

Minutes
Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 2018; 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m.

Ramsey Conservation District
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I. Call to order and introductions, 1:10 pm. In attendance: Justin Townsend, Ramsey Conservation District (RCD); Carole Gernes, RCD Ramsey County CWMA; Dana Larsen-Ramsay, H. B. Fuller Company; Nancy Duncan, National Park Service; Dave Hanson, MNDOT; Ginny Gaynor, City of Maplewood; Simba Blood, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District; Mary Lee, AHATS/ Minnesota National Guard; Emily Dunlap and Maggie Barnick, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation; Michael Goodnature, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation; Chuck Fiedler, Ramsey County Public Works; Jim Bownik, City of Lauderdale; Monika Chandler and Christina Basch, Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

II. Target species additions

A. A vote was taken to add poison hemlock and Amur corktree to the target species list. This means volunteers and staff trainings would include these species.

III. Partner updates

A. Ramsey Conservation District / Ramsey County CWMA:

1. BWSR CWMA grant:

- a. Ramsey County CWMA was awarded a \$15,000 BWSR CWMA Grant for 2018-2021. Funds will be used to hire a contractor to treat the top ten infestations in Ramsey County, like our previous grant, which was successful and well received.
 - 1. Partners were asked to review site locations submitted for the grant and submit others deemed high priority.
 - 2. Training schedule: Carole has a training scheduled for April 25th, 6:30 – 8:30 at North St. Paul City Hall. She is working to schedule training for Urban Roots Youth to monitor for wild parsnip at Little Pig’s Eye Lake, using borrowed MNDNR iPads. She would also like to partner with National Parks and the City of Saint Paul to train in volunteers and staff.

2. Minnesota Department of Agriculture Invasive Plant Grant:

- a. Work begins almost immediately and will conclude fall of this year (April – November 15th).
- b. Awarded \$20,000 with the budget adjusted as presented in the meeting.
- c. Delineating infestations / Phase I Eradicate species will be primary focus this year.
- d. Present partners reaffirmed in-kind commitment from partners (Ramsey County, City of St. Paul, Maplewood, White Bear Lake, and Three Rivers PD)

- e. Training schedule in progress to be combined with regular training, above.
 - f. Focus sites will be those outlined in report spreadsheet. Carole will email partners with their sites and species highlighted. Please let us know if other, high-priority sites need to be included.
3. Status of the Ramsey Conservation District: Business as usual for staff. Grants will be administered as usual.
- B. Minnesota Department of Agriculture has samples of poison hemlock that can be used for trainings. Contact Monika. Foliar Garlon herbicide used twice at Totem Town was pretty responsive. The Prairie hillside near the university Ecology Building needs to be checked for swallowwort (not entered into EDDMapS). The knotweed on campus is being managed (Hort Building and Biology tower).
- C. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation will check for Amur corktree locations that could be incorporated into an invasive plant tour/training.

III. Reporting app and Management Tracking Tools Discussion

- A. Treatment tracking, tracking delineation
- i. Overview: <https://presents.bugwood.org/browse/view.cfm?pn=00000249>
 - ii. Logging in: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_Is1lgV1vE
 - iii. Using GLEDN series: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7etvhEI9z-c&index=3&list=PLc8EXXtgYQnBcJiVSJcGJDZzcvcqD_PJn
 - iv. Lengthy webinar (skip to about 13 mins): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8A00onDml_E
- B. Possible new treatment tracking app to partner with EDDMapS- ISMTrack is in development and not yet available to the public. It can be used to see more details. Will be a separate App from EDDMapS.

IV. Discussion

- A. The RCCWMA should ask for WorkPlayGo brochures for cities in the county
- B. Carole will email map and spreadsheets for the two grants to affected partners
- C. ISM-Track will be a good potential meeting topic.
- D. Teasel should be treated three times a year; spring rosettes, mid summer and in September.
- E. Carole is looking into species of native sunflower to plant near cut-leaved teasel patches in hopes that seed germination will be affected by sunflower allelopathy.

V. 2018 tour ideas

- A. Amur corktree on the St. Paul campus, blvds to see large and small trees. Goat Dispatch will be in infested area of park.
- B. Japanese knotweed taking over Roseville neighborhood.
- C. Black swallow-wort and poison hemlock locations also discussed.

VI. Next meeting

- A. Carole will set up a Doodle poll for our next meeting/tour in June or July.

V. Adjourn meeting, 3:00 pm