

**Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting  
Maplewood City Hall, Thursday Feb 19, 2009, 10 a.m.**

Attendees:

Paul Erdmann, Michael Goodnature – Ramsey Conservation District, Chuck Fiedler – Ramsey County Public Works, Dana Larsen-Ramsay - H. B.Fuller/Willow Lake Nature Preserve, John Moriarty - Ramsey County Parks and Rec., Brittany Hummel – Minnesota DNR , Steve Malone - Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Nancy Duncan – NPS Mississippi River, Ginny Gaynor – City of Maplewood, Ken Graeve - MN DOT, Bill Bartodziej – Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District, Nathan Johnson-St. Paul Parks and Recreation, Tim Power Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association/Law’s Nursery

**I. Meeting opened at 10:06am**

**II. Action Items**

**A. MIPN Membership and Field Guide**

The RCCWMA is officially a member of the Midwest Invasive Plant Network. They sent us their new “Field Guide to Invasive Plants of the Midwest,” a small pocket guide focusing on 36 invasive plants in the Midwest. They are taking preorders for this guide, \$3 now, \$6 later. If you are interested in ordering a copy, contact Paul.

Paul wrote an article about the RCCWMA for MIPN’s next newsletter. Their website is [www.mipn.org](http://www.mipn.org); it contains a wealth of information on invasive plants and CWMA’s.

**B. MISAC and MNLA Update**

Paul heard back from Terry McDill, MDA, she is the Co-Chair of MISAC (Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council). She is willing to come talk to our group, but thought it would be better for Paul to attend the next MISAC Meeting in April and talk about the RCCWMA.

Paul also heard back from the MNLA (Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association). Paul introduced Tim Power, a member of MNLA. The MNLA is a trade group that works to make plant nurseries and landscape related companies more viable and successful. They have been involved with MISAC for a few years, and have been working with the MDA, Nature Conservancy, and others in revising the Noxious Weed Law. Regulation needs to come from outside the industry, and the whole process needs to be funded to reach fruition. Tim mentioned that some invasive plants aren’t a problem as long as they are managed properly, and recommended working with sellers and thinks they would be responsive. Paul will be submitting an article for “The Scoop,” MNLA’s newsletter and keep Tim and the rest of the MNLA updated on the CWMA’s efforts.

C. Discussion of mapping and inventory program and protocols

Paul handed out the rough draft of the Target Species inventory options. He mentioned that he sent it out to Tony Cortillet, and he liked it but had a few suggestions. The group went over each category and modified and edited some portions of it.

D. April Management Workshop discussion

Paul reserved the Marsden Room at the Public Works building for April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-1pm. The actual time will be from 8:30am- Noon. Paul will provide some breakfast items. Paul will handle the press and getting the information out (and give a short presentation about the CWMA); partners are responsible for getting speakers/experts on the target species. Brittany Hummel will speak about yellow iris (and flowering rush and hydrilla), Nancy said that Carmen Chapin will be able to speak about Japanese knotweed, Tony Cortillet will take Wild parsnip, Monika Chandler- tansy, Ginny is in touch with Mary Meyer who will speak about Miscanthus. Presentations should be 20-25 minutes long, and focus on management of the species. Handouts should be made available for each species as well. Paul will ask people to pre-register, the Marsden room can hold around 70 maximum. John will look into getting some specimens for display. Paul would like some tables set up with a nice display.

**III. New business**

Capitol Region Watershed District has joined the RCCWMA. Paul asked Mark Doneux to appoint someone to the steering committee but hasn't heard back yet. Paul asked for partners to *make sure to distribute the Most Wanted flier and their various workshops and events*, and also to link from their own website to the RCCWMA's website.

Paul will be tabling and presenting invasive plant info. at the Wild Ones Native Plant Expo in Roseville on Saturday.

Nate said that St. Paul Parks is working on getting the MOU signed and should be officially on board soon.

Paul mentioned having a meeting exclusively for county workers. Chuck and John think that it wouldn't work- maybe a short meeting in their muster room. John will give an overview to the crew during the spring meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 10am-Noon- Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, [2015 North Van Dyke Street](#), Maplewood, MN 55109-3796

**Target Species Management Workshop:** Wed., April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 8:30am-Noon, Marsden Conference Room, Ramsey County Public Works, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112

**Meeting Adjourned 12:05 p.m.**

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