around the Community Services Building adjacent to the Red Cedar Demo Farm. He will talk with Katie Wantoch from UW Extension about this potential opportunity. He was out spraying Canadian thistle and Black Locust using a Transline mixture with a LCIP backpack-sprayer around the Menomonie Public Library and Lakeside Park rain garden. He took 2 busloads of UW Stout biology classes out to Hoffman Hills and got a chance to discuss the need to introduce the issue of invasives to the students since it is generally not a part of their studies.

Judy: Wishes she could have done a survey on her property, counting the number of large, medium and small trees before removing after she has done a lot of cut, spray, & burning buckthorn, cork trees, honeysuckle bushes. She noticed an area of cork tree seedlings across from the remaining mature trees on Fifth Street above the wall that still need to be address by the landowners, which have been hard to engage so far. Expressed the need for an expanding array of equipment to control re-growth when bigger trees are removed & instruction on how to maintain. Wishes to learn more techniques to handle re-growth in order not to get discouraged, because she believes that buckthorn/cork tree invasions can be controlled and that native species can be welcomed again. Any of the property where big trees are removed there is an immediate need for follow up management, which would make a great experimental area to study for aspiring students who need a project. She is continuing on with office space search.

Kathy: Suggested that if we plant shrubs right after taking out buckthorn, it reduces the number of buckthorn berry sprouts because it reduces the amount of light available to those plants. Gave report on Japanese Knotweed from the presentations she listened to at the UMISC conference where she learned that it can be greatly reduced but not (likely) eliminated. Discussed that Tall Manna Grass may be coming our way. Miscanthus (Pampas grass) is growing along Hwy 29 that is not listed by NR40 yet, but can be with enough evidence submitted to DNR before the next NR40 revision. Suggested a "News Flash" kind of media that go out to townships, counties, NGO, businesses and other stakeholders that get the word out and leave contact information to continue the conversation if they choose. These news

flash/press release articles would be a way to keep a constant presence with our stakeholders in organizations and citizens. She will write a sample one up soon to soon to show to LCIP.

Chase (via email): Emailed Chris before the meeting stating that he is currently swamped getting new staff up and running and keeping up with his new expanded responsibilities. Will plan on being at the November meeting to get caught up and contribute as a very crucial Pepin County stakeholder.

Chris: Has put out a request for at least \$5,000 more for Amur Cork Tree (ACT) control funds from a USFS grant run through DNR with Mike Putnam as the contact. His ACT airplane survey trip with DNR was good, but it happened a little too late since most of the trees had already lost their leaves two days prior to take off. Another plane trip is likely to happen since DNR is committed to slowing the spread of ACT statewide. Handed out materials from the UMISC conference where he presented on roadside invasive work esp. wild chervil and the volunteer work being done here for the project. He did a second presentation on the ACT project summaries using the Civic Governance model. Tim Jackson a former intern led a workshop discussing invasive removal techniques. There was an informal evening meeting for CISMA members that was very informative set up by Kelly Kearns. Volunteers at the conference get reduced/free admission (FYI for 2020). UMISC also had great speaker on bio-control of invasives, including one on garlic mustard using weevils. He also heard a presentation from Norway on using heated water to kill invasives because they can't use chemicals there by a company called [Heatweed](#).

### III. Address Governing Issues

- Project review- UMISC, Menomonie High School Event

UMISC went extremely well for Lee, Kathy and Chris that attended. They all encouraged more active LCIP members to attend in 2020 when the conference will be in Duluth, MN.

HS event was another huge success that engaged over 100 students to learn about invasives and help control them on their riverside property adjacent to Riverside Park. This project will continue next spring with Garlic Mustard pulls with science teacher, Nathan Anderson leading the way.

- Project planning - UW Stout Biology Lab Project, Menomonie Comm. Talks, Menomonie High School Event

Keith Gilland's UW Stout project will be at Riverside park from October 29-Nov 1<sup>st</sup> with multiple sections of students with three professors coming out to identify, survey and remove/treat common buckthorn and bush honeysuckles from a narrow strip of land between Riverside park and the Red Cedar Bike Trail with potentially getting to the land between the park and the Red Cedar River.

