

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Monthly Meeting

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

Thursday, September 27th, 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, Keith Gilland, Judy Zimmerman, Ted Ludwig, Martin Van, and Chris Gaetzke

I. Approval of Outcomes Document – August 23, 2018

Dick voted to approve the 8/23/18 Outcomes Document and Ted 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.

Mame: contacted Zack Jacobson who is interested in using Black Locust and ACT trees. Shared the invasives publications she picked up at the MN State Fair. She sat at table for Master Gardener conference, thought the table might have too much information, buckthorn bags were of interest, two biggest issues discussed were Japanese knotweed and garlic mustard, wants to use CISMA map next time since people from other parts of WI were there, 3 new email signups at the table, would be good to track increase on FB hits after such events, about 200 people attended, many were interested in the invasives table. Lee came out to her property and did spraying on prickly ash and woody invasive plants around her field edges with great success. **Will look into sustainable funding options for LCIP.**

Dick: **plans to spray Japanese knotweed on Highway 29 if not too dangerous.** In Cedar Falls a family had just planted buckthorn, but he educated them and then later the plants were gone. Observed on county road A there were 2-3 patches of Wild Chervil popping back up. Found there is buckthorn & Chinese elm out next to this building; he found no beardtongue this year at his usual place (gravel pit) where he would get seeds for planting.

Keith: discussed the workday at Riverside Park coming up on Oct. 29, 30 and Nov 1, will have classes come out to cut buckthorn etc. & will aim for 12 truckloads since they had 11 last year. **Work with Chris to coordinate LCIP materials and volunteers.**

Ted: Last year they cleared black locust in his neighborhood, but this year it's all coming up prickly ash now and people are not happy with that. Spraying the stumps as well as shoots on the black locust in his area seems to work. **Will check in on progress from projects.**

Martin: suggested replanting where invasives had been before, Pierce County has a selection of tree-seedlings such as dogwood, fruit trees, spruce, wants LCIP to order a quantity of these trees/shrubs from either Pierce, Chippewa or Pepin county LCDs this fall for orders to come in next spring for dispersal for replanting and possibly make them available to landowners that remove invasives. Members discussed a \$500 order for landowners to replant trees and shrubs to replace invasive areas. **Members anonymously voted to pass a \$500 program for 2019. Advertising the program should begin in November. Martin will research the options and species LCIP could order by the end of the year.**

Judy: continuing to cut/spray buckthorn, honeysuckle, and residual cork trees around her place and is experiencing "success" in reclaiming land which will require treatment for several years to prevent re-growth. Expert Tree Service was out spraying for buckthorn seedlings at her neighbor's, where they cleared a considerable area of buckthorn trees; is using a product called Spectracide on her lawn which seems to work on buckthorn and cork tree seedlings, it's applied using a garden hose mixed with water; as much as she thought she'd never use herbicides, the improvement-rate has been worth it; she found some small cork trees growing up in the neighbors shrubs at Woodridge Court and took care of them for the two elderly sisters living there. **Will continue to work to engage her neighbors in ACT work.**

Kathy (via email): on vacation, sent pictures from Vermont of the profusion of Japanese knotweed there. **Will be returning to the next meeting with check in on Work Plan goals.**

Chase (via email): reviewed a new Pepin County right-of-way highway policy to make sure herbicide is a tool for that plan. **Will report on progress at October meeting.**

