

N.H. Coastal Watershed Invasive Plant Partnership Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2010 9:00 am- 11:00am
US Forest Service- Durham Field Office

Attendees: Florence Peterson (usfs), Joanne Glode (tnc), Fred Borman (unh cooperative extension), Rachel Stevens (gbnerr), Lenny Lord (rccd), Brooke Smart (nracs), Erin Dancy (unh cooperative extension), Katie Arey (gbnerr), Doug Cygan (nh ag. dept), Kevin Lucey (nhcp).

Update from NH Department of Ag.

- Guide to Upland Plants has been revised, which now includes 3 insects. Hardcopies and link should be available in late winter. Hardcopies can be requested from Doug Cygan. Doug will forward announcement to Kevin, which will be forwarded along to the Steering Committee.
- Division of Pesticide Control has proposed new rules, which will address some of the major regulatory impediments to effective invasive plant control. Rules may be in place by growing season 2010. CWIPP could serve in an outreach capacity informing folks about the rule changes.

Annual Report and Annual Operating Plan

- Since the last Steering Committee meeting a draft Annual Report and Annual Operating Plan was created and reviewed by the Steering Committee using Google Docs. The Report/Plan was discussed by the Steering Committee and the following comments will be incorporated
- Annual Report
 - Suggested including the Great Island Common project as CWIPP's first initiative
- Operating Plan:
 - Develop a comprehensive list of funding opportunities
 - Increase CWIPP's outreach, which can be achieved through:
 - coordinating an invasive plant control symposium,
 - Newsletters, email updates, and website, which would require developing a comprehensive email list for future announcements (cons com, city planners).

ACTION: Kevin to finalize Report and Plan and distribute to Partnership and post online.

CWIPP Invasive Plant Symposium

- The CWIPP Invasive Plant Symposium was discussed, which is tentatively planned for May 20 at the Seacoast Science Center. Below is an outline of the discussion:

Audience: Natural resource professionals, conservation commissions, town planning boards, land trusts, and private landowners interested in invasive plants in the Great Bay and Coastal NH watershed.

Logistics:

- Registration
- Develop registration and incorporate pre-symposium evaluation of "key issues" (who?)
- Registration sign ups (Lenny)
- Lunch provided vs. charging registration (Kevin to follow up on funds)
- Advertising

- NH Farm and Forest Exposition (Doug)
 - Expanded email distribution list (Kevin)
 - Cooperative Extension website (Fred)
 - Other...
- **Agenda** (a very full agenda): Presentations to be theme/issue orientated, using local case studies as examples.
 - 9:00 Introduction and welcome (Kevin)
 - 9:05 What is NHCWIPP? (Kevin/Rachel)
 - 9:20 Invasive plants of concern in NH's Great Bay and Coastal watershed (Doug)
 - 9:40 Recent rule changes and impacts to invasive control projects (div. of pesticide)
 - 10:10 The nuts and bolts of pulling together an invasives control project. (Lenny and Brooke)
 - 10:30 Early detection species. Case Study: perennial pepperweed (Kevin)
 - 10:50 Knotweed (Christine?)
 - 11:10 Large parcel planning (Joanne)
 - 11:30 Pre-lunch plenary speaker. Key lessons learned from other New England States (Les)
 - 12:00 Lunch – break out groups and task with discussing issues of concern from pre-registration evals
 - 12:45 Facilitated discussion of key issues of concern that CWIPP can help to move forward in the next two years. Topics may include: Road blocks to successful invasive control projects, mapping techniques and effective techniques to monitor success (Kevin & Rachel)
 - 1:30 Field trip: Series of self guided stations with CWIPP folk facilitating each (Florence, Doug, Dave, Kevin)
 - 3:00 Onward ad hoc id session if any participants interested
 - **Symposium Products:**
 - Next steps from facilitated discussion
 - List of potential volunteers
 - **Action:**
 - Create Symposium Subcommittee: Kevin, Florence, Fred, Brooke, Rachel and schedule subcommittee meeting 2 weeks time (Kevin)
 - Determine capacity of meeting room at Seacoast Science Center (Kevin)
 - Identify level of involvement of IPOG (Erin)
 - Contact Les Merhoff (Florence)

Update from the IPOG and UNH Cooperative Extension

- Looking into starting Invasive Plant “SWAT teams;”
- Recently published invasive plant disposal factsheet. See link below;
http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001307_Rep1710.pdf
- Rachel Maccini to present at the next IPOG meeting on 4/18/10 about pesticide rules ;
- May assist with Technology Transfer (T2) Invasive Plant Course, particularly with outreach;
- Looking into advancing invasive plant issues on the Grow-it-Green program on WMUR. Anyone with content suggestions may contact erin.dancy@unh.edu.

- For more information about the Extension's coverage of invasives. It can be reached two ways:
<http://extension.unh.edu/Forestry/invasives.htm>
www.nhinvasives.org

Rockingham County Conservation District: 2008 Farm Bill News: Application Ranking Due Dates

- Sign ups for Farm Bill programs are continuous but projects are ranked in groups at specific times during the year. The next ranking will be done for all completed applications received by the following dates:
 - EQIP, AMA and WHIP January 22, 2010
 - WRP and FRPP February 1, 2010
- You can find links to information about the above programs, plus a link to a downloadable Guide to the 2008 Farm Bill Conservation Programs in New Hampshire at <http://www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov>

Next CWIPP meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2009 @ 9:00-11:00 am USFS Office in Durham