

**Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes September 2021**  
**9/1/2021 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) CISMA conference recap
  - i) CCPR Field Day- Founders Park and Hazel Landing tour and had CARDNO contractor there to go over management. Went over partnerships. Great day!
  - ii) Claire attended the Eagle's Crest (Indy Parks) field day. Ecologic was there. We did management talks and demos and a tour.
  - iii) Mary reported that the recorded presentations were great—especially on EAB and garlic mustard.
- b) Restoring HOA Native Landscapes Webinar
  - i) Webinar recording available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ex5er-CNAmY>
- c) Emerging Invasive Plants in Central Indiana Webinar
  - i) Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fhsX9KDz5Q>
- d) Safety and Eradication Techniques presentation to HCMGA at the pavilion at Dillon Park (rain date is 9-27)
  - i) Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7:00PM
  - ii) No registration required.
- e) TREE SALE Volunteer Opportunities (9/29, 9/30 and 10/1) sign up:
  - i) <https://signup.com/go/fkxFBES>
- f) HIP Strike Team @ Fall Creek Township Natural Area in Fishers
  - i) Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9AM to noon – date is pending confirmation with land manager
  - ii) Brand new park, great opportunity.
- g) HIP Strike Team @ MacGregor Park at HY31 and HY38
  - i) Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9AM to noon
  - ii) Relatively clean space so we want to keep it that way.
- h) Native Alternatives to Common Invasive Species
  - i) October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – Hamilton East Public Library
  - ii) Registration now open:  
<https://hepl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=63174&lib=1,1001&et=6&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2021/10/01>
  - iii) Our home landscape is a common source of invasive plant species and pathway for those plants to escape into natural areas. Join the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership and Soil and Water Conservation District to learn about common invasives species found in our yards and native alternatives.
- i) Cool Creek Weed Wrangle— HIP volunteers needed - October 9 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Cool Creek Park. Contact Steve Sneath (HCPR) at [steve.sneath@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:steve.sneath@hamiltoncounty.in.gov).
- j) Amos Butler Audubon Society (ABAS) and HIP Strike Team workday with CCPR
  - i) Wednesday 10/13 from 4:30-6:00, Invasives and trash pick up options. Good opportunity to bring the two groups together.
  - ii) Register:  
<https://carmelclayparks.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/carmelclayparks/projectList.jsp?query.project.id=843>
- k) Carmel HOA group (CNAN) – Claire to present on 10/28 @ 6pm

**4) Education Station**

- a) [MIPN Landscape Alternative App Version 2](#)—updated. Available on Android (Bugwood) and Apple
  - i) App recommends alternatives to invasives (not all alternatives are native unfortunately)
  - ii) Webinar to show all features of the app is on 9/16 at 12 EST :  
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJukfumrqDgsEtfDRRQ9Px5rKB3dLdsnljr4>

- b) MIPN Landscape Alternative Brochure - Available digitally [here](#) OR Claire has hundreds of copies at the SWCD if you want some to give out.
- c) Other great new MIPN guides:
  - i) [Landscaping with Native Plants to Ward off Invasives and Benefit Wildlife \(A homeowners guide\)](#)
  - ii) [Restoring Natural Areas to Prevent Secondary Invasions \(A land manager's guide\)](#)
- d) Ed Station sign up : <https://signup.zone/9FJ8w9vvBkYf6tpdD>

## 5) HIP General

- a) Social media – Facebook profile photo frame and Instagram stickers (see below)
- b) 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: <http://www.hcinvasives.org/weed-wrangle-post-event-submission.html>
- c) GIS mapping – Claire --tabled
  - i) Fall meeting to be scheduled
- d) Spotted Lantern Fly – SAVE THE DATE: There will be talks with DNR Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology on October 5th. Two sessions, one around noonish and one in early evening.
- e) Indiana CISMA Leadership Network – Claire
  - i) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/indianacismanetwork>
- f) Hamilton County Invasive Species Awareness Week 2022 Dates
  - i) State dates won't be confirmed until the end of the year. It is usually the third week of April.
- g) Pear swap

## 6) Technical Committee Update

- a) Strike Team is consuming most of their efforts. They are chipping away at the rest of 2021 goals.

## 7) Education Committee Update

- a) [Landscape Alternative Brochures](#) from MIPN – available at SWCD

## 8) Partner Updates

- a) SWCD
  - i) Cover crop seeds available. There was a question on potential invasiveness of vetch. Per Angie Garrison (NRCS) Vetch can be aggressive but if managed as a cover properly it is not an issue-kill at bloom
  - ii) Tree sale: Please promote and sign up to volunteer!  
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/355371062068/true#/invitation>
- b) CCPR – New Park Bear Creek Park – 146<sup>th</sup> St. and Shelbourne. Public input and focus group meetings coming up @6:30 tonight 9/1/21. Looking for input from eco-coconscious individuals and organizations.
- c) HCMGA – Combining with HIP Strike Team. Another meeting will be set up.
- d) SICIM – SICIM is looking for topics for the next lunch and learn. Contact Mary with ideas!
- e) WGT – Formulating plans for replanting along Midland Trace.
- f) General-- none
- g) NRCS – EQIP is an opportunity for invasives mgt funding at the federal level. 3 years of cost share. You do have to have a forestry plan. Funding each year can vary. No acreage minimum. Have to have ag income (which can be timber). Contact Angie Garrison at 317-373-2345 (cell), 765-482-6355 x 8675 (office),  
[Angela.garrison@usda.gov](mailto:Angela.garrison@usda.gov)
  - i) More info:  
[https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/in/programs/financial/eqip/nrcs144p2\\_031015/](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/in/programs/financial/eqip/nrcs144p2_031015/)

## 9) Next meeting(s)

- a) HIP – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, alternating 12 and 6
  - i) Next meeting: 10/6 at 6pm
    - (1) 6pm registrations:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-qvpzkrGd3AQvaKB0vDyCFQa829IHXd>

(2) 12pm registrations:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0pdOmqrzMoHNK6PzW4XVTO8Xft9FIIMfbs>

- b) Education Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at noon
  - i) 9/15, 10/20, 11/17
- c) Technical Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 2:30
  - i) 9/8, 10/13, 11/10



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