

OUTCOMES

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Board Meeting

Sheridan Town Hall, E3705 County Rd VVV, Wheeler, WI 54772

Thursday, February 27th, 2020, 1 - 1:45 pm

LCIP Identity Statement: LCIP is a civic non-profit that reaches goals toward invasive species awareness and control efforts by using Civic Governance (CG) to educate and organize the civic infrastructure needed to govern for the common good.

Meeting Purpose: To discuss needs and progress of the 2020 LCIP work plan, review the financials, and build up the LCIP region's capacity for invasive species education, outreach and control through partnerships.

Present: Kathy S., Lee B., Mame G., Dick D., Judy Z., AJ L., Doug O-P., Chris G.

- I. Approval of Outcomes Document from January 23, 2020 Board Meeting
- II. Negotiate agenda and individual check-ins only tied to LCIP Work Plan Goals not listed on the agenda (**2 mins each**)– identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items.

Mame: Attended the Menomonie Urban Forestry meeting with Judy.

Dick: Commented on the letter he sent to Colfax landowner about land management ideas.

Judy: Attended Menomonie Urban Forestry meeting where they reported that they would be doubling the size of the bare root, rock, tree nursery and said that they wanted to promote the trees to Menomonie property owners.

AJ: Met with some Lake Associations and discussed a paid internship program. Talked with a group of Land Conservationists about outreach.

Doug: Prairie Farm Hay River Transition Initiative is 2 weeks from today. Mame & Doug will be there with the LCIP display. LCIP will be at the Red Cedar Conference on March 12th.

Chris: Working on buckthorn control with a landowner and developing possibilities for DNR WMA funding. He is trying to find out about funding from various grants. He met with Lauren Dupey of UW Extension Forestry and they had a productive meeting discussing collaborative outreach efforts. He gave Tim Jackson, a former NR Intern a recommendation for a DATCP position. A new LCIP bookkeeper has been found and has begun work.

Kathy: Stated that about half of the 500 ordered trees/shrubs are spoken for now.

Jim A: Suggested displaying LCIP materials at extension offices in the various counties.

III. Address Governing Issues

- Review 2020 Work Plan progress, needs or changes
Updates were discussed in the individual check-ins above.
- Review 2020 Native Tree and Shrub Sale status
Half of the trees and shrubs are ordered. Will need more promotion to finish selling the remaining plants.
- Discuss Annual Meeting speaker, location, board elections and content
Is planned and flyers will be available for pickup tomorrow. The agenda is still in the planning stage. Chris intends to show color pictures of various events that took place and will narrate about these events. The LCIP Secretary and Treasurer positions are open.
- LCIP Share mtgs/events and citizen monitoring program planning update
Doug reported on the Share Meetings planned for the year. Chris has some potential sites for meetings that have not yet been arranged. The Elk Mound meeting is set up for their library/community center.

There is success in setting up plans to develop a monitoring model before dispersing the program including putting together a collection of images for sharing. Kathy described how there would be training in identifying basic plants and how to tell them apart from native plants. GLEDN (Great Lakes Early Detection Network) will be used. There will also be training on how to work with emerging plants. Kathy set up a Rare Plants Monitoring class on April 25th at 10:30 in Jarvis Hall, 608-416-3377.

- Report financials, review 2020 LCIP Budget and take any financial requests
Given by Kathy with acknowledgment of the very generous donation from the Gale Family Foundation. She mentioned the Citizen Monitoring Program in Manitowoc that Chris & AJ are going to.

IV. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is the LCIP Annual Meeting on **Thursday, March 26th from 2 - 4 PM** at Old Towne Hall located on 903 Cedar Falls Rd, Menomonie, WI 54751 (elect officers, give yearly update, host guest speaker Arthur Kneeland, network).

V. Evaluate the Meeting and *Work Plan Objectives*

- Meeting score average was (1-5 scale) _____ **No evaluation was taken due to time constraints**
- Did we achieve the meeting purpose?
- What worked?
- What were the gaps?
- Steps to close the gaps?
- Discuss action items for next meeting

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Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership SHARE Meeting

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Meeting Purpose: Share LCIP knowledge and discuss needs within the LCIP, five-county area of Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin and Pierce counties with concerned citizens to build effective and sustainable partnerships.

Present (20): Kathy S., Lee B., Mame G., Dick D., Judy Z., AJ L., Doug O-P., Ben O., Trent W., Josh P., Nick J., LeAnn R., David W., Margaret M., Jim A., Tim A., Kyle C., Lyssa, Lauren D., Chris G.

