

Minutes
Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2020; 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m.

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation
2015 Van Dyke St., Maplewood, MN 55109
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I. Call to order and introductions, 1:05 pm. In attendance: Simba Blood, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD); Dana Larsen-Ramsay, H. B. Fuller Company/ Willow Lake Preserve; Mary Lee, Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS); Carole Gernes, Ramsey County Division of Soil and Water Conservation - Ramsey County CWMA; Nancy Duncan, National Park Service; Dawn Tanner, Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO); Emily Dunlap, City of Maplewood; Maggie Barnick, City of St. Paul; Keith Stachowski, City of North St. Paul; Justin Townsend and Cha Thao, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

II. Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Division of Soil and Water/ RCCWMA updates

- A. BWSR CWMA Grant: awarded \$15,000 for 2020 -2023. All budgeted toward administration (studies, city ordinances) and education (prevention- \$7000)
1. ISM Track development, also through EDDMapS creators at University of Georgia/ WI U:
 - access through Monika
 - all herbicides are pre-loaded
 2. Install more boot bush stations with educational signage. Carole will email Maplewood boot brush sign designs to partners. PlayCleanGo is now part of NAISMA with higher dues (~\$250). The group can do their own similar designs.
 3. Invasive Plant trainings and tours: Carole looking for training site, TBD.
- B. Minnesota Department of Agriculture Invasive Plant Grant awarded \$24,900 over a 2 year period (December 31, 2021). Budgeted for:
1. treatment, including \$600 for herbicide, in case a specialty herbicide is needed. Will get a CCMI person to do terrestrial and aquatic invasive treatments (including 4 acres of black swallow-wort at Boys Totem Town). Ramsey County also has a contract for a Community work Crew (formerly called sentence to serve). Scott Miller coordinates crews from three different facilities.
 2. MOUs needed from partners (Ramsey County, St. Paul, Maplewood, White Bear Lake, North St. Paul, Roseville, Lauderdale, Hennepin County (county Rd 88 shared parsnip), Three Rivers Park District.
 3. Cost share program for private land owners under review: 75% with a cap around \$500 over 2 years.
 4. Invasive plant tours and training local staff

III. Other Partner updates

- A. **Metro Area Phragmites Consortium** received a MDA Grant to treat all invasive Phrag in the seven County Metro Area. The grant is being administered by Carrie Taylor, Anoka Soil and Water District. Most Phragmites is thought to be already mapped. Please continue to report new infestations on EDDMapS, or by using the GLEDN app.

B. MDA Updates

1. The 2020 Minnesota Noxious Weed List has undergone the following changes:
 - a. Japanese honeysuckle (a woody vine) - added to the Prohibited Eradicate List
 - b. Tree-of-heaven moved from Restricted to Prohibited Eradicate
 - c. Japanese, Bohemian and giant knotweed moved from Specially Regulated to Prohibited Control
 - d. European black alder and Siberian peashrub added to Restricted List.
 - e. Norway maple and winged burning bush added to Specially Regulated List.

2. Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC) species for assessment in 2020 and 2021

Common name	Scientific name	Assmnt Yr	Author	Reviewer
Amur cork tree	<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>	2020	David Stevenson	Dave Hanson
Baby's breath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	2020	Monika Chandler	Jim Calkins
Goldencreeper	<i>Thladiantha dubia</i>	2020	Jim Calkins	Julie Weisenhorn
Honeyberry	<i>Lonicera caerulea</i>	2020	Julie Weisenhorn	Laura Van Riper
Lesser celandine	<i>Ficaria verna</i>	2020	Laura Van Riper	Monika Chandler
Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	2020	Emilie Justen	Dave Hanson
Siberian elm	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	2020	Dave Hanson	David Stevenson
Tatarian maple	<i>Acer tataricum</i>	2020	Laura Van Riper	Emilie Justen
Callery pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	2021		
Castor bean	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	2021		
Garden valerian	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	2021		
Hardy kiwi	<i>Actinidia arguta</i>	2021		
Japanese tree lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	2021		
Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	2021		
Kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana</i>	2021		
Leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	2021		

2020 NWAC Listing subcommittee members:

- Laura Van Riper, MN Department of Natural Resources
- Monika Chandler, MN Department of Agriculture
- Emilie Justen, MN Department of Agriculture
- Jim Calkins, MN Nursery and Landscape Association
- Dave Hanson, MN Department of Transportation
- David Stevenson, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Julie Weisenhorn, University of Minnesota Extension - Horticulture

3. The first MN report of giant knotweed was reported in Ramsey County; EDDMapS # 7854410. There is/was Bohemian knotweed reported nearby; EDDMapS #8285815.

IV. Discussion

- A. Tour suggestions: Giant knotweed, Cutleaf Teasel, Black swallow-wort; Snail Lake Restoration.
- B. Mary has been using work crews to release knapweed beetles.
- C. MN Natural Resource Practitioners have beer and topic meetings.
- D. Herbicide discussion:
 1. Swallow-wort treatment – using Garlon 3A. Simba suggested checking into Vastlan, triclopyr choline formulation (not the ester formulation). It can be used in/near aquatic habitats.
 2. University of WI Extension Learning Store Invasive Plant Fact Sheets have great info including herbicides.
 3. Belwin staff person (Justin) has good herbicide knowledge
 4. MNDOT Noxious Weed Booklet has good herbicide and timing of treatments/BMPs:
<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadsides/vegetation/pdf/noxiousweeds.pdf>.
- E. Carole will check Maplewood for Jumping worms (mustard solution method) when the ground has thawed. Suspected worms were possibly dug for animal feed at nature center (or, could have come from a bait shop).
- F. Carole will compile and email spreadsheet of all invasive knotweed reports in Ramsey County to Justin and Knotweed Research Group and start letter to mail to homeowners, including change in Noxious Weed Law status and management / cost share information.
- G. Carole agreed to share link to Knotweed Research Group webinar. Update: unfortunately, the University of MN WebEx accounts were upgraded and moved to another website. This recording is no longer available. Discussion of scheduling second meeting started before Covid 19 social distancing went into effect.
- H. Carole will contact Carrie Taylor for Metro Phragmites updates and check to see when a follow up meeting (online or otherwise will be held).

V. Short tour of new Division of Soil and Water Resources office space; second floor.

Adjourn meeting 3:00 pm