

Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting

Arden Hills, September 15th, 2009 11 a.m.

Attendees: Paul Erdmann- Ramsey Conservation District, Tom Petersen-Ramsey Conservation District, Nancy Duncan – NPS Mississippi River, Mary Lee-MN Army National Guard (AHATS), Dave Hamernick-MN Army National Guard (AHATS), Chuck Fiedler- Ramsey County, Matt Kocian- Rice Creek Watershed District, Bill Bartodziej- Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District, Ginny Gaynor- City of Maplewood, Dana Larsen Ramsay- HB Fuller, John Moriarty- Ramsey County Parks

RCCWMA Meeting, Arden Hills, November 3, 2009

Attendees: Paul Erdmann , Ann WhiteEagle, Mike Goodnature, Tom Petersