

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Partner Meeting

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Meeting at: LCIP Office at 700 Wolske Bay Rd, Suite 275, Menomonie, WI 54751

Thursday, October 28th, 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 learn more about civic partnerships, 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.

On Zoom: Cindy H., Lauren L., Sherry J. **In-Person:** Jim A., Dick D., Sue C., Susan B., Judy Z., Doug O-P., Chris G.

I. Approval of Outcomes Document from September 23rd, 2021, Board Meeting

Outcomes were approved as written with no changes. A discussion ensued about the challenges regarding the Pepin County, Holden Park with its very tall mature black locust trees and other woody invasive plants.

II. Negotiate Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

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

Cindy: Reported on the Corydon Park Association progress in Eau Claire. That management group had a workday and used the LCIP trailer. She reported on the progress of the Plymouth Church property restoration, which is astounding. She reported that Chris held two educational presentations at the church about invasive education and control methods. They have also made a pollinator garden. They are applying for another grant to supply the church with tools and the funding to rent the trailer when needed. She also reported on the church neighbor's knotweed issue. They plan to rent the LCIP trailer again for a couple of days.

Lauren: Attended the IMP end-of-year meeting where they discussed next year's plans. She gave the main speech on what UW Extension Forestry offers to private landowners. The WWOW initiative will start back up in January or February.

Sherry: Identified an area of black locust at the Nawakwa girl scout camp. She has been asked to provide encouragement regarding control to her neighbors and friends who are starting their own projects. She asked some questions about the success of using buckthorn baggies to control woody invasives. The consensus is that they work well if installed properly with clean hands. She has more people interested in working out at Erickson Park on Martin Luther King Day!

Jim: Attended Mame's woodland event and learned a lot. He sits on a Dunn County tourism committee and discusses using some of the LCIP projects to showcase for attracting visitors (including the Galloway Creek Project).

Dick: Has been facing ongoing challenges controlling buckthorn and honeysuckle at his place. He has worked for 6 days using Garlon 4 as a basal bark treatment for his remaining buckthorn. He is trying to eliminate Canada thistle with Milestone but switched to Roundup out of concern about harm to wildlife grazing the treated vegetation. Dick reported on his beard tongue plantings and seed collection. He is helping a neighbor establish a 1-acre prairie planting.

Sue: Has been pulling 2 – 3 bags of buckthorn/week when she is out on the Lake Wissota state park property with a total of 33 bags so far! On Oct. 11th she gave a tour on native tree identification in Irvine Park. She shared how oriental bittersweet can girdle tree trunks and kill trees. She spoke to the Bloomer Garden Club about natives and invasives. She found Siberian pea shrub in Irvine Park that she will map using EDDMaps. She will be doing ongoing work to educate campers at the park about invasives. There appears to be fewer Asian beetles showing up this year. She has very seen few invasives at Brunet Island State Park in Cornell.

Susan: She volunteered at Carpenter Nature Center to crawl under the fir trees there to girdle the buckthorn with a chisel. She showed her chemical dabber/stick that she made using PVC pipe. Varathane is the brand of dauber

material on the end of the killstick. Killsticks were designed by the Nebraska Nature Conservancy and can be built with online instructions. You can also order them from The Prairie Enthusiasts website. Garlon 4 has been a highly effective control on the buckthorn on her property. When they cut the buckthorn, they chip it with a chipper rented from Baldwin, except for the ones with seeds they put onto a tarp and take them to the burn pile. She also effectively uses heavy duty black garbage bags to cover large buckthorn stumps like a Buckthorn Baggie. Doug mentioned that Weed Dragon Torch Kits are another way to treat the base of buckthorn trees which does not burn them completely, but it just makes the cells explode.

Judy: Amur cork tree removal is ongoing to take out the smaller new growth plants on her property. She is on hands and knees to cut and spray the smaller buckthorn. She mentioned how it is good to put a priority on removing the female berry-producers. Both trees are easier to remove in the fall when there is less surrounding weed growth to deal with. She asked Doug if he uses horticultural vinegar which is 24% and costs around \$25/gallon. He said it works but may not penetrate to the roots. She has found a lot of Japanese beetles in the Menomonie Community Garden. She has also found a lot of yellow swallowtail butterfly larvae on her parsley and surrounding prickly ash, which they use as a host plant.

Doug: Helped with the IMP annual celebration. He has been working on common mullein control, which need to have the seed heads bagged to prevent spread. He has been planting trees that he thinks might survive environmental changes such as bald cypress, bur oak, and black oak, which have been acquired from 400 miles south of here, so they are used to warmer environmental conditions that are coming.

Lia: could not make the meeting but wanted to report that Tyler Mesalk is the new DNR Regional AIS Coordinator after Alex Selle left. She will be working with Tyler on lake research this coming year.

Brad: was not able to make the meeting since he was on vacation. He will be seeding the new prairie area at 3M after the first snow in November or December. Working on contacting Quercus, the native landscape contractor for the new prairie planting project in front of the main parking lot in 2022.

Chris: He said it was a busy month in the field. He and Sue installed the fourth boot brush kiosk in Irvine Park next to the Woodland Wildflower Garden. He is working with Kathy Stahl to develop some more professional videos of invasives control methods. He worked with Landmark Conservancy at Town of Union Conservancy to remove buckthorn on Oct. 9th with many volunteers. On the 11th he worked with the Interstate Civic Governance Organizing Agency to host a workshop with other members. He has been applying for small grant funding. He will be talking to UWRF students on November 9th about his career in Natural Resources and details on the Galloway Creek Restoration project.

UW Stout biology students led by Keith Gilland are clearing the lake bank this week, notably on the steepest part of the hill where they had to drag the trees up the hill.

IV. Address Governing Issues

- 2021 projects and events (Chris)

Town of Union Conservancy volunteer event on 10/9 was well attended and a lot of buckthorn was cut and treated or pulled and hauled for burning.

- Invasives Monitoring Program update (IMP Committee)

There was a small end-of-year celebration at Rassbach Museum where nine volunteers and mentors discussed the program and the future expansion of it. The program was determined to be remarkably successful and worthwhile. A total of over forty reports were made in EDDMaps over three counties by seven volunteers of the twenty-two total volunteers trained.

- DNR WMA Woodland Landowner Project update (WMA Committee)

There was a tour with twenty-one people visiting Mame's property with the LCIP trailer onsite for demo purposes. The committee will meet to see what grant deliverables are left and how to spend the remaining funds that will be reimbursed in June 2022 as the grant expires.

- Galloway Creek Restoration Project update (Chris)

Chris will be doing a presentation on the Galloway Creek restoration work on Nov. 9th at the UWRF campus to environmental science students. The project is coming along, and he showed pictures of the progress so far. Menomonie high school students have been out there four times, Cedarbrook church worked an afternoon, The Noon

Rotary Club picked up trash on a weeknight, UW Stout Natural Areas Club cleared the brush cut by Keith Gilland and Chris at two events, a homeschool group worked a morning, City staff have been on site moving brush including Randy Eide and Megen Hines, and lastly, many local volunteers have been on site to help at work events. Dennis C. took a few large buckthorn logs for making wood turning projects. The city has hauled the rest of the brush away after every event.

- Financial report and Funding Discussion (Brad)

Chris gave the report since Brad was out on vacation. Brad developed the report and sent it out to all the board members ahead of the time. There were a few donations in honor of Douglas and a trailer rental fee. More donations are on the way from the work and presentations Chris is setting up.

V. Identify Next Steps

- **Next meeting is on Thursday, November 18th from 2 - 4 PM on Zoom and in person at the LCIP Office at 700 Wolske Bay Rd, Suite 275, Menomonie, WI 54751**

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V. Evaluate the Meeting and *Work Plan Objectives*

- Meeting score average was (1-5 scale) 5.0!

Jim 5, Dick 5, Sue 5, Judy 5, Cindy 5, Lauren 5, Sherry 5, Chris 5, Doug 5.

Did we achieve the meeting purpose? Yes

What worked? Everybody's input as the meeting progressed. Visuals with the computer and using Zoom. The learning that took place through sharing experiences.

What were the gaps? None noted

Steps to close the gaps? N/A

Discuss action items for next meeting: Everyone had set up their action items to accomplish by the next meeting and to report on.