

**Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting  
Ramsey County Parks and Rec. Office, Thursday, April 9, 2009, 10 a.m.**

Attendees:

Paul Erdmann- Ramsey Conservation District, John Moriarty - Ramsey County Parks and Rec., Brittany Hummel – Minnesota DNR , Steve Malone - Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Nancy Duncan – NPS Mississippi River, Ken Graeve - MN DOT, Bill Bartodziej – Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District

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

**II. Action Items**

A. April 29<sup>th</sup> Management Workshop Discussion

Paul confirmed which partners will be attending the workshop. If anyone else from the partner organizations would like to attend, they should contact Paul ASAP. Space is almost full at 70 people. We have a good variety of people from cities, watersheds, private contractors, and the University of MN that will be attending.

Paul will handle the food, juice and coffee.

Handouts- Paul will contact the speakers to coordinate a handout on each species (and to finalize details). Paul gave Brittany a list of publications he would like to have from the DNR. We will also be displaying the electric “weed board.”

John is working on getting plant specimens for display.

The group discussed if we should have an herbicide company display at the workshop. We could display labels for herbicides. “Do we already know what herbicide works best for each species, or is this what we are going to learn at the workshop?” (Ken mentioned that MN DOT uses Milestone on parsnip). Paul will contact speakers to see if they have an herbicide they recommend over others.

A county map will be displayed that show locations of populations, colored pins can be added by attendees if they know of others.

Paul will give a brief introduction on the CWMA, the Target Species, and why we selected them.

Paul will also put together a survey to give out at the end of the workshop- one side will be about invasive plants, the other a feedback form on the workshop itself.

Times	<b>April 29<sup>th</sup>- Mgmt Workshop- Speaker schedule</b>
8:35-8:55	Intro- Paul
9:00-9:30	Brittany-Yellow iris (+flowering rush, hydrilla)
9:35- 10:00	Mary-Miscanthus
10-10:15	Break
10:20-10:45	Tony-Wild parsnip
10:50-11:15	Monika-Tansy
11:20-11:45	Carmen-Japanese knotweed
11:50-	Closing-Paul

B. LCCMR RFP/General funding discussion

Paul updated the group on the LCCMR RFP he is working on. A sub-committee has formed that is helping work on this. We are requesting funding for the program for 2 years, 2010-2011. If you want more info. or want to help, contact Paul. He will be submitting it for review before April 27<sup>th</sup>.

HR 1660, a bill in the House to fund CWMAs, has been moved to an omnibus bill. Paul has been unable to find out any more info. on the status of it.

The Pulling Together Grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is in the process of being refined, and may be available in the summer of 09.

III. **New business**

Press- Paul wrote and sent an article for the MN Nursery and Landscape Association, but hasn't been able to find out if it was published or not.

Paul has also sent out press releases to the Lillie News, Pioneer Press, Star Tribune, watersheds, etc. He hasn't heard anything back. RWMWD had a blurb in their last newsletter about the workshop.

Bill will talk with their press person to see if they can help.

Management plan- partners decided to wait on this until funding is clearer and the mapping program is established.

Future events- some ideas were passed around for future events. Paul will be tabling at several events (Green Expo, Waterfest) this year.

Steve gave an update on the bill updating the Noxious Weed Law, HR 1367. It is currently in committee.

Paul attended the First Detector training put on by the MDA and Extension. Paul will put the links on the website for information on Emerald Ash Borer, Sirex wood wasp, Gypsy moth, and Asian Longhorned beetle. The CWMA will continue to focus on invasive plants.

**Next Meeting Date:**

July 30, 2009- 10 a.m.

Mn/DOT Training and Conference Center

1900 West County Road I

Shoreview, MN 55126

Map:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/hr/trngctr/roadmap.html>

**Target Species Management Workshop:** Wed., April

29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 8:30am-Noon, Marsden Conference Room,

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**Meeting Adjourned 11:15 a.m.**