

**Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes November 2021
11/3/2021 at 12 pm on Zoom**

1) Welcome

- a) Welcome new attendees

2) HIP HIP HOORAY – personal achievements (any good life or invasives news)

3) Upcoming events, event summaries, important dates ([/www.hcinvasives.org/education](http://www.hcinvasives.org/education))

- a) Nov. 20th – Strike Team at Dillon Park led by Master Gardeners
- b) HIP Partner GIS Mtg January 11th, 2022
<https://hamiltonswcd.salsalabs.org/HIPGISplanningmtg11122/index.html?page=register>

4) Education Station

- a) Ed Station sign up: <https://signup.zone/9FJ8w9vvBkYf6tpdD>
 - i) Stephanie Schuck – NEW SICIM Executive Director
 - (1) Focusing on next agreement with NRCS, business plans, etc.

5) HIP General

- a) Weed Wrangles - fall event schedule?
 - i) Register your WW, more info/volunteer info:
<http://invasivesinhamilton.weebly.com/registerww.html>
 - ii) Hosts: report your data after here: www.hcinvasives.org/weed-wrangle-post-event-submission.html
 - iii) *Send email to email list for spring planning.
- b) GIS mapping project – Claire
 - i) Meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 11th, 2022, 10-11 am, Hamilton County Fairgrounds- Annex Building
 - ii) Invitation sent 10/28/21 to all parks departments and other partners. This meeting is to assess current capabilities and needs.
 - iii) Register: <https://hamiltonswcd.salsalabs.org/HIPGISplanningmtg11122/index.html?page=register>
 - (1) *Street departments, highway and schools. Thought is to get our feet under us with parks needs then pull in highway/street dept.
 - (2) We can use mapping data/info to raise awareness.
 - (3) SS - Partner with a university? Tie it to a class and coursework.
 - (a) JT- IUPUI - Dr. Victoria Schmalhofer
 - (4) General education on GIS available --- free courses online.
- c) Hamilton County Invasive Species Awareness Week 2022 Dates
 - i) It is usually the third week of April so 16th to 23rd.
 - ii) HCISAW will be April 16-23
- d) Invasive species trade in program - www.hcinvasives.org/trade.html
 - i) Social media and press release went out. 5 of 24 distributed so far (10/29).
 - ii) Please promote this program or take advantage on your own!
- e) Boot Brush Program Update – MacGregor and AgriPark installed. Waiting on 4 more to go in.
 - i) www.hcinvasives.org/bootbrush.html
 - ii) *Check back in with CCPR.
- f) 2022 Meeting Schedule
 - i) General meeting every other month with monthly committee meetings?
 - (1) TW – need more people in committee vs general meeting. That is where the real work is done.
 - (2) PF- We can always change back after trying new schedule.
- g) 2022 Goal Setting
 - i) Education Committee will be doing 2022 goal setting in person on November 17th at 12pm in the Annex on the fairgrounds (byo lunch at 11:30).
 - ii) Funds—ambitious and basics budgets
- h) Carmel Comprehensive Plan Updates (see below) – Phil
 - i) Relevant parts are copied below. Good to see these items being integrated.

6) Technical Committee Update

- a) Strike Team
 - i) Funds - Think about what we would spend money on if we had money.
 - ii) MacGregor recap – Taylor and Kim shared some slides with photos and a summary. This event was very successful with participants getting a lot done and having a great time. There is interest in more!
 - iii) Dillon Park Strike Team Workday 11/20/2021, 9am-12 pm

(1) Registration: <https://hamiltonswcd.salsalabs.org/dillonparkstriketeam11202021>

7) **Education Committee Update**

- a) CNAN – Claire spoke at the quarterly Carmel Neighborhood Association Network meeting about the SWCD and HIP. Phil also attended.

8) **Partner Updates**

- a) SWCD - December 16th December Meeting and Luncheon. Conner Prairie speaker. Let Claire know if you want to attend.
- b) CCPR – “thanks to HIP for coming out for our Nature Networking evening at Hazel Landing at the end of October. We had around 15 people join- 7 being members of HIP (and at least 2 a member of both organizations.) We cleared about an acre of Bradford pear!”
- c) HCMGA –
- d) SICIM –
- e) WGT – Finished planting along Midland Trace Trail.
- f) General— Wintercreeper at Morse --- Taylor to follow up with HCPR.

9) **Next meeting(s)**

- a) HIP – 1st Wednesday, alternating 12 and 6
 - i) Next meeting: 12/2 at 6pm
 - (1) 6pm registrations: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-qvpzkrGd3AQvaKB0vDyCFQa829IHXd>
 - (2) 12pm registrations: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdOmqrzMoHNK6PzW4XVTO8Xft9FIIMfbs>
- b) Education Committee – 3rd Wednesday at noon
 - i) 11/17
- c) Technical Committee – 2nd Wednesday at 2:30
 - i) 11/10

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Your invasive for our native!

Show us your removed invasive species and get a FREE 5 gallon native tree!

Supplies are limited!

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I TRADED UP
I removed an invasive species from my yard and replaced it with a native!

Over 80% of invasive species in Indiana have come from the landscape trade.

We can make a difference by removing invasive species like callery pear trees and burning bush from our yards.

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Carmel Comprehensive Plan Updates

The City of Carmel and the Department of Community Services is updating the city's Comprehensive Plan. This update will help to refine goals related to growth for the next 10 years.

The proposed plan draft is now available at www.CarmelComprehensivePlan.com.

Next Steps & Upcoming Dates:

- Review by the Carmel Plan Commission, dates to be determined
- Review and adoption by the Carmel City Council, dates to be determined

Objective 1.6.7

The City should encourage use of watersaving devices, and request that citizens reduce water consumption by proper ("smart") lawn sprinkling and exploring native and drought-resistant landscapes which require less water. Encourage rainwater (i.e. gray water) recycling to reduce potable water consumption and implement reclaimed water systems at City properties to conserve water used for landscaping. **Promote low impact development measures such as stormwater infiltration, rain gardens, and green roofs when feasible.**

Objective 1.6.8

Set the precedent for environmental protection or re-vegetation when developing municipal facilities like parks, fire stations, and maintenance **facilities by planting native and drought-tolerant plants. Ensure similar standards are met by private development.**

Objective 1.6.9

Mitigate the spread of invasive species by planting restrictions and encouraged removals through HOAs and public education programs. The Indiana Invasive Species Council has expansive information about the management of Invasive Species at <https://www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/index.html>.

Objective 1.6.10

Reduce heat island effect by tree preservation and planting, reducing the amount of pavement dedicated to parking and travel lanes, and by encouraging the use of green roofs or reflective surfaces where appropriate.