Chris is planning on an hour presentation to the Menomonie School District, Community Talks program on November 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be an overview of invasives of the area, what works and how to get involved.

Menomonie HS event will continue on Oct 26 to complete the area planned to clean of invasives. Ted will lead the efforts if the weather cooperates.

- Report financials and requests (Kathy)

See Attachment A below for details. No further requests for items at this time.

- Civic Governance update and 2019 LCIP direction (All)

Chris raised the topic about the direction for the future of LCIP which has been extremely fruitful so far due to dedicated volunteers, the Civic Governance model, the need to educate and outreach to so many

citizens about invasive species concerns and continued enthusiasm to help control invasive infested areas used by the public. He has been exploring nonprofit status changes and how to set up the next steps to allow LCIP to grow further with a new structure for the organization. He discussed with DNR representatives who are all supportive of the changes. Chris, Judy, Mame and Kathy set up a committee to discuss the change-over. They will look at office space, developing a budget, changing the by-laws and figuring out financials dealing with payroll and the IRS. Civic Organizing, Inc. is very supportive in this move that will allow Chris to have fulltime focus on LCIP and networking with other counties & landowner stakeholders. Kathy has been contacting Chippewa County LCD manager, Dan Masterpole to have him include invasives into their new Master Plan like LCIP has been included in the Dunn County LWCD Master Plan.

#### IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is on **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 4:30 PM, Community Services Building Room 60, 3001 US HWY 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751**

Will have a meeting on Dec. 27th since there may be a report on the planned LCIP changes.

- 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*

- October meeting: 5.0, 5.0, 5.0, 4.75, 4.9, 4.9, 4.9 Average was **4.92**

Go over LCIP meeting evaluation:

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? Yes

What worked? Stayed on track What were the gaps? Some stakeholders didn't check in that couldn't attend. Steps to close the gaps? Have all active stakeholders check in regardless if they can be at the meeting.

*LCIP progress evaluation up against the LCIP Work Plan (1-4) August 2.73, Sept 3.42, October 5.0, 3.2, 5.0, 3.0, 2.0, 3.0 Average of **3.53***

*This means great progress was being made to finish most of the goals set in the 2018 work plan. The key members are living out their roles and expanding the capacity of LCIP every month. Work is being done through 1-1s between key members and others in the community that help LCIP achieve the 2018 Work Plan goals. There is two months to wrap up the year's goals and then start planning for the 2019 Work Plan in December and January.*

Discuss action items for next meeting.

Attachment A: LCIP's Treasurer's Report

October 25, 2018

**10-25-2018 RCU Checking account: \$2,013.98**

Expenses since last meeting: stamps \$17.00

**10-25-2018 RCU Primary Savings account: \$5,687.03**

Income since last meeting: September Interest \$3.84

**10-25-2018 RCU Secondary Savings account (Civic Governance): \$1,012.39**

Income since last meeting: September RCU Interest \$0.67

**9-30-2018 Stifel Account: \$12,450.83 (including cash & portfolio accounts) (previous month value \$12,374.33)**

Income on Cash & Eaton Vance Floating Rate Account:

9/4/2018 Reinvest Dividend Eaton Vance \$42.58

9/30/2018 Portfolio Account \$12,403.81

9/30/2018 Money Market Account: \$47.02

**DNR Amur Cork Tree Rapid Response Awards: 2017 (\$8,270.04), 2016-2018 (\$11,140.00), Total \$19,410.04:**

**Award spent= \$13,515.59, Remaining ACT funds from DNR ACT grants: \$5,894.45**

(ACT RR Funds received from WDNR to date: \$8,270.04)

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% share	\$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	\$239.49
Jarin Boettcher, for Christoffersen 70% share	\$357.00
Linse Basal mix	<u>\$ 98.75</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,515.59</b>

**Landowner Chemical Program (\$2,000): Remaining funds: \$1,532.87**

3 Sprayers @ \$38=\$114

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

Joseph Gerbyshak = \$145.63

2 sprayers = \$72.20