

CWMA Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2008 - 2:00pm

In attendance: Paul Erdmann- Ramsey Conservation District, Ken Graeve- MN DOT, John Moriarty-Ramsey County Parks, Ginny Gaynor- City of Maplewood, Joe Walton- Great River Greening, Bill Bartodziej-RWMWD.

September 8 workshop discussion:

Paul mentioned that he has had positive feedback concerning the workshop. A few people took pictures that he hopes to post on a website in the future.

MOUs

The RCCWMA has signed MOUs from: Great River Greening, MN DOT, National Parks Service, Ramsey Conservation District, Ramsey County Parks, Ramsey County Public Works, and Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District. Still waiting on signed MOUs from: MN Dept. of Ag., City of Maplewood, H.B. Fuller/ Willow Lake Nature Preserve, and Rice Creek Watershed District.

Steering Committee

Partners that have signed or will be signing the MOU as official partners of the RCCWMA should appoint someone to the steering committee. This will be the person that will attend meetings and serve as the contact for their organization. Paul will send out an e-mail requesting this next week.

RCCWMA General Planning

Meeting attendees went over the main objectives for the CWMA.

1. Establish Ramsey County CWMA
2. Education/Outreach (including management techniques)
3. Mapping/Surveying

Ginny mentioned having a travelling kit that could be used for educating the general public in the identification of target species.

Partners agreed to hold 2 workshops in 2009. One will be geared towards the general public on identification and reporting. The second will be geared more towards professionals and will focus on management techniques for the target species. Existing management data for each species will be compiled and reported on. One workshop could be held as early as March.

Bill mentioned having a standardized form to assist in mapping procedures.

Partners agreed to use the MDA Invasive Plant Locator website to report the 5 early detection target species that they are aware of on their sites/managed lands.

Early Detection/Management

WILD PARSNIP

TANSY

JAPANESE KNOTWEED

YELLOW IRIS

MISCANTHUS

RCCWMA General Discussion

It was decided at this time to not move ahead with highlighting priority areas to focus work on. This is a possibility in the future as initial goals are met.

Paul will add hydrilla to the “Lookout” brochure.

Paul and Ann Heyer from the RCD are looking into applying for a grant from the MN DNR- Community Conservation Assistance Grant Program. If awarded, this grant would be used towards mapping out target species in the county.

Paul presented invasive plant information to Como High School students on two occasions. The first was in the field at Como Woodland, the second was in the classroom. A general PowerPoint presentation was created for this, and can be used in the future by any RCCWMA partners. It combined slides from Paul’s presentation at the terrestrial workshop, Blane White’s slides, and some new slides. Please contact Paul if you are interested in using “Invasive Plants 101/New Invasive Plants of Ramsey County.”

Next Meeting

The next RCCWMA meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20th, at 2pm AT THE RAMSEY WASHINGTON METRO WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE IN LITTLE CANADA. This will be the first official meeting for the RCCWMA Steering Committee. All are welcome.

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