

Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes February 2021
2/3/2021 on Zoom, 6pm

1) Welcome

- a) Welcome new attendees

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

- a) Dorrie has taken down 273 Callery Pear and 19 honeysuckle at Riverside Intermediate in Fishers.
- b) Mary shared that there are 55 Weed Wrangles planned so far for this year.

3) Upcoming events, event summaries, important dates

- a) National Invasive Species Awareness Week – Feb 22-28 and May 15-22, 2021
- b) Indiana Invasive Species Awareness Week – April 18-24th
- c) Strike Team
 - i) March 20th 9am-4pm at Riverside Intermediate (contact Taylor or Kim to join the strike team).
- d) HIP hosts HAMPA – April 8th
 - i) Likely remote, if in person we will need to provide lunch
- e) 1st Quarterly CISMA Network Mtg. Feb. 11th 11:30-12:30
 - i) <https://icn-quarterly-lunch-learn.eventbrite.com>
- f) TPR Enforcement Lunch and Learn with IDNR – Wed. 3/10/21 at 12pm
 - i) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/idnr-nursery-inspector-update-tickets-139005957561>
- g) 2021 CISMA Conference- first week of August
 - i) Theme: Why Do We Manage Invasive Species! Plan to offer continuing education credits through recorded sessions, a live virtual 2.5-hour event with a keynote speaker and optional field days to teach plant identification, demonstrate management techniques and show why we manage invasive species. You will be able to choose from several locations that will be scattered across the state.

4) Education Station

- a) Winter Invasives Management
 - i) Taylor shared her SWCD newsletter article: <https://www.hamiltonswcd.org/news-articles/winter-invasive-management>
 - ii) Great resource to share within your network (social, NextDoor, neighbors, etc.)
- b) Sign up to present an Education Station here: <https://signup.zone/9FJ8w9vvBkYf6tpdD>
 - i) March? April?

5) HIP General

- a) Surveys—Mary's capacity is limited. We need HIP helpers to help conduct surveys. Contact Taylor and/or Mary to tag along on some surveys to learn.
 - i) New HIP members – sign up for a survey on your property! Contact Taylor or Mary.
- b) SICIM Grants – They are offering awards of up to \$1,000 grants. Applications due Feb. 26th.
 - i) <http://www.sicim.info/cismas-funding>
 - ii) Claire proposed applying for boot brush stations (Mary suggested we coordinate with WW locations) and/or strike team supplies
 - (1) Strike Team supplies—not sure yet what all we will need. Everything needed currently the SWCD has already or can purchase.
 - iii) Claire will work on an application and submit by the deadline.
- c) Weed Wrangles
 - i) There was a Weed Wrangle meeting for those interested in hosting/helping with WWs.
 - ii) Registration for HC Weed Wrangles will happen via a form on our website.
 - iii) WGT and Westfield Parks – Tentative May 15th event.
 - iv) Contact Claire if you want to host/learn more/be involved.
- d) SWCD Tool Loan – Claire introduced the new SWCD tool loan interface- myTurn. You can create an account to reserve tool loan items.
 - i) www.hamiltonswcd.org/toolloan
 - (1) HIP can add resources to this system

6) Technical Committee Update

- a) Pesticide Applicator Updates – Kim shared that he has pursued the core and cat 6 training. Kim is putting notes together on the process and his experience.
 - i) SWCD will/can make books available for use in pursuit of the certification or just for your own review/education.
 - ii) Volunteers do not have to have pesticide applicator licensing to apply herbicide (except on school properties where there must be a licensed individual) BUT it is a good training and good practice to have some HIP members licensed. Contact Dorrie, Kim, or Mary for more info.
- b) Strike team- The Strike Team is our own HIP invasive management team. This is separate from volunteer/education workdays. This group is more targeted to go in and complete targeted management. The first event is March 20th 9am-4pm at Riverside A second worksite has been identified: Fall Creek Township Natural Area
 - i) Kim has been working on a guiding document for the group. The Strike Team is open to people outside of the technical committee. Contact Kim or Taylor if you want to be involved.
 - ii) Claire and Taylor are working on liability waivers, insurance issues, etc.
- c) Join the technical committee – new members are welcome!
 - i) Strike team is a major focus but there are “at home” tasks you can do as well.

7) Education Committee Update

- a) Website – The website sub committee met to go through Laura’s work/website plan. Claire is working on building out the site and has the main page nearly complete. WE are hoping to launch with a few basic badges (home, natives, invasives) later in February. Laura and Taylor are working on some copy and assembling resources we want to share on these pages, but more help would be very welcome. There are a lot of great tools/resources out there, so we don’t need to reinvent the wheel. Until we have some of our own HC specific resources available, we’ll be focusing on sharing other tools. Getting the content on the site is not a problem for Claire, we need help writing copy and assembling the content to go on the site! Contact Claire and/or Laura (laura.mccloughan@gmail.com)if you can help.
 - i) We do plan to have partners include HIP features/links to our site. Partners, please start considering how/when we can make this happen.
- b) Temporary signage
 - i) Taylor, Claire, and Mary met to draft language for temporary signage. These temporary signs could/would be displayed prior to Weed Wrangles and Strike team projects to educate on invasives, highlight in progress work, and educate that invasives had been removed.
 - ii) See inspiration and drafts pdf here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/13kcrxMMSXChrTXNdxli5_KOmISEwDK5/view?usp=sharing
 - iii) Drafts were presented:
 - (1) Feedback:
 - (a) Add invasive “plant” species
 - (2) Swap out to Indiana logo Weed Wrangle logo
 - (3) QR code to hcinvasives.org? – Maybe in next series of signs
 - (4) QR code for donations? – maybe in next series of signs
 - (5) Individual signs for different species – we could have separate signs on individual species to provide more education. (add example photo from Bloomington)

8) Partner Updates

- a) CCPR – not in attendance
 - i) Mapping training is in the works.
- b) HCMGA – Laura will be sending out an email to the native committee (NICE Comm).
- c) SICIM – no additional update.
- d) WGT – They are meeting tomorrow (2/4).
 - i) Wetlands bill passed out of the state senate. There is a lot of confusion and misinformation around, but this bill is moving fast. Encourage people to look into it and contact their state rep if so inclined.
 - (1) IER video shared in chat: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SaQiNcdxg8>

- e) General-- Thistle question from the crowd—what’s native, what’s not?
 - i) Resources from Mary
 - (1) https://c01d4fe4-e375-4075-9666-e860483a7245.filesusr.com/ugd/1d3e73_44633f299ffb4e55bc5e876a9e48a9db.pdf
 - (2) <https://www.morgancountyswcd.org/control-of-invasive-species-of-plan>

9) Next meeting(s)

- a) HIP – March 3rd, 2021 at 12 pm- ZOOM
 - i) <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdOmqrzMoHNK6PzW4XVTO8Xft9FIIMfbs>
- b) Education Committee – 3rd Wednesday at Noon.
 - i) February 17th -
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83385745773?pwd=bHdicWJTck5OdU5OTWVUVkZ1cTlyZz09>
- c) Technical Committee
 - i) February 10th at 2:30 pm – ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81396845764>

Attendees:

- Taylor Wilson
- Claire Lane
- Phil Flannagan
- Shelly Brown
- Tim Hutchison
- Mary Welz
- Bobby Avery-Kimball – Westfield Green Together
- Dorrie Keyes
- Samantha Spidel
- Kim Gauen
- Chandler Bryant
- Linda Williams – new to Indiana
- Chris Weldon – Cherry Creek Estates
- John Troth
- Laura McCloughan
- Aaron Barding – Noblesville
- Lisa Meek

*new attendees added to working group SALSA list (CL 2.5.21)