

Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes December 2020

1) Welcome

- a) Welcome new attendees

2) HIP HIP HOORAY

- a) Volunteers seek to clear White River banks in Hamilton County of invasive plants, Indy Star 11/9/20
 - i) <https://www.indystar.com/story/news/local/hamilton-county/2020/11/09/white-river-banks-hamilton-county-volunteer-clear-invasive-plants/6178711002/>
 - ii) This was a good promotion of invasives species work in the county, and good promo for HIP. Great job Noblesville!
- b) Other good news (invasives, not partner updates)
 - i) Kim Gauen shared that out at Teeter they've done 50% of their 20-acre project and he's hoping that the rest will go easier than the first half. They also worked with KIB and IWF and used a woodchipper to work on some other bush honeysuckle. Kim also shared that he's eliminated some invasives on his own property.

3) Upcoming events, event summaries, important dates

- a) Strike team events
 - i) Some continued work at Teeter, but it'll slow down due to herbicide requirements and the cold.
 - ii) Strike team updates: Currently working on getting a team together and identifying sites. Phil mentioned that we should partner more with our parks to solidify those partnerships. *Probably no workdays until early spring.*
- b) Upcoming invasives surveys
 - i) Mary is done with surveys until spring, unless they have a specific wintercreeper or English ivy concern.
- c) National Invasive Species Awareness Week – May 16-23 (Claire is confirming these dates)

4) Education Station

- a) Grow Indiana Natives Certification Program- Claire
 - i) See the presentation on the SWCD invasives webpage
 - ii) There was confusion about what the invasive species list used to determine invasive free retailers were. Lisa and Claire will look and clarify to see what plant list is used. Phil noted that if the TPR is used, there may be an opportunity to reach out to current certified retailers and provide a more updated list.
***It is the Official Indiana Invasive Plant List:**
<https://www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/invasiveplants.html>
 - iii) Mary will talk to Ellen about links that need updated on the Grow Indiana Natives website.
 - iv) Claire noted that CISMAs can promote the garden certifications but starting a certification program takes a lot of work, time, and energy. Promotion and support are the most effective use of our time vs creating our own.
 - v) John Troth brought up having information about this program at the local parks as a way of increasing awareness. This could be something that HIP provides.



5) HIP General

- a) Business cards are ordered
 - i) The new cards will look like the image at the bottom. There's enough room on them to write our individual names.
- b) HIP Committee Emails – listed on business cards. Should be used for HIP related correspondence with partners, etc.
- c) Weed Wrangles (Claire)
 - i) Timing? – **NISAW May 16-23**
 - ii) If you're interested in joining the weed wrangle committee look out for an email from Claire or reach out to her directly.
- d) Hip logo at Lands End business – Lisa
 - i) We will be able to order HIP logo items. Look for the link in the newsletter. (*NEWSLETTER)
- e) Boot brushes: Claire put in an order through the SWCD with the HIP logo on them. These can be used as giveaways or educational items to encourage people to clean their boots before/after working or hiking.
- f) 2021 Goals
 - i) Claire and Taylor presented the draft goals. We need people to take ownership of individuals effort/programs. We need feedback! You can review the draft goals and provide feedback here:
Technical: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rc3aAJTlKdDvaWIPt_cmtbFt1iPtDb/view
Education: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fo7-CjNlouPp2dLdwtsDQ-XhogiySWZ/view?usp=sharing>
 - ii) The deadline for comments is Sunday December 13th.
 - iii) Claire and Taylor will be putting the goals together into one comprehensive document

6) Partner Updates

- a) CCPR Bear Creek Park: Carmel is forming a new park and we may be able to provide invasive support. We will follow up with Lana and/or Joanna next month.
- b) HCMGA-Seed swap opportunity. The SWCD has already requested one table at the event.
- c) SICIM: Dawn Slack is encouraging CISMAS to adopt an area to work on. Taylor mentioned the strike team could adopt an unloved "abandoned" lot, roadside, etc. Somewhere that just won't be worked on without interference. The lot next to the SWCD is a great example, but Taylor is unsure of what is needed to begin that project.

7) Next meeting(s)

- a) HIP – January 6th, 2020 at 12 pm- ZOOM
- b) Education Committee – na
- c) Technical Committee – December 9th at 7 pm

Attendees:

- Taylor Wilson
- Claire Lane
- Phil Flannagan
- Mary Welz
- Lisa Meek
- Dorrie Keyes
- Craig Wind
- Angie Garrison
- John Troth
- Kim Gauen
- Laura McCloughan
- Pattie Chester
- Shelly Brown
- Crystal Renskers