

## Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Notes

4.1.20

- 1) Welcome
  - a) Intros (name, org)
  - b) One good thing
- 2) Weed Wrangle Updates
  - a) Status updates
    - i) CCPR – Joanna- programs delayed through Memorial Day
    - ii) HCMGA/ Nville - Laura/Lisa – HCMGA part canceled, Nville parks hopeful, will confirm
    - iii) WGT/Westfield Parks – Sarah – Likely canceling/rescheduling
    - iv) Teter – on hold, update 4.3 Duke is out.
    - v) Potters Bridge/HCPH – Andrew- canceled
  - b) Virtual Weed Wrangles
    - i) SICIM is encouraging virtual weed wrangles where individuals do invasive species work on their property or parks property with permissions and within all CDC guidelines and proper materials disposal then post on social media. We will encourage these. Claire will share social media posting and flyer (also on <https://www.hamiltonswcd.org/weedwrangle.html>).
- 3) Website – hcinvasives.org
  - a) Purchased, directed to SWCD CISMA/HIP page for now.
- 4) Terrestrial Plant Rule
  - a) Press release was sent out on 3.26.20. Appeared in The Reporter on 3.28.20.
  - b) HIP Terrestrial Plant Rule Outreach
    - i) Press release – will forward to entire group for use. Phil will share with The Current and IndyStar.
    - ii) Social graphic
      - (1) Feedback – overall liked by group.
      - (2) Claire will send graphic and timeline for posting early next week.
- 5) Partner Updates
  - a) SWCD
    - i) Office closed
    - ii) Applied for SIA Foundation grant for 12 boot brushing stations
    - iii) Sustainability Workshop canceled
    - iv) Graphic design intern – doing interviews
    - v) Native plant and rain barrel sale – still going. Orders due April 17 (plants), mid May (barrels). Pick up on May 29<sup>th</sup> was already low/no contact.
  - b) NAISMA – NAISMA has great monthly webinars that are available for the public. Only NAISMA members can watch recorded/past webinars BUT they have made 20+ hours of webinars available for free plus weekly webinars in April in response to the pandemic.
    - i) Great opportunity to share some on demand education with members and the public. These webinars are a bit higher level (above the basics) but great.
      - (1) Upcoming webinars- Register here: <https://www.naisma.org/programs/professional-development/webinars/>
        - (a) Next week's webinar (APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>) : What's that smell? The curious case of the Callery pear  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6444408480495842827>
        - (2) Scroll down to the bottom for past webinars you can view

c) SICIM

- i) Landowner surveys – SICIM is encouraging all HIP/CISMA members to have their own invasive survey/assessment completed. This can be completed by Andrew and/or Mary.
  - (1) We need to track these well so we can report back to council.

6) Committees

a) Summary – Claire presented the committee summaries below and shared the digital file of the March meeting committee outcomes.

- i) Education - assess education needs and respond by developing resources, handouts, online tools, and workshops. Community event tabling, etc.
- ii) Organization- broad decision making, develop and maintain strategic plan, etc.
- iii) Funding - Will cover identifying funding needs (working with other committees) and seeking out funding opportunities, building funding partnerships with businesses, etc.
- iv) Policy- will address policy needs and actions both local and state level.
- v) Volunteer- will solicit volunteers for CISMA events, coordinate their actions and reporting, likely develop a listing of volunteer opps county wide.
- vi) Technical- Andrew - includes eradication, site assessment, survey and reporting tool development, management best practices, etc.

- (1) Discuss EDDmaps webinar in breakout

b) Breakouts (30 minutes) - Most attendees in April meeting were Tech and Ed so we only broke out into those groups.

- i) Breakout goals
  - (1) Leadership
  - (2) When can we meet?
  - (3) Action items
  - (4) Who is missing on this committee?

c) Reconvene whole group for summaries

- i) **Education** (Phil, Lisa, Laura, Claire)
  - (1) Claire will forward the full HIP list with emails to the committee so they can reach out to membership to draw in new members.
  - (2) Com. Will use CISMA state listing (<http://www.sicim.info/cismas>) to network with other CISMA's and learn about their target audiences.
  - (3) The committee will use a group email to find a meeting time/place. Claire can set up virtual meeting space.
- ii) **Technical** (Andrew, Joanna, Brittany, Mary ....?)
  - (1) Committee reviewed the previous month's goals.
  - (2) They will meet (virtually for now) every other week. Andrew will set up the meeting.
  - (3) They are/have identified people to invite (HCUCA, etc.)

7) Next Steps

- a) Next full HIP meeting is May 20 - 6-8pm at the Annex (will email if switched to online).
- b) Things are complicated but we need to drive forward into action via committees.