

Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes May 2020

- 1) Welcome
 - a) Intros (name, org)
 - b) One good thing
 - i) Claire, Dorrie Keyes, Mary Welz, Joanna Woodruff, Kim Gauen, Dan McCord, Andrew Fritz, Drew Kishel, Nick Bonnet, Gordon Hopp, Debbie Durst, Craig Wind, Lisa Meek, Laura Mc.
- 2) Upcoming events/important dates
 - a) June 3rd 7:30 pm – Invasive Plants in Indiana and the Terrestrial Plant Rule Webinar
 - i) Joint webinar hosted by HIP, SWCD, and INPS Central Chapter
 - ii) Register at www.hcinvasives.org
 - b) August 20th – Re-scheduled date for State CISMA Conference
- 3) Weed Wrangle Updates
 - a) Re-schedule for fall? – will revisit later this summer
 - b) Virtual Weed Wrangles – ongoing.
- 4) Website – www.hcinvasives.org
 - a) Currently a page on hamiltonswcd.org. Can be developed into its own site as we have content.
- 5) Terrestrial Plant Rule
 - a) HIP Terrestrial Plant Rule Outreach
 - i) Press release was sent.
 - ii) Social graphic- was posted by multiple HIP partners. Claire shared on Indiana Invasive Plant advisory Committee Facebook group (join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/332086560211528/>) and shared a generic (non-branded) version others could use.
 - b) Phil made a connection with an Indy Star reporter and HIP was mentioned in two great articles surrounding the TPR release.
 - i) Here's why you should think twice before planting a Bradford pear tree
<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/environment/2020/04/21/bradford-pear-trees-why-you-should-think-twice-before-planting/2995229001/>
 - ii) These common landscaping plants are now illegal to sell in Indiana. Here's why.
<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/environment/2020/04/21/invasive-species-list-illegal-landscaping-plants/5146600002/>
 - iii) Copies of article distributed to WeCan (the Westfield HOA association) and CNAN (the Carmel HOA association) leadership for them to distribute to members. Thanks Phil!
 - c) Learn more in webinar on June 3rd (info above).
- 6) Seed Swaps- potential sources of invasives and spread. This may be an issue HIP wants to be involved in since plant sales/seed swaps/trades are a big source of invasive spread.
- 7) Partner Updates
 - a) SWCD
 - i) Office closed, open by appointment including tool loan.
 - ii) Applied for SIA Foundation grant for 12 boot brushing stations – waiting to hear back.
 - iii) Graphic design intern – starts next week, should be able to help with branding and resource development.
 - b) NAISMA – this week is invasive species awareness week part 2. Lots of great webinars available (watch live, recorded versions for paid members only)

i) <https://www.naisma.org/programs/professional-development/webinars/?fbclid=IwAR0CbgZS8nXa-gyJmLDbAV2krsLZfHMPFsyu3H1tfYNNX3xDOCuX9Q4oie0>

- c) SICIM/III
- d) Others

8) Committees

a) Summary –

- i) *Education - assess education needs and respond by developing resources, handouts, online tools, and workshops. Community event tabling, etc.*
- ii) *Technical- Andrew - includes eradication, site assessment, survey and reporting tool development, management best practices, etc.*
- iii) *Organization- broad decision making, develop and maintain strategic plan, etc.*
 - (1) *Funding - Will cover identifying funding needs (working with other committees) and seeking out funding opportunities, building funding partnerships with businesses, etc.*
 - (2) *Policy- will address policy needs and actions both local and state level.*
- iv) *Volunteer- will solicit volunteers for CISMA events, coordinate their actions and reporting, likely develop a listing of volunteer opps county wide.*
 - (1) *On hold until volunteer needs presented.*
 - (a) **Need higher trained volunteers – would that fall under tech or volunteer committee?**
 - (b) **Carmel parks trains day of at the event.**
 - (c) **Tom Hohman may have good insight– strike team. Andrew will follow up.**
 - (d) **Angie Miller in Tippecanoe also has a strike group and would be good to connect with.**
 - (e)

b) Breakouts (30 minutes)

- i) Goals
 - (1) Go over committee goals
 - (2) Action items
- ii) Short break – add in chat if you would like to go to tech committee.

c) Reconvene – breakout summaries

- i) Education -
 - (1) Developing vision statement and action plan
 - (2) Developing target audience list
 - (3) Branding development ongoing.
 - (4) Coordinating actions with similar groups— will be reaching out and hopefully networking at the state conference.
 - (5) List of what materials we want to be able to hand out
 - (6) Develop handout/presentation
 - (7) Reach younger groups via social media.
 - (8) YouTube channel might be a good option at some point.
 - (9) Use natives to lure people into invasives issues.
- ii) Technical - had some new people, went over some items they are working on. New agenda item—top 10 species of concern. Joanna and Kim will reach out to the ed committee.
 - (1) Shared committee member/liaison between the two
 - (2) Developing committee roster
 - (3) Work with state chemist to make a cheat sheet for applicator license and cert license.
 - (4) Looking at what a train the trainer program would look like so HIP members can do site surveys.
 - (5) Committee recruitment—folks they want to reach out to.
 - (6) Next meeting-- June 16th at 2:30 after the next meeting.

9) Next Steps

a) Next meeting – June 17th, 12-2, ONLINE

i) Moved from June 3 (not meeting in person, more time for committee work)

ii) What is working, and not working with these meetings? Email me feedback.