

**Agenda**  
**Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting**  
**Friday, August 1 2014, 10:00 am – 12:00 p.m.**

H.B. Fuller Company (Willow Lake-B Building)  
1200 Willow Lake Blvd.  
Vadnais Heights, MN 55110  
Info: 651-236-5533

- I. Call to order and introductions, 10:00 am.** In attendance: Carole Gernes, Ramsey County CWMA; Simba Blood, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District; Laura Van Riper, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Nancy Duncan, National Park Service; Mary Lee, Minnesota National Guard; Ginny Gaynor; City of Maplewood; Monica Chandler, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Dana Larsen-Ramsey, H.B. Fuller; Michael Goodnature, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation.

Dana invited the group to stay for a brief tour of the H.B. Fuller grounds after the meeting.

**II. Partner updates**

**A. Ramsey Conservation District/RCCWMA:**

1. MOUs signed: Ann did not have a list of organization still needing to sign a new MOU. She and Carole will compile a list and send out reminders to those who still need to update, before the next meeting.
  - Carole presented to the City of Shoreview Environmental Quality Commission. They signed an MOU in July, but the Conservation District has not received it yet.
2. Grants/funding:
  - a. Current:
    - 2012 BWSR Cost-Share expires end of this year – about \$4500 remaining. This money needs to be used up.
    - 2014 BWSR grant; RWMWD. The RCCWMA was approved for a 2014-2016 CWMA grant of \$15,000. This will be split into 3 years and will be used to expand education and monitoring efforts.
    - Carole presented to the City of North Saint Paul's Environmental Commission to request continued funding for the RCCWMA. They increased their contribution from \$1000 in 2013 to \$2000 for 2014.
  - b. Increase in partner contributions; Carole is hopeful that cities will contribute more as they learn about and adopt the volunteer monitoring programs.
  - c. The group discussed LCCMR funding, application partnering for invasives education and management. Having a pool of funds to be used for contractors or MCC groups to treat for cities and residents would ensure rapid response. At this time, the RWMWD and BWSR funding is covering the education component well.
3. Volunteer program updates:
  - a. Carole updated the group on the Fish Creek Invasives Blitz that was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Eight volunteers, 10 Century College Ecology class

volunteers; 3 Maplewood Nature Center staff; RCCWMA partners Ginny Gaynor and Dana Larsen-Ramsey; two Shoreview interns helped with this project for a total of 75 volunteer hours. All four target species were found and marked for removal by the contractor hired by the Maplewood and RC Parks. Four Minnesota Youth Outdoor groups followed up in late afternoon, by removing Japanese hedge parsley for 2 hours.

- b. Harlan Baxter; a Ramsey County Invasive Plant Patrol and Tamarack Nature Center volunteer, spearheaded an effort to remove garlic mustard at the nature center. Carole recruited volunteers to help with the effort. John Lampe volunteered use of his newly developed noxious weed composting bags and set up a trial station with educational signage at the center. Fifty seven volunteer hours were recorded. Tamarack staff are interested in holding a spring invasive plant training and incorporating invasive plant removals into their buckthorn removal program.
- B. MNDNR: Laura handed out new "Meet the Knapweeds" Brochures and also brought trial samples of the new "Buckthorn Baggies" that a local business developed. She would like feedback on their effectiveness.
- C. There will be more invasive species workshops next year to help public works and parks staff learn to identify knapweeds, star thistle and other species. The 2014 classes in Blaine and Marshall were well attended.

### **III. Action Items**

- A. Carole will send out an email reminder to sign new MOUs.
- B. Applications for cost share: The group discussed whether MCC work was eligible for cost share reimbursement. The consensus was that they could be used, since they are no longer a state agency. Ramsey County Parks and Maplewood may apply for remaining money.

### **IV. New Business/Open discussion**

- A. A future EDDMapS training for interested staff was discussed. This would be for city parks, public works, environmental commissions, etc, not volunteer monitors. Carole feels it saves time to verify volunteer reports and then add them to EDDMapS, rather than editing or verifying a large number of reports directly entered by volunteers. Although she is a state verifier, she has not had time to verify reports already on the EDDMapS database.
- B. October Midwest Invasive Plant Conference: Carole and others were asked to give a Japanese knotweed presentation. There will be a presentation given by John Lampe, on the stem-bending followed by foliar herbicide after resprouts form. Afterward, there will be a knotweed discussion group session.

### **V. Set next meeting date and location:**

The group discussed scheduling a tour for our next meeting. Carole suggested a tour of invasive knotweed patches which have received different treatments; or no treatment. Carole will set up another Doodle poll in late summer/early fall to pick a date.

### **VI. Meeting adjourned, 12:00 pm; H.B. Fuller tour followed for those interested.**

### **V. Addendum:**

Signed MOUs may be mailed to:

Ann White Eagle  
Ramsey Conservation District  
1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive  
Highway 96 & Hamline Ave  
Arden Hills, MN 55112

or, they may be scanned and emailed to: [ann.whiteeagle@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:ann.whiteeagle@co.ramsey.mn.us).

Respectfully submitted by Carole Gernes, 9/26/14

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