Chris: doing some 1-1 meetings with members that have helped keep key members on board with their LCIP work plans. Spoke to Zack Jacobson, a local custom builder and he requested to take any Black Locust logs for use as untreated lumber. Visited Doug Pike's place where there are very few invasives due to his work, Doug donated chemicals to LCIP he didn't need anymore. Had a contact with landowner in Waukesha County about jumping worms and put her in touch with Luisa who continues to see success with suppressing them in Dunn County. Planning an aerial survey with Mike Putnam from DNR for cork trees to map all areas not surveyed yet, there's only a short window of time while leaves are yellow before they fall, it's at no cost to us, plane use is \$155/hour which is covered by the DNR project. Krista James had a number of Stout students sign up to work on cork trees that will use the remaining DNR funds. He trained them to work on their own, taking sprayers & loppers for use when they are able to do the work according to their school schedules. Reviewed the ACT removal at Woodland Terrace. Reviewed the work day at Erickson Park in Chippewa Falls sponsored by Leinenkugels on Sept. 22nd. **Will be attending Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference Oct. 15-18th in Rochester and presenting there along with Kathy, Lee & crew. Setting up a Menomonie high school grounds cleanup for Oct. 24 & 26.**

III. Address Governing Issues

- Project review- Leinenkugel Project, and State Master Gardener Conference booth (All)

Leine project was a complete success like past years. 25 volunteers from Leines and 4 City of Chippewa Falls along with Chris took out two areas full of invasives, which will give great views of Glen Loch Dam at the new Erickson Park. State MG conference booth was a great place to outreach to over 200 MG from around the state. See Mame's check in above for more details.

- Project planning - UW Stout Biology Lab Project, UMISC, Menomonie High School Event

Working with Keith Gilland to schedule work days at Riverside Park in Menomonie on Oct 29, 30 and Nov 1. Chris will give 2 presentations at UMISC talking about using Civic Governance approach to get townships, county and state roadside managers and boards to control invasives and one presentation on the ACT project going on since 2016. Kathy will also attend along with Lee S. and his crew. Working with Nathan McMahon on scheduling work days on Oct 24 and 26 at the Menomonie High School grounds to continue with the work started last year.

- Report financials and requests (Kathy)

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

- Civic Governance update and application to LCIP (Chris)

Chris said he would like to explore moving LCIP from a volunteer board organization to one with a board and paid Executive Director, kind of like the SEWISC, TIP and Northwoods CWMA CISMAs are organized. This would allow more work to be done with partners and develop LCIP into the 5 county jurisdiction further than ever before. No decisions were made but most members will look into the possibility and logistics on how it could happen.

IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is on **Thursday, October 25th** from 2 - 4:30 PM, Community Services Building Room 60, 3001 US HWY 12 East, Menomonie, WI 54751

Agenda will be to start reviewing a comprehensive plan, review 2018 work plan and plan for work events.

- 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*

- September meeting: 4.5, 4.85, 4.75, 4.8, 4.9, 4.9, 4.9 Average was 4.80

Go over LCIP meeting evaluation:

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? Yes

What worked? Active check ins What were the gaps? Lack of everyone checking in Steps to close the gaps? Have everyone check in

LCIP progress evaluation up against the LCIP Work Plan (1-4) August average was 2.73. September 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.0 Average= 3.42

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.

Discuss action items for next meeting.

Attachment A: LCIP Treasurer's Report September 22, 2018

9-22-2018 RCU Checking account: \$2,103.18, Minus outstanding checks: \$2,030.98

Outstanding Checks: 4-Control: \$72.20 for 2 sprayers

Income since last meeting: \$2,000 reimbursement from WDNR for Wild Chervil Control

9-22-2018 RCU Primary Savings account: \$5,683.19

Income since last meeting: August Interest \$4.20

9-22-2018 RCU Secondary Savings account (Civic Governance): \$1,011.72

Income since last meeting: August RCU Interest \$0.69

**8-31-2018 Stifel Account: \$12,374.33 (including cash & portfolio accounts)
(previous month value \$12,320.10)**

Income on Cash & Eaton Vance Floating Rate Account:

8/1/2018 Reinvest Dividend Eaton Vance \$42.95

8/31/2018 Portfolio Account \$12,327.31

8/31/2018 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	\$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
Jarin Boettcher, for Christoffersen 70% share	\$357.00
Linse Basal mix	<u>\$ 98.75</u>
Total	\$13,515.59

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