I. Introduction of LCIP Board Members, members and all citizens in attendance

Jim A. introduced the local Extension Agent, Margaret Murphy, who works in several counties as the Horticulture Outreach Specialist. She described her work and how we can interface with her in Chippewa, Eau Claire, Dunn, and Polk Counties. With one of our initiatives being to increase our monitoring of invasives, Margaret said she can put us in touch with several experts on native plants. Margaret's contact info is 715-726-7957.

Lauren Duprey, the new Extension Agent in Eau Claire County, was introduced. She works with the DNR co-op foresters who work with landowner outreach and forestry management.

Kyle Coopman, DNR forester for Dunn County, was introduced. He works with landowners to help improve their woodlands. Discussion ensued about earthworms in woodlands and that earthworms are not native to this area. There

were no worms in Wisconsin prior to their introduction by European settlers. He told how oak management is deer management, since deer are "edge species" and deer live in more open places such as oak woods. He also told how earthworms reduce the leaf litter (duff) which makes the soil less favorable to regeneration and more open to erosion. He also mentioned jumping worms and that they can be an exponentially increasing problem with discussion about how much of a problem they are yet.

Nick from 4-Control Inc. (Lee Shambeau's business) showed their chart of herbicides for treating various invasives with most of the herbicide products not available at any of the retail stores. They provide a unique service for invasive control. He discussed licensing / certification and whether or not it is needed in various circumstances. He also explained about how/why some herbicides are getting bad publicity and that these herbicides may not be as dangerous as previously advertised. He told a little about how 4-Control travels to other states to do control work and that they are available to help local landowners with using equipment and herbicides to effectively control the spread of invasives. PGR (Plant Growth Regulator) can be applied in early spring along township roads in order to reduce plant growth to slow down the growth of invasives, followed by application of the appropriate herbicides, such as Escort, once the invasive plant is identified.

II. Negotiate agenda to meet the needs of the Northern Dunn County area

Was taken into consideration

III. Address Needs and Share Resources

- Current LCIP initiatives, services and direction (Landowner Chemical Program, Free Equipment Rentals, Free Landowner Site Visits, Control Projects, Native Tree & Shrub Sale, Customized Presentations, Partner collaboration, Office Resources, Email List, Booth Exhibitor, Tours, Workshops, Conferences, etc.)

Chris G. introduced LCIP, including its origin, purpose and how it has developed over the years, including its work in the regions and the tours that are now taking place. The education component in the neighborhoods and countryside are essential to LCIP's success. He showed a slide presentation of the trailer with supplies available for use by anyone in the area. He went over the list of planned Work Projects with an emphasis on restoring native plants to areas from where invasives get removed. The Native Plant sale was discussed and is now ongoing. He invited everyone to join the email list that goes out about planned events. He went over the GLEDN program that is used for identifying invasive plants with the goal of having local people being able to locate and identify invasives so that greater control can be done. Everyone was invited to the Annual Meeting in March. The list of planned Share Meetings and locations was given.

- Wild Chervil status, past efforts and future needs

Chris gave a presentation on wild chervil, which is a restricted plant that is prevalent in St. Croix and Barron Counties, and is working its way southward. Milestone is used on it and mapping has been done to locate the areas where it is growing. There has been success locally in eliminating wild chervil along the roadways, but the townships need to get local landowners more involved so it will not come spread from their property back onto the roadways. Local awareness is the main issue so getting the word out is key. Tiffany township is interested in using 4-Control to begin reducing their invasives. Funding is one of the main barriers as well as lack of civic interest since very few people attend the township board meetings. The other main problem in town roadways is Wild Parsnip which can burn the skin and should be of greater interest to the local people due to its extremely toxic property. Finding a way to get the word out to area landowners is the biggest challenge, with most people primarily using social media such as Facebook. There are few local newspapers anymore so there has been a challenge to spread the news to local citizens. One of the issues Kathy also raised is how to protect certain native plants along roadways while eliminating invasives, since broadcast spraying is typically easier and usually less expensive than spot-spraying. The idea was suggested of creating a collaborative newsletter that is specific to the issues in the township.

- Future invasive species to look out for

Chris gave a presentation on restricted plants that are approaching this area, including: Common and Cutleaf Teasel, Grecian Foxglove and Tansy which has a pungent smell and was used to overcome the smell of dead bodies at funerals.

- Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN) online and mobile mapping tutorial

Did not get to.

- Individual questions on land management, invasive species monitoring/control/outreach, biodiversity, neighbor collaboratives or similar topics

Did not get to.

- Township/County/State/Federal Government roles with citizens and communities

Did not get to.

- Partnership building

Discussed throughout the meeting.

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Please consider staying after the meeting to network and enjoy some light refreshments with us until 4 PM