

**Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes March 2021**  
**3/3/2021 on Zoom, 12pm**

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**1) Welcome**

- a) Welcome new attendees

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

- a) Shelly – passed pesticide applicator core exam!
- b) Mary – 70 Weed Wrangles across Indiana!

**3) Upcoming events, event summaries, important dates**

- a) National Invasive Species Awareness Week AND Hamilton County Invasive Species Awareness Week  
May 15-22, 2021
- b) Indiana Invasive Species Awareness Week – April 18-24th
- c) Strike Team
  - i) March 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm at Riverside Intermediate (contact Taylor or Kim to join the strike team).
- d) HIP hosts HAMPA – April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - i) Fairgrounds pavilion/winks
  - ii) Lunch sponsor- Structurepoint (THANK YOU!)
- e) TPR Enforcement Lunch and Learn with IDNR – Wed. 3/10/21 at 12pm
  - i) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/idnr-nursery-inspector-update-tickets-139005957561>
- f) 2021 CISMA Conference- first week of August

**4) Education Station**

- a) Jamison Hutchins- Central Indiana Land Trust Stewardship Manager
  - i) CILTI is a land trust – 501c3 focusing on protecting and restoring land. They focus on protecting areas in the middle third of the state. They have a conservation plan that guides their work.
    - (1) How CILTI protects land: purchase land and own it, accept donations, accept donations of conservation easements, assist partners with land conservation.
    - (2) The plan and target types of land to preserve are available on their website.
    - (3) After land is protected- it is protected forever, they restore the land to encourage native wildlife and plants. They continue to care and maintain for the land forever. They make the land accessible for the public to enjoy (as able).
    - (4) Oliver’s Woods – 56 acre urban nature preserve near Fashion Mall. They expect this to be a very forward-facing park (canoe launch, trails, house for non-profit meeting use).
    - (5) Meltzer Woods – info and wintercreeper, garlic mustard, burning brush mgt. Recently purchased adjacent property and plan to plant trees (ag currently) in 2022.
    - (6) Glacier’s End/Blossom Hollow – 300 and 70 acres south of Trafalgar.
    - (7) Hamilton County CILTI properties –Krauss
      - <https://conservingindiana.org/preserves/nonie-werbe-krauss-nature-preserve/>
      - Eller Farm - <https://conservingindiana.org/preserves/eller-farm/>
      - Burr Oak Bend: <https://conservingindiana.org/preserves/burr-oak-bend/>

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- b) April- Invasives in other states with Holly Faust
- c) June - DUKE
- d) Sign up to present an Education Station here: <https://signup.zone/9FJ8w9vvBkYf6tpdD>

## 5) HIP General

- a) HIP Fundraising Form – we will be accepting donations to HIP through a page on our new website.
  - i) <https://hamiltonswcd.salsalabs.org/hipfundraisingform>
- b) Education Opportunities
  - i) NAISMA's Online Invasive Species Management Training Program
    - (1) <https://naisma.org/programs/professional-development/ism-course/>
  - ii) Woodland Steward Forestry Webinars
    - (1) <http://www.forestrywebinars.net/webinars/safety-tips-for-working-in-your-woods/>
- c) Boot brush stations
  - i) Funding
    - (1) SICIM Grant Application- submitted 2/25/21, \$1k
    - (2) \$2k from SWCD
    - (3) \$1k from HC Tourism
  - ii) Locations (HC parks and HAMPAs) are/will be determined.
- d) Awareness week plans
  - i) Weed Wrangles, boot brush launches, social media push (with partners)
    - (1) We need a coordinated outreach effort, especially from our park's partners. Claire will reach out.
- e) Weed Wrangles
  - i) Register: <http://invasivesinhamilton.weebly.com/registerww.html>
  - ii) Publicity ideas—partnership- what do we need?
  - iii) Logo Use – Weed Wrangle is a national campaign. We need to use the Weed Wrangle Indiana logo.
    - (1) \*Claire added that caveat and a link to the logo to the WW sign up form.
- f) SWCD Tool Loan – Reminder- reserve your Weed Wrangle supplies in advance
  - i) [www.hamiltonswcd.org/toolloan](http://www.hamiltonswcd.org/toolloan)

## 6) Technical Committee Update

- i) Strike Team event— March 20<sup>th</sup> – Riverside Inter. 9-12 am and 1-4 pm sessions. We are waiting on liability issues/response from county. Back up plan is to use puller bars on the same site. Sign up will go out soon.
- ii) A strike team document is being reviewed.
- iii) Fall Creek Wood Natural Area - likely second Strike Team work location.
- iv) MacGregor Park- another potential location.
- b) Carmel Clay Parks- mapping education day. April 8 and 13 as back up. 4pm at Hazel Landing. We have to sign up as volunteers with CCPR and be approved before we can register. Need to sign up at least a week in advance.
- c) Recording phenology of invasives in Hamilton County – we need to track honeysuckle, etc. (emerge, bloom, seeds, etc.) Kim will note what information we need and Claire will distribute.
- d) Site assessment form – Mary shared an abbreviated site assessment form with Kim. Some of our membership are needed to help conduct some of the assessments.
- e) Pesticide Applicator – Kim has assembled his notes on the Cat 6 book and is willing to share (as well as core curriculum).

## 7) Education Committee Update

- a) Website – full launch Indiana Invasive Species Awareness Week – April 18-24th
- b) Temporary signage—ready! Before, during, and after signs. Contact Claire
- c) Indiana CISMA Network – Claire and Mary are working on a facebook group for statewide CISMA networking/communications. Target launch- May.

## 8) Partner Updates

- a) CCPR – na
- b) HCMGA – Laura has talked with John Russel (Nville Parks) and their WW will be happening.
- c) SICIM – SICIM Annual Meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am
  - i) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sicim-annual-meeting-2021-tickets-140116798115>

- d) WGT –
- e) General--

**9) Next meeting(s)**

- a) HIP – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, alternating 12 and 6
  - i) April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-gvpzkrGd3AQvaKB0vDyCFQa829IHXd>
- b) Education Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at noon
  - i) March 17<sup>th</sup> at 12pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuf-yvqj4tHdfUPTmKpocuqLO-oGGSZMHO>
- c) Technical Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 2:30
  - i) March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30: