

Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes

June 2020

**** notes in bold****

- 1) Welcome
 - a) ~~Intros (name, org)~~
 - b) ~~One good thing~~
- 2) Upcoming events, event summaries, important dates
 - a) Invasive Plants in Indiana and the Terrestrial Plant Rule Webinar was held on June 3rd
 - i) Hosted by HIP, SWCD, and INPS Central Chapter
 - ii) **View at www.hcinvasives.org and on YouTube.**
 - b) SICIM Annual Partners Meeting (Mary) – Thurs June 25th, 8:30 am-12
 - i) <http://www.sicim.info/news/2020/5/28/2020annualmeeting>
 - c) Re-scheduled date for State CISMA Conference – August 20th –
 - i) Moving online, more info soon.
 - ii) **Claire shared HIP’s interest in networking opportunities with planning committee.**
 - d) 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>
- 3) Education Station (~10-15 minute education break for each meeting on species or emerging topic)
 - a) Poison hemlock & Wild Parsnip – Mary
 - i) **Poison hemlock - Mary gave a summary of this toxic species including ID, non-native lookalikes (Queen Ann’s lace, giant hogweed), and native lookalikes (cow parsnip, American angelica, spotted water hemlock).**
 - ii) **Wild Parsnip – Food crop that went wild. Native lookalike- Golden Alexander.**
 - iii) **Control for both species- avoid exposure to plant sap during mechanical/manual control! Can be cut 1” below ground or hand pull. In seed, cut and bag the flower heads first. Long term, you can do annual mowing when plants first flowering but before seed set. Will reduce seed bank and population over time (years). Chemical- target before flowering. Most effective at basal rosette stage. See slides.**
 - iv) **See Mary’s presentation slide and additional resources provided by Mary at the bottom of [THIS WEBPAGE](#).**
 - v) **Vote on next month’s topic via poll in the follow up email/newsletter.**
- 4) Branding update
 - a) Welcome Dominic
 - i) **Dominic is the SWCD’s summer graphic design intern who will be helping with HIP projects. One of his initial projects has been developing the HIP logo.**
 - b) Logo introduction
 - i) **Dominic shared our new logo and color scheme and little bit behind his design ideas. The new logo received lots of praise!**
- 5) Partner Updates
 - a) SWCD (Claire)
 - i) Office open, appointments encouraged including tool loan.
 - ii) SIA Foundation grant for 12 boot brushing stations
 - (1) **Not funded. Claire has another idea for a potential funder and will be reaching out to them.**
 - b) SICIM/III (Mary)

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.



Hamilton Co. Invasives Partnership

- i) **New idea- Delaware County CISMA is setting out bins and photos to encourage people to pull GM while hiking and place it in the barrels.**
- c) Other partner updates
 - i) Carmel Parks- **Flowing Well Park is working on new signage for invasive species. Joanna will see if we can add the HIP logo.**
 - ii) Teter/Kim Gauen – **They are targeting 4 species of invasives and are starting to make progress.**
 - iii) Master Gardeners- **HIP spotlight in MG newsletter.**
 - iv) **NRCS- During landowner surveys, we can direct landowners to DNR or private forester for a management plan. Angie can then get them signed up for EQIP (Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) federal cost share on first three years of mgt).**

6) Next Steps

- a) Next meeting – July 1st at 6pm, **decided to push back to July 15th.**
 - i) ONLINE?
 - (1) Consensus was that online meeting are working but our attendance has been low. It was mentioned that some people may not be comfortable with the online platform. Others said they were fine to meet in person online. The meeting will be online, but an in-person option is available if people are interested—contact Claire.**

7) Committees

a) Summary

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

b) Breakouts

- i) We will be meeting all together so everyone can be at both (tech just met yesterday).

ii) Education- Phil gave a summary of the leadership committee meetings and planning.

Goals: Collaborate and use what is already out there to build on.

How are we going to measure effectiveness? Measure contacts? Needs to be considered.

Cloud resource statewide –the committee would love to see a statewide clouds resources where CISMAs could share resources and ideas easily. SICIM, IISC website (IPAC info on there), INPS serve as these spaces now but a private place we could upload would be helpful. Claire has created a HIP cloud educational repository location and people can be added to that.

The committee is working to

- **identify target education groups including HOA's (especially important for HC). Some resources they might need include general invasive control and managing woodlot resources.**
- **Identify top species we need to address. Tech committee is creating a survey to assess this info then ed committee can plan resources around that.**

- Gather and brand ed materials.
- ID potential audiences for education.
- Establish means and methods for distributing materials.

Phil reached out to Kristy Stulz (DNR DEPP regional inspector)—she told us how to find all the nursery dealers, growers, etc. online. There are 300+ dealer/retailers in HC and only 11 growers. All growers are visited by DNR DEPP each year, so they are touched by DNR. We can focus on the customers to influence the consumer product chain.

iii) Technical –Working to ID top 5 invasives in HC that landowners are targeting for ed committee purposes. They will send out a survey to assess these species.

Wilderness Search and Rescue—committee is finding resources to help them address questions they have.

1. Liability associated with herbicide use during community workdays
2. How do volunteers deal with trickier aspects of invasive mgt. What do you do with dense infestations—perhaps establish a strike team?
 - We need to address waste material.
3. Dorrie and Andrew will work on a step by step of what is required for herbicide applications permitting/certification.

Next tech meeting will be July 7th 2:30

Attendees:

- Andrew Fritz
- Claire Lane
- Mary Hallinan
- Jeanie Wiesler
- Joanna Woodruff
- Dominic Zelli
- Phil Flannagan
- Dorrie Keyes
- Tim Stottlemeyer
- Laura McCloughan
- Kim Gauen
- Lisa Meek
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- Shelly Brown
- Nick Bonnet
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