

Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes April 2021
4/7/2021 on Zoom at 6pm

1) Welcome

- a) Welcome new attendees
 - i) Lauren Lowry – INPS facebook
 - ii) Kelly Kishel

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

- a) HIP/Invasives in the News:
 - i) <https://www.indystar.com/story/news/environment/2021/04/06/council-considers-banning-invasive-bradford-pear-tree-indiana/6988023002/>
 - ii) <https://www.indystar.com/story/news/environment/2021/04/06/indiana-native-plants-gardening/6988033002/>
 - iii) https://www.youarecurrent.com/2021/04/06/weed-wrangle-events-aim-to-remove-invasive-species-throughout-hamilton-county/?fbclid=IwAR1oAT6A9eWImNJ37V_PiUYwqIV7kRI4_LzG62Yu6eb6ydA1f2MI0ciW18k
- b) Taylor – Making strides on some property she manages in southern Indiana.
- c) Lisa Meek – shared Bradford Pear article with some neighbors. Two have agreed to cut down theirs. My Indiana Farm publication—pollinator article but featured non-native plants. Lisa wrote a letter to the editor.
- d) Mary—over 100 Weed Wrangles scheduled in Indiana!
- e) Kim – Shelly passed pesticide applicator program! Kim did too!
- f) SICIM Grant – we were awarded \$1,000 for boot brush station project

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) Cool Creek Invasive Species Service Day/Weed Wrangle - April 22nd, 2021 9am-4pm
 - i) 2 shifts 9-12 and 1-4. Company is bringing 25 ppl per shift. HIP volunteers needed for infield education of volunteers. Contact Steve Sneath to volunteer – steve.sneath@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
- d) HIP hosts HAMPAs – April 8th at 11:30
 - i) Fairgrounds pavilion/winks
 - ii) Lunch sponsor- Structurepoint (THANK YOU!)
- e) 2021 CISMA Conference- first week of August

4) Education Station

- a) Invasives in other states with Holly Faust
 - i) Lionfish in Florida
 - (1) Competitions for garlic mustard pulling?
- b) June - DUKE
- c) Sign up to present an Education Station here: <https://signup.zone/9FJ8w9vvBkYf6tpdD>

5) HIP General

- a) Bonfire Apparel - <https://www.bonfire.com/store/hcinvasives/>
 - i) We can order screen-printed t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, and sweatshirts through this site!
- b) TPR Update Webinar Review
 - i) Review Claire's notes
 - (1) http://www.hcinvasives.org/uploads/3/7/2/3/37236909/for_april--_tpr_update_31021.docx
- c) Boot brush stations
 - i) Funding
 - (1) \$2,000 from SWCD, \$1,000 + signage from HC Tourism Inc., \$1,000 grant from SICIM.
 - (2) Tourism is helping design signage and will help develop sponsorship packages.
 - ii) Locations (HC parks and HAMPAs) are/will be determined. Will host a ribbon cutting.

- iii) HIP “open houses” after install. Each station for ~3 hours. We will need volunteers for HC invasive species awareness week (May 15 - 22). Talk about HIP, boot brush stations. Hand out info, handheld boot brushes, and seed packets.
- iv) Grant with tourism and Friends of the White River applied for via tourism.
- d) Awareness week plans
 - i) Weed Wrangles, boot brush launches, social media push (with partners)
 - (1) We all need to share and like/comment etc on HIP posts to boost interaction!
- e) Weed Wrangles
 - i) Register: <http://invasivesinhamilton.weebly.com/registerww.html>
 - ii) Report: <http://www.hcinvasives.org/weed-wrangle-post-event-submission.html>
 - (1) The management plan shouldn't be a barrier. Taylor and/or Mary can help.

6) Technical Committee Update

- a) Carmel Clay Parks – Mapping training with CCPR to be held on 4/15 at 4pm.
 - i) Register: <https://carmelclayparks.z2systems.com/np/clients/carmelclayparks/projectList.jsp?query.project.id=803>
- b) Strike Teamwork Day Update – The first workday was held at Teter and was a great success.
- c) Phenology – Kim is collecting phenology data. Please review the shared spreadsheet for information and then add your observations.
 - i) <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11MQIIBBY03zzGz3qL2l2WYG17-EsMhfl/view?usp=sharing>
- d) Photo sites- Kim and his son will be doing some drone aerials, photography, and video of some infested sites next weekend around Noblesville. If you have ideas for sites that should be captured, please email Kim and/or Claire. Please feel free to safely take your own photos and share them with us so we can build a stash of photos for outreach.
 - i) 38 and Hauge – update from HAMPAs Noblesville Parks is doing some callery pear removal and wetland restoration on the western side.
 - ii) Rangeline and 465
 - iii) Along 146th west of White River
- e) Strike Team – Fall Creek Woods and MacGregor Park assessments. No events currently until herbicide issues resolved.
 - i) *Claire to follow up--- again.
 - ii) Volunteers are welcome to join assessments. Contact Taylor or Kim.

7) Education Committee Update

- a) Website – up and running and we're adding new items.
- b) Lisa and Laura will give a presentation for garden group on 4/28.

8) Partner Updates

- a) CCPR – na
- b) HCMGA – na
- c) SICIM – Indiana Invasive Species Awareness Week – April 14-24th
- d) WGT – private property Weed Wrangle on May 1st on a neighbor's property.
- e) General-- na

9) Next meeting(s)

- a) HIP – 1st Wednesday, alternating 12 and 6
 - i) 5/5 at 12pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-qvpzkrGd3AQvaKB0vDyCFQa829IHXd>
- b) Education Committee – 3rd Wednesday at noon
 - i) 4/21 12pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuf-yvqj4tHdfUPTmKpocuqLO-oGGSZMHO>
- c) Technical Committee – 2nd Wednesday at 2:30
 - i) 4/14 at 2:30.