

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Partner Meeting

Meeting at: [Plymouth UCC](#) (2010 Moholt Drive, Eau Claire, WI, 54703) Tour of a restoration project
Thursday, August 26th, 2021, 2 – 4 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 give an organizational update, discuss 2021 project statuses, review the financial sustainability, and continue to build up the LCIP region's capacity for invasive species education, outreach and control through partnerships.

Present: Susan B, Chris G, Cindy H, Judy Z, Dick D, Lee S, Sue C, Mame G, Lia L, Brad L was online, Keith from the church stopped to say hello. He is one of a handful of members removing the invasives off the Plymouth UCC grounds.

I. Approval of Outcomes Document from July 22nd, 2021 Board Meeting

Outcomes were approved as written with no changes.

II. Negotiate Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Property project tour

The group took a tour of the church grounds before the meeting since rain was in the forecast. The group toured the newly installed native plant gardens and the ongoing project of the woody invasive removal. The group ended on touring the adjacent landowner population of Japanese or Bohemian knotweed. Many suggestions were made and Cindy H, the leader of the project was grateful to know what to do next to complete their multiple projects successfully.

III. Individual Check-Ins on progress towards meeting LCIP Goals (5 mins or less)

Susan B: Pulled Queen Anne's lace out of her fields and road ditches with her sister.

Cindy H: Talked about the prairie remnant growing near Immanuel Lutheran School on Corydon Road Park in Eau Claire that they have been managing by burning and removing invasives for many years. She was the host of the tour since she has initiated the project with a grant from within the Wisconsin UCC district.

Dick D: Offered to assist Dr. Appel with the use of chemicals on his property near Corydon Park. Will be starting buckthorn treatment on some mature trees he missed in the past control efforts at his place. Dick reported that Jim A will be at the next LCIP meeting he was receiving an award the same day as the August meeting.

Lia L: Last Saturday was the annual AIS Snapshot Day in which three volunteers went to 5 Dunn County water bodies and didn't see any invasives. There will be a few projects targeting waterfowl hunters this fall.

Sue C: Pulled two garbage bags of tansy at the Lake Wissota State Park (LWSP) campground, 7 bags of spotted knapweed during the event that LCIP helped with in early August, filled 4 more bags of spotted knapweed after the event at the entrance pollinator garden at LWSP. She has

also led several hikes at Brunet Island State Park that have pointed out both natives and invasives to the hikers. The next hike is Sept. 4th at 10am. Last week she led hikes at LWSP with the next one on Sept. 11th for the local Girl Scouts. She is also continuing some bat-monitoring at LWSP using a microphone that picks up their calls through a cell phone. So far, she has found 7 different species! Potentially, there are 8 bat species in this region. She is continuing to mark and have DNR staff control poison ivy using triclopyr products.

Lee S: Discussed how to control perennial knotweeds. He claimed that mowing it down in June and then treating it after August 1st when the flowers are present is the most effective method of controlling the plant. He will be presenting on the topic of "Using herbicides on right of ways including plant growth regulators" at the next series of Wisconsin County Association Highway meetings and workshops. Then counties and townships can prepare for next year's maintenance regime.

Brad L: Gave an update on the management of the 3M property. One of the shelterbelts is cleared out of invasive brush from a forestry mowing. They are still monitoring their prairie land for invasives. Lee did some spraying of black locust and Siberian Elm trees out on their established and newly planted prairies that Chris G. had found on a site visit. Lee also sprayed with a product called TerraVue after a mowing of the spotted knapweed in front of their plant. They are looking at planting a Veterans' Memorial Tree Grove near the main entrance. They will be removing the rest of the Siberian elms in front of the plant soon in preparation for establishing a prairie there. He connected with Andersen Windows and compared notes on what they are both doing and how 3M could replicate some of their projects including planting prairies in previously mowed areas. Chris mentioned Prairie Restoration out of Minnesota was the contractor at Andersen that could help 3M out.

Mame: Has found some oriental bittersweet vines that her family had previously cultivated and is now trying to remove it. They had also planted teasel years ago, which may have now migrated into their woods. She will monitor those plants seasonally to make sure they don't spread. Another plant discovered is Elecampane, which has also jumped into the woods. She mentioned that oaks are not supposed to be cut between April 15 to July 15, but that tree services won't come until November to trim her woods because of the concern for Oak Wilt.

Judy: Talked about one of the remaining 2-ft-wide cork tree stumps near her house from a tree cut 4-5 years ago. She initially thought that the chemicals from the old tree would suppress the newly installed native ninebark shrubs, but they haven't, and the ninebarks are growing successfully. Chris claimed that this effect only lasts about nine months to one year after a tree is cut down.

Chris G: Installed three boot brush stations and has one more to go. Has had a site visit with Eau Claire Archers Association that have 80 acres. After the site visit and evaluation, they extended an invitation to do educational events there. He found Autumn Olive there, which TerraVue is supposed to work on. The site visit contact was made through Lauren L when she attended the Farm Tech Days in EC County. Built three new kill sticks for the trailer. The City of Menomonie passed the nuisance plant ordinance revision to add female cork tree removal to the text. The question will be how this revision will be enforced and who will do the outreach, especially on resistant landowner properties that have several mature seed-bearing female trees. He will give two presentations next Tuesday at 2pm and 6pm at the Plymouth Church on invasives as well as answer questions. Battling through QuickBooks account transfer. He has revisited the treated Phragmites site on Cty E, east of Menomonie and found that the plants are slowly dying and did not produce seeds.

IV. Address Governing Issues

- 2021 projects, programs, and events (Chris)

On Oct. 9th from 1 - 4 PM Chris will be working with Landmark Conservancy staff at the Town of Union Conservancy Area for a neighborhood educational event. This is a follow up event from the spring event Chris led with Landmark that was well attended. *Chris asked for additional volunteers to help him out that day.* Chris is working with EC County staff to come up with a location of the final boot brush station to be installed soon at Tower Ridge Recreation Area just east of Eau Claire.

- Invasives Monitoring Program update (IMP Committee)

More reports have been generated than last year. Mentors are meeting with their mentees. Reporting will wrap up by November when plants will have lost their leaves. The committee will meet and discuss future dates for a fall summary, gathering event.

- DNR WMA Woodland Landowner Project update (WMA Committee)

Aiming for 30 – 50 at next the next workshop on September 25th from 9 AM – 12 PM at Mame's property just south of Menomonie. There are 10 people signed up already. Kyle Coopman a DNR Forester volunteered to talk since funding for the workshop is coming from DNR. *Please share the flyer that was sent out via email or share the notice on the LCIP Facebook page with others. RSVP is recommended so a count can be made for handout creation.*

- Galloway Creek Restoration Project (Chris)

To inform those living along the part of the creek where work is ongoing, a letter was sent to all the property owners (96) and posters were hung at all apartment buildings. Chris is projecting to have weekly or bi-weekly work events with local citizens, Stout students and Menomonie High School students. Planning is in place. Chris will continue to monitor the location and will basal bark treat large common buckthorn on site to prepare area for removal by volunteers and city staff. A lot of basal treatment of buckthorn was done at the May event with Menomonie Young Professionals using Garlon 4 or Element 4, which was 100% effective. *Chris suggested getting the word out to anyone or group that is interested in being a part of the crew to remove the invasives over the next few months and into 2022.*

- Financial report (Brad)

Brad gave the report that summoned a few questions that were answered. Talk to Chris or Brad for details. Sustainable funding continues to be an issue that Chris is seeking assistance on. Many avenues are being pursued to meet that need. *If anyone can help on this need or has any connections for foundational funds or grants for capital funds let Chris know as soon as possible.*

Identify Next Steps

- **Next meeting is on Thursday, September 23rd from 2 - 4 PM on Zoom and in person at Pepin County Government Center** (740 7th Ave W, Durand, WI 54736) Tour of invasives at Holden Park afterward. *Please invite anyone interested in learning with LCIP.*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81519138730?pwd=OUJ6ZGJzcERqNnYreHcvcmQ4OHNRZz09>
Meeting ID: 815 1913 8730 Passcode: 012345 Dial: 312-626-6799

V. Evaluate the Meeting and Work Plan Objectives

The meeting ran late so no evaluation was taken. There will be time taken at the September meeting to evaluate and improve.