

Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes

July 2020

- 1) Welcome
 - a) ~~Intros (name, org)~~-Welcome new attendees!
 - b) One good thing - put in chat box as you enter!
- 2) Upcoming events, event summaries, important dates
 - a) Re-scheduled date for State CISMA Conference – August 20th
 - i) Moving online, registration full.
 - b) ICP Central Invasives Training (Mary) – Sept. 3rd, Carmel
 - i) Registration is now open! ID and management info-great for those interested in doing invasives assessments (multiple trainings needed).
 - ii) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/indiana-invasive-plant-training-series-central-carmel-tickets-106982072258>
 - iii) * Likely shifting online. Plenty of space to register however so please join!

Save the Date INDIANA INVASIVE PLANTS TRAINING

Thursday, September 3rd
9am-4:30pm

Cool Creek Nature Center
2000 E 151st St, Carmel, IN

sicim.info/regional-trainings

This training is for anyone in Central Indiana interested in invasive plant identification and management, habitat restoration, and land conservation.

Registration is Required
Limited to 30 attendees.



- 3) Education Station (~10-15 minute education break for each meeting on species or emerging topic)
 - i) Teasels – Mary
 - (1) See the slides at the bottom of this page: <https://www.hamiltonswcd.org/invasivespecies.html>

- 4) Outreach
 - a) Branding update
 - i) Logo and social media launch – Claire
 - (1) In June Claire created 5 social media posts and captions to “launch” our new logo and our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter). They were posted throughout the month and partners posted or shared the posts. Claire encouraged everyone to “like” the pages and share the posts or encourage friends and neighbors to “like” the channels to broaden our platform.
 - b) Newsletter style summary- instead of a standard email, Claire created a newsletter style follow up message to share with the entire group. It included the logo launch, standard meeting notes, invitations to HIP and committee meetings, the June Education Station, and invitation to take the tech committee survey and general updates. It was well received and had good open rates. She will try to keep doing these so please share any info or features you would like to include.
 - c) General outreach- Thank you to Hamilton County Parks for sharing a blurb “right” about HIP in their Fall Chatterbox programming and event guide.



HC Parks Chatterbox

- 5) Partner Updates
 - a) SWCD – Claire and Andrew
 - i) Tree sale—The SWCD tree sale is open and accepting orders for 35 species of native trees and shrubs. The sale is the District’s biggest fundraiser and those proceeds are what allows the District to support HIP at this time so please encourage people to order!
 - ii) Andrew update—Andrew shared with the group that in August he will be stepping away from his role as Urban Conservation Technician at the district to move to California and start a new life with his partner, Joy. Andrew expressed his gratitude for his time spent in his role and the relationships he has been able to make through HIP. Of course, we expressed our gratitude back as he is a central figure in the development of our group! He will be sorely, sorely missed. Claire shared that the position is currently being advertised and encouraged the group to share and encourage people to apply ASAP if possible.

- b) SICIM/III – Mary
 - i) Weed Wrangles- Mary shared that even though most WW’s aren’t happening how we expected, CISMA’s can still get points for the WW contest that SICIM is facilitating as the award money will still be given.
 - c) Carmel Clay Parks—Joanna Woodruff shared that all volunteer opportunities are halted at this time. Hopefully fall programs will continue on. CCPR emails are not currently working right now due to a virus. Joanna’s personal email is available (contact Claire or Andrew). In other exciting news, Joanna is now the Natural Resources coordinator as she has taken over that position from Brittany McAdams. Yay Joanna!
 - d) Hamilton County Parks- Steve Sneath shared that they are still accepting volunteers in small groups. Had a workday at Potter’s Bridge last weekend.
- 6) Committee Updates
- a) Education – General updates
 - i) Laura shared that she has been fine-tuning the ed com action plan including the list of target audiences. They want to narrow it down to the top 5. They plan to network at the CISMA State Conference. Please join us for the ed committee meeting!
 - ii) Next Education Com meeting – July 21st at 7pm (online).
 - (1) Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKdOGgpzMrE90Mm5wFg2--BEt3XbnbDpPF>
 - b) Technical – General updates
 - i) Top invasives survey- Andrew shared that the survey link is live. There have been 19 submissions—let’s ramp that up!
 - ii) Applicator licensing - As long as you are a volunteer and not getting paid you do not need to have a license (and can’t get a license). As long as you are following label on commercial herbicide that is all that is required. It is up to the organization that is hosting to cover their own liability.
 - (1) Mary encouraged having a specific committee focused on Weed Wrangles or events.
 - iii) Next Tech Com meeting - July 29th at 2:30pm (online)
 - (1) Join here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88302157013>
- 7) Next meeting(s)
- i) HIP – August 12th at 12 pm (Annex or Online?)
 - ii) With Andrew’s departure and Claire’s maternity leave we are looking for anyone who wants to serve in a leadership or organizational role (even temporarily). Please contact Andrew or Claire (until next week!).

Attendees: (we’re missing some people here as we were up to 20 attendees).

- Claire lane
- Mary Welz
- Joanna Woodruff
- Andrew fritz
- Dorrie Keyes
- Gail Martin
- Ginger Davis
- Laura McCloughan
- Gordon Hopp
- Samantha Spidel
- Steve Sneath
- Todd Gillian