

## OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

### Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Meeting

Online through Zoom LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83485744758> Meeting ID: 834 8574 4758

Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, 2 - 4pm

**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/Online:** Judy Z., Dave W., Lauren D., Doug O-P., Dick D., Brad L., Mame G., AJ L., Kyle B., Chris G.

#### I. Approval of Outcomes Document from June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Meeting

Outcomes were approved as written by all members.

#### II. Negotiate agenda and individual check-ins only tied to LCIP Work Plan Goals not listed on the agenda (**5 mins each**)– identify progress in organizing key stakeholders in your jurisdictions and agreed individual action items.

Dick: had a personal property walk through for his Landmark land trust easement from the LCIP intern (Kyle) where they discovered that all the buckthorn treated last year was dead. Down the road from his land north of Colfax there were 5-6 plants of wild parsnip two years ago, then last year he found a patch that was 2 sq. yds, which this year is now 50 yards long along the road. On Cty BB he found the roadway was full of Wild parsnip. **A game plan needs to be discussed.**

Mame: 4-Control, Inc. did some wild parsnip herbicide trials in her road ditch. She will be to collecting monarda and spiderwort seeds. She took a virtual tour of her sister's property in Iowa that has been transformed from a crop field to a created prairie with the use of government programs with the purpose being to build the soil and to have public access of the 80 acre parcel. She recommended everyone to check it out. Ask her for the link to view it.

Judy: talking to new neighbor about Amur cork trees that lives on Oak Park Circle.

Lauren: is hosting a 10-15 women's kayak forestry event and has invited Chris to present on terrestrial invasives in Clear Lake, WI. She is also contributing to a National Women's Owning Forestry website. Also following up with IMP mentees.

Dave: working with Chris and Kyle in filming some drone videos at Dobb's Landing, the former Ferry Pit in Colfax and Corydon Park in Eau Claire. These videos will be posted in August and September and shared with the management committees.

Brad: lost his 3M intern and is hoping to do some herbicide spraying of spotted knapweed on the 3M Menomonie campus, but that may have to be put on hold.

AJ: looking at area trout streams for aquatic invasives with interns. He is transitioning to new DNR AIS contract with many meetings and reports that have been keeping him busy.

Doug: had a visit with Jim in Barron County, one of his IMP mentees where he is doing buckthorn removal using grazing as a control method. Doug got to observe fringed orchid there.

Chris: has posted 21 videos Kyle had filmed that have been each viewed by up to 9,600 people. This past month LCIP Facebook posts have reached 36,000 people. On site visits, he talked to people about jumping worms, since they have been found in Brookfield, WI, and on Lake Wissota coming from local mulch. He found an orange and yellow parasitic vine that is called dodder on many shorelines. He found some fragrant sumac that smells like skunk and native New Jersey tea crowded by invasive cypress spurge. He has contacted people about taking on the LCIP secretary and

treasury positions, but no interest yet. He gave a presentation to TMLIA about using Civic Governance in their organization. He has helped Kyle with monitoring and mapping. He will be meeting and filming with Asa the Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership Director on woodland management and CISMAs at Mame's place.

Kyle: been making more videos for LCIP and future educational maps.

### III. Address Governing Issues

#### - 2020 Work Plan mid-point evaluation review

Discussed the benefit is that the work plan can be modified as needed due to changing conditions. It would be nice to get more site visit case studies to add to the LCIP database. Everyone agreed there was ample time to discuss needs and issues. Chris will color code the progress of the work plan and email out to active members before the next meeting to review.

#### - Invasives Monitoring Program update

Chris went over the current state of IMP program that has 21 volunteers and 11 mentors. Aug. 11th is the date planned for a second advanced online training and he will use Zoom with the expectation that half of the people will be attending. The app has been giving some volunteers issues. Chris showed the items that are in the packages for each of the IMP volunteers.

#### - Wild Chervil and Wild Parsnip committee update

The County Highway departments need to build more of a case for their budgets and would like to get maps out again as to where the invasives are located. Chris talked to Dunn County Highway and Chippewa County Highway staff to give more support and background on why controlling invasives in roadsides are so important. He is scheduling a meeting with Eau Claire County Highway department soon. Weather has been an issue this year in herbicide treatments and vigor of plant growth. There is also growing pressure from townships on concerns like wild chervil where they are considering using plant growth regulators and taking into consideration the costs involved. Lee (4-Control, Inc.) will be fabricating specialty equipment for counties so they can do their own spraying. After attending many workshops, most of the counties in the LCIP region are putting out a call to do monitoring for wild chervil and wild parsnip on county and state highway roads. The counties are ready to act and just need more direction/feedback on what is out there. LCIP will do their best to get people trained and map those roads this year and next. Kyle, Kathy, Dick, Dave and Chris all volunteered to help map and drive.

#### - Report financials, review 2020 LCIP Budget, grant updates, and take any financial requests

Kathy gave the report with no comments or suggestions. Chris gave update on the two grants LCIP is administering. The PPP loan has been used up and now must work on forgiveness paperwork.

### IV. Identify Next Steps

#### - Next meeting is on **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 4 PM on Zoom**

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### V. Evaluate the Meeting and *Work Plan Objectives*

- Meeting score average was (1-5 scale) AVERAGE: 4.8

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? Yes

What worked? Catching up with the progress being made and making next steps tied to the LCIP work plan

What were the gaps? Hard to hear members in the conference room

Steps to close the gaps? Buy a better microphone for training and meetings so everyone can hear.

Discuss action items for next meeting

Dick 4.9, Mame 4.7, Brad 5.0, AJ 4.8, Lauren 4.8, Dave 4.7, Kyle pass, Judy pass, Doug 4.7, Chris 4.8.

