

Minutes
Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting
Wednesday, August 17, 2016; 12:00 pm – 2:00 p.m.

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District
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- I. **Call to order and introductions, 12:10 pm.** In attendance; Simba Blood, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District; Virginia Gaynor, City of Maplewood.

II. Partner updates

- A. Ramsey Conservation District/RCCWMA:
1. Carole's normal days of the week have changed to Mondays and Wednesdays.
 2. Presentations/trainings/outreach updates
 3. More Phragmites reported north central part of white Bear Lake (Lake) in a bay west of Manitou Island.
- B. Carole read email from Laura Van Riper for MNDNR updates. Laura was unable to attend due to state fair set-up.
1. MNDNR is continuing to roll out the EDDMapS Midwest/GLEDN website/App to staff. Training PowerPoints are on the EDDMapS Midwest homepage.
 2. MNDNR still looking for people to wear the EAB costume for the state fair. Also, if at the fair, stop by the DNR booth and take the PlayCleanGo survey to receive a free boot brush.
 3. Garlic mustard biocontrol update: Petition for release of the root crown feeding biocontrol was submitted to USDA in June. Work continues on the seed-feeding weevil, but there are funding challenges. Contact Laura if you are interested in more detail.
 4. Sign up for the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference; early registration ends September 1.
 5. If Monika attends meeting, she will likely highlight the Prohibited-Eradicate handout and Japanese Barberry Going Rogue video.

III. New Business/Open discussion

- A. Treatments for various weeds were discussed:
1. Weed torches effective on garlic mustard and burdock seedlings, not 2nd year plants. Ramsey Washington Metro has the 500,000 btu models with 20 lbs tanks carried in backpacks.
 2. Parsnip predators work well for 2nd year burdock.
 3. Transline herbicide works well when burdock is bolting.
 4. Garlon works well on Canada goldenrod
- B. Japanese beetles are feeding on purple loosestrife flowers.
- C. Tansy is growing at Ramsey County Corrections, Ponds golf course and south to Century Ave/ Carver Ave. Golf contact is Justen Zimmerman. Simba will forward his contact info.

IV. Action Items

- A. Our small group took a short trip to look for knotweed at Southwood Preserve in North St. Paul. We only saw 2 or 3 remaining stems.
- B. The group passed on the planned trip to Hudson Rd. to view Burnet saxifrage, due to scheduling conflicts.

V. Adjourn meeting, 1:30 pm

VI. Set next meeting date and location:

Carole will set up another Doodle poll for our next meeting; likely in December.