

Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes January 2021

1) Welcome

- a) Welcome new attendees
 - i) Matt Belsley- New MG Intern
 - ii) Ted Bleicher – American Structurepoint
 - iii) Tim Hutchison – New MG Intern
 - iv) Chandler Bryant – HC Parks – Regional Parks Operations Manager

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

- a) Congrats Joanna!
- b) Kim- 2/3 of the way done with work on the 20 Teter acres.

3) Upcoming events, event summaries, important dates

- a) National Invasive Species Awareness Week – May 15-22, 2021
 - i) Additional education and outreach week Feb 22-28
- b) Strike Team Event – March 20th 9am-4pm at TBD
 - i) Day long event. Likely working on honeysuckle at a local school (116th to 106th St. along White River- Riverside). Looking for Strike Team members--- more of an targeted attack team vs volunteer. INPS SWAT Team- Laura can act as a liaison and share our Strike Team events (Taylor work with Laura).
- c) HIP hosts HAMPA – April 8th

4) Education Station

- i) Feb ES presenter?
- ii) March ES presenter?
- iii) April ES presenter?

5) HIP General

- a) Business cards reminder
- b) Hamilton County Plan Commission Comprehensive Plan Feedback (yellow added)

i) **(4) Invasive Species**

The Indiana Invasive Species Council has expansive information about the management of Invasive Species, including lists of invasive plant, plant pests & diseases, animals, animal diseases, and aquatic species which was updated in 2020. Species lists can be found on the Indiana Invasive Species Council website at <https://www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/index.html>. Local organizations who can provide invasive species support include the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District and Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP).

Recommendations

a. Create an ordinance that would restrict the planting of invasive plants and other invasive species.

b. ~~Require Home Owner Associations to include restrictive species in their covenants during the planning process.~~

“Require HOA’s to include a list of restricted invasive species and a list of suggested native alternatives in their covenants during the planning process as well as procedures to enforce said restrictions.” **point to a list of species (above)

Challenges- inspections, subs, consistency across lists

c. Develop an educational and incentive program to encourage private landowners to manage invasive species on their properties.

- c) Weed Wrangles (Claire)
 - i) 1st meeting Jan 19 or 26
 - ii) May 15th for Weed Wrangles? Possibly earlier to hit Garlic Mustard
- d) HIP logo at Lands' End Business
 - i) We can get the HIP logo embroidered on any of the 1,000's of items offered through Lands' End Business Outfitters. The cost to embroider an item \$6.95.
 - ii) <https://business.landsend.com/store/hip> or use the following Logo ID 1668877 and customer ID 7188543.
- e) 2021 Goals Finalized
 - i) Education
 - (1) **Track our successes and effectiveness (make tracking a priority)**
 - (2) **Expand education committee**
 - (3) **Utilize multiple outreach mechanisms to connect with priority audiences**
 - ii) Technical
 - (1) **Provide quality onsite technical assistance/leadership to private landowners and HIP partners**
 - (2) **Develop management resources for landowners and partners**
 - (3) **Identify and initiate standardized use of mapping and reporting systems.**
 - *Need information specific to Hamilton County—we want to gather and distribute.
 - *Prioritize the “worst” areas. Focus on sensitive areas, prominent areas, emerging species. Identify areas with our partners.
- f) Wintercreeper at Morse Park and Beach
 - i) Kim ID'd a good location for some removal and utilization of temporary signage. Claire reached out to Amanda and will coordinate to get signage going and set up strike team link.
- g) Boot Brush Stations
 - i) Claire is also working on getting some boot brush stations for install at count parks trailheads during NISAW.

6) Technical Committee Update

- a) Pesticide Applicator Group (Kim) – There is interest in pesticide applicator certification. There is a lot of confusion due to covid and lack of clarity from stat website. Winter might be a good time to get that certification. Kim will work with Dorrie to outline how to certify. Lana updated us that there aren't in person classes for the foreseeable future so they are using self-study and take a proctored test. Claire might be able to help with book purchases or coordinating the proctored test if needed.
 - i) We need to know- who wants to pursue the certification? Claire can put it in the next newsletter.
 - ii) We aren't required to have the certification if working as volunteers, but it does lend credibility that would be a positive for the strike team.

7) Education Committee Update- NA

8) Partner Updates

- a) CCPR
 - i) Bear Creek Park—Lana/Joanna, 27 acres at 146th and Shelbourne. Master planning will be taking place. Joanna will keep us updated.
 - ii) Volunteer events- Lana – March 19th Vernal Equinox – potential Weed Wrangle at Hazel Landing coupled with DIY home tree planting. Earth Day event at Woodland Garden at Central Park.
 - iii) Tree Swap – year three. Remove invasives on their property and send photo to CCPR. They will get a contactless pick up of a native tree.
 - iv) Mapping- Training on collector. Taylor will work with Lana.

- b) HCMGA – ongoing work and launching new outreach efforts.
- c) SICIM – 1st Quarterly CISMA Network Mtg. Feb. 11th 11:30-12:30
- d) WGT- Weed Wrangle this spring.

9) Next meeting(s)

- a) HIP – February 3rd, 2021 at 6 pm- ZOOM
 - i) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89083792139?pwd=VWI6NTRnZW0xc1l0L3FmREd6L0FMUT09>
- b) Education Committee – not currently scheduled. Will update in follow up email.
- c) Technical Committee January 13th at 2:30 pm – ZOOM
 - i) <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwof-6urDMpHtX3YfSMTRLT6LG-0KGQFtcT>

Attendees:

- Taylor Wilson
- Claire Lane
- Laura McCloughan
- Mary Welz
- Matt Belsley
- Shelly Brown
- Tim Hutchison
- Holly Faust
- Joanna Scott
- Danesa Stolz
- Phil Flannagan
- Kim Gauen
- Dorrie Keyes
- Ted Bleicher
- Lana Ramer
- Lisa Meek
- Chandler Bryant