## 2020 LCIP Events and Projects

#	Date	Project	Proposed Vols	Volunteers	Outcome	Notes
1	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Eau Claire Master Gardener Conference Speaker & Exhibitor	Doug & Chris	Doug & Chris	Outreach & Educate	Discuss woody invasives in EC County and give suggestions of native alternatives
2	March 7 <sup>th</sup>	WWOA Conference World Café host & presenter 1:20-2:20 in EC	Chris & LCIP Board	Chris & Dick	Outreach & Educate	Discuss & promote LCIP's process, organization & invasives information to group of interested landowners
3	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Red Cedar Conference Booth Exhibitor	Dave, Mame, Jim, Dick, Chris	Dave, Mame, Jim, Dick, Chris	Educate & Outreach	Setup booth for outreach at large conference
4	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hay River Transition Initiative – Green Skills Event Booth	Doug and Mame	Postponed to 2021	Educate & Outreach	Setup and occupy booth to answer questions and give out materials
5	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	NR40 Species Assessment Group Meeting – Stevens Point	Chris	Chris via Zoom	Educate	Chris attend follow up meeting to the initial assessment meeting of new and current species to be part of the next revision of NR40
6	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	LCIP Annual Meeting – with Keith Gilland of UW Stout at Old Towne	LCIP Board	Postponed	Outreach & Increase Cap.	Part of By-Laws, Partner reports, elect officers
7	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tainter Menomine Lake Improvement Association Guest Speaker	Chris	Postponed	Educate & Outreach	Give presentation on LCIP's use of Civic Governance and successful strategies
8	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	State CISMA In-Person Meeting – Wausau – Granite Peak	Douglas and Chris	Douglas and Chris via Zoom	Educate & Network	Attend multi-day event to discuss updates, legislation, network with CISMA & AIS
9	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3M Earth Day Exhibit	Dick	Cancelled due to government orders	Educate & Outreach	Setup 10:30, tear down 1:30 PM, no cost
10	April TBD	Colfax HS Earth Day- School Property (8 – 11:45 AM & 1-2:45PM)	LCIP Members	Cancelled due to government orders	Educate & Control	Tools and 4 volunteers to educate and control invasive plants at Colfax School Property
11	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Menomonie Middle School Earth Day Invasive Event at Stokke Trail	Dale, Chris, Julia, Keith	Cancelled due to government orders	Educate & Control	Tools and at least 3 people needed
12	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Barron County Master Gardener Presentation 7 PM	Chris &	Cancelled due to government orders	Educate & Outreach	
13	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sierra Club Invasive Tour at Putnam & Owen Park in EC	Chris &	Cancelled and will reschedule for 2021	Educate & Outreach	Walk through two city parks to identify common terrestrial invasives
14	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Garlic Mustard/Japanese Barberry / Amur Cork Tree Control Event at Birch Creek SNA	Durand HS & public	Cancelled	Educate & Control	LCIP tools & LCIP reps 9:30 AM – 12 PM
15	May 15 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Environmental Field Day Presenter	Kathy, Doug & Chris	Cancelled	Educate	LCIP equipment and handouts
16	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Wissota State Park Garlic Mustard 9AM Talk & Pull at 10 AM	Chris &	Cancelled due to government orders	Educate & Control	Give a 45-minute presentation on invasive species starting at 9 AM then pull at 10 AM
17	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior American Day Workshop in Eau Claire at UWEC campus	Chris &	Cancelled due to government orders	Educate & Outreach	Give 50 min workshop 11:30-12:20 on woody invasives and native alternatives. Bring folders
18	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Andersen Window Invasive Event at a Menomonie Park	Doug, Kathy, Keith, Julia, Dick, Chris	Cancelled	Educate & Control	Discuss invasive plants in the park and then remove woody invasives with LCIP tools
19	June TBD	Landowner Workshop & 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Terrestrial & Aquatic Invasive Tour	LCIP Members and Public	Cancelled	Educate & Outreach	Landowner workshop from 9-12 at Lucette? Brewing Co then drive around Dunn County to teach about 18 invasive plants and AIS
20	July TBD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Eau Claire – UWEC Campus Invasive Tour with Friends of Putnam Park 9-11:30 AM	LCIP members, Friends of Putnam, Public	Cancelled	Educate & Outreach	Give a driving tour of UWEC grounds and Putnam Park to look at 18 invasive plants and then form next steps
21	Aug TBD x2	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chippewa River Purple Loosestrife Work Events - BCR	LCIP & Beaver Creek		Educate & Control	Float Chippewa River to observe and pull PLS
22	Sept TBD	Leinenkugel's Great Water Month Workday at TBD (8-12)	LCIP Members		Educate & Control	Talk about invasive plants and then treat and remove off site at brewery in Chippewa
23	Sept TBD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Chippewa County Invasive Workshop 9 AM – 3:30 PM	LCIP & Chip Co LCFM		Outreach & Educate	Host a day long workshop for agencies, NGO, citizens to learn, engage and outreach
24	Oct TBD	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual UW Stout City Park workdays	Keith & Chris		Educate & Control	Remove invasives at a City property TBD
25	Nov 2 - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference – ONLINE	Chris, TBD	ONLINE	Educate	May be a speaker, volunteer and attendee
26	Nov TBD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Thrive! Park Control Event in Nelson, WI (Buffalo	LCIP Trailer, Doug, Chris & Vols.		Educate & Control	LCIP will provide the trailer and volunteers to control Burning Bush at the town park

For more information or how to volunteer for one of these projects contact us at: [lcinvasives@gmail.com](mailto:lcinvasives@gmail.com) or [lcipchris@gmail.com](mailto:lcipchris@gmail.com) or 715-539-2766 or participate in one of our meetings that take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 2 pm at various locations around our five county region. Check us out on Facebook at [facebook.com/LCIP2011/](https://www.facebook.com/LCIP2011/) or our website at [lcinvasives.org](http://lcinvasives.org)