

Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes June 2021
6/2/2021 on Zoom at 6pm

1) Welcome

- a) Welcome new attendees
 - i) Denise Cotton

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

- a) Dorrie is taking a grasses and sedges class at Eagle Creek. Go Dorrie!

3) Upcoming events, event summaries, important dates

- a) **Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation - World Environment Day at Hazel Landing Park**
June 4th, 2021 - 2-4 pm
- b) **Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation - Friendship Day Volunteer Event at Founders Park**
August 1st, 2021- 12-2 pm
- c) **2021 CISMA Conference- August 4-7** ---Registration open: <https://indianainvasivesinitiative.org/>
- d) **Cool Creek Weed Wrangle**—Volunteers needed - October 9 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Cool Creek Park.
Contact Steve Sneath (HCPR) at steve.sneath@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

4) Education Station

- a) Andrew Mertz - System Forester for Distribution Vegetation Management, Duke Energy
 - i) Master Arborist and Consulting Arborist, started career as restoration ecologist. Duke has 31,000 miles of transmission lines (70,000 acres) and 280,000 miles of distributions lines (<69,000 voltz. On streets, alleys, etc.) They focus on right tree, right place with homeowners to limit incompatible plantings.
 - ii) Duke manages invasive species not because they are invasive but because they are incompatible vegetation (access, grow into lines, affect reliability). Utility companies do not typically own right of ways and/or easements. They often need property owner permission to remove vegetation – they can just prune.
 - iii) See the recording here: <https://youtu.be/R-KYFQTVobo>

***Nature Grants Program – applications due in September. Duke Energy Foundation online.**

Patrick Duncan – distribution vegetation specialist in Hamilton County.

- b) 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) Awareness week recap
 - i) Weed Wrangles were a success.
 - ii) Social media – report upcoming
- c) Boot brush stations
 - i) Additional locations are being sought. Fill out application on website
- d) Weed Wrangles
 - i) Register your WW, more info/volunteer info:
<http://invasivesinhamilton.weebly.com/registerww.html>
 - ii) Hosts: report your data after here: <http://www.hcinvasives.org/weed-wrangle-post-event-submission.html>
 - (1) HCMGA went well.
- e) Website review and needs - tabled
- f) Comprehensive Plan- our feedback was integrated (p 51). Claire is following up with Commissioner Altman on how to proceed.

6) Technical Committee Update

- a) Phenology –Kim Gauen
 - i) Slow going adding new info.
Add data/observations to the spreadsheet:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11MQIIBBY03zzGz3qL2l2WYG17-EsMhfl/view?usp=sharing>
- b) Mapping – will be discussed at next meeting
 - i)

7) Education Committee Update

- a) No updates - refocusing after isaw on goals.

8) Partner Updates

- a) CCPR –
- b) HCMGA – may be developing a strike team. Should they be together with ours?
- c) SICIM –
- d) WGT –
- e) General--

9) Next meeting(s)

- a) HIP – 1st Wednesday, alternating 12 and 6
 - i) Next meeting: 7/7 at 12pm – IN PERSON—Fairgrounds Conference Room
 - (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) 6/16 12pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuf-yvqj4tHdfUPTmKpocuqLO-oGGSZMHO>
- c) Technical Committee – 2nd Wednesday at 2:30
 - i) 6/9 at 2:30
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kdemtpzMoHNchEqX_3ULpHxOFnHtpol3f



Top Fan

Patti Alexander

This is great info. Not being from Indiana I am now excited to be part of the solution and educate myself about these invasive species! 🙌🙌🙌

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I learned so much, got to meet great people and spend time with my son doing something he believes in. It was a perfect day!

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