

OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership Partner Meeting

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

Thursday, December 16th, 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: Build LCIP's capacity through civic partnerships, wrap up 2021 projects, review the financial sustainability, and project 2022 goals to setup a successful plan to maintain and expand.

On Zoom: Judy Z., Mary S., Lia L., Jack R., Keith G., Doug O-P. At the office: Jim A., Dick D., Sue C., Lee S., Chris G.

I. Approval of Outcomes Document from November 18th, 2021, Board Meeting

Approved as written.

II. Negotiate Agenda

No changes in the agenda were made.

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

Mary S: Nothing particular to report since the last meeting. Is involved with Ice Age Trail.

Lia: Hosting an exotic pet surrender event. Getting the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program up and running.

Judy: No report only trees to clean up in her yard.

Keith: Plans to get out to the Colfax Preserve to work on Siberian Elm removal. Reported on the likelihood of brush burning at Galloway Creek. Lee asked about having some student workers for some projects he has, which Keith offered. Lee offered to give a presentation to Keith's classes for students interested in the field of invasives control.

Brad: Planning to get some wildflower seeds dispersed on the 3M land before spring. He is not focused so much on getting an intern as he is on hiring an engineer at this time.

Doug: Seven deer were harvested from his property this year. His business Trees for Tomorrow is going to intend to add some hickory. Wants to do both shagbark and bitternut species.

Jack: Was pleasantly surprised by an email from Wilt B. from the Cameron area about buckthorn education and wants to get such education rolling in the Baldwin area.

Sue: Attended a Zoom meeting on biological control of invasives, which was especially interesting. Picked up a new flyer at Beaver Creek on invasives, printed by Waterford Press Co. DNR reports they will not co-sponsor any events due to COVID-19 which means such events will not be feasible due to reduced numbers for now. Beaver Creek Reserve will have their snowshoe events.

Lee: US Fish and Wildlife Service is allowing 4-Control to do some control tests on Sightview. He hopes to get a grant to study the trials and give detailed results. He met with the EC highway department to get a plan for roadside management using herbicides and PGR.

Jim: Gave up his CDL bus driving permit so is not available any longer to transport for LCIP field trips. CFT committee with Dunn County is working on rural tourism that would highlight places like Devil's Punchbowl, Hoffman Hills, Galloway Creek Restoration site, and possibly how those areas are being managed to control invasives. He referenced the Dunn County Tourism web page, and the Healthy Environmental Action Team (HEAT) apparently arose out of the Dunn County Health Department study.

Dick: Reported that Landmark Conservancy was on Wisconsin Public Radio today. He obtained some shagbark hickory and reported on their progress at his place. Boxelder nuisance trees are an ongoing issue for him. He also continues to deal with buckthorn but is gaining ground.

Chris: Had a final UW Stout Capstone meeting and will be attending their final presentation at the library. There was discussion on what to replace invasives with plus other topics. He is working with Dr. McKinnon on this project that included five projects that looked at wildlife, plants/vegetation, watershed management including stormwater, water/aquatic life, and trails/trash. He is working on end of year donations through many options. He set up a drone fly-over at the Galloway Creek project with Dave to highlight the progress. He attended the CISMA semi-annual meeting. There is a new DNR WMA contact Jacquelyn Christopher. NR40 3rd revision will be live in 2023. A newer CISMA formed near Madison is heading up a project that is in its final stages for getting approval for genetic testing for knotweeds, which could cause big changes in how it is dealt with, and how funding is available. He spoke with former LCIP board member, Chase about the Dunn County office providing a local rep for LCIP. Chase mentioned that invasives are still included in their planning and Dunn County is hiring a new highway commissioner. Lastly, Dunn County will be doing some pollinator restoration around the Dunn County buildings between the government center and the judicial center. The Town of Union and Landmark will have a hike this Saturday at 3pm and a snowshoe hike at the TOU Conservancy in February. He lastly reported that Mame sends her holiday wishes to all LCIP members.

IV. Address Governing Issues

- 2021 Year End Review and discussion about 2022 goals (Chris)

Sue thinks people should attend IMP trainings twice to get the full impact of the learning and LCIP should emphasize getting youth involved in the work. Videotaping any ongoing activity is important. The trainings at Putnam Park were very valuable. The work at Galloway Creek is important and we need to put more attention on the project by placing short videos on TV and/or inviting people to view the ongoing project. Discussion on how to engage getting non-landowners a way to invest in caring for public lands. Keith weighed in on how it is very hard to get and keep people involved. Keith has been reading about fostering volunteerism and it was suggested to do an Adopt-an Invasive Area program. There is a need to look long term to make goals that people can be excited about and support.

- Invasives Monitoring Program next steps (IMP Committee)

Having current members recruit new members would help raise awareness of the program. WPR and WPTV are avenues to get the word out, especially the Larry Mueller show. The program will continue.

- DNR WMA Woodland Landowner Project next steps (WMA Committee)

They had a committee meeting and plan to see what comes out of their latest activities regarding herbicide treatment and re-planting. There will be workshops in the late spring to view progress.

- Galloway Creek Restoration Project update (Chris)

A lot more buckthorn was cut and treated. The Stout Natural Area Club came and worked again. More basal bark treatment on bigger trees is planned with a local contractor this winter. Discussion took place on how to promote the work/progress to the wider community. Suggestions were made and challenges

were addressed. Once the Stout Capstone project findings are shared implementation of their plans will take place.

- Financial report, 2022 Budget proposal, and Funding Discussion (Brad)

Discussion took place about obtaining the funding for hiring a part-time office administrator in 2022 to help with managing all the projects and office work so Chris can be away from the office more of the time, to either work on projects or meet with partners and landowners. Many local businesses were noted as to approach to be financial partners. More time is needed to be spent marketing the work and giving the community a vision to back. Chris will be scheduling meetings with other local non-profits to learn about their financial structure and fundraising strategies. A Fundraising Committee will be formed that has been founded by Doug and Chris.

V. Identify Next Steps

- Next meeting is on **Thursday, January 27th from 2 - 4 PM** on Zoom and in person at the LCIP Office at 700 Wolske Bay Rd, Suite 275, Menomonie, WI 54751

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82706949720?pwd=bn00anR6QmRgem1sM2pSRnZSM2xXUT09>

Meeting ID: 827 0694 9720 Passcode: 012345 Dial: 312-626-6799

V. Evaluate the Meeting and *Work Plan Objectives*

- Meeting score average was (1-5 scale) **4.87 AVG**

Did we achieve the meeting purpose?

What worked? Meeting structure and discussion

What were the gaps? Getting volunteers to follow up with discussed aspirations

Steps to close the gaps? Work with Chris to follow up with ideas

Discuss action items for next meeting: Everyone was challenged to commit to the work that is desired to be completed in 2022.

Mary-4.8, Jack-4.9 would like people to come up with more brainstorms of how to engage more people and bring more sustaining funds in, Doug-4.8, Keith-4.8, Lia-4.8, Brad-4.9, Sue-4.9, Jim-4.95, Dick-4.95, Chris-4.9- expressed his appreciation to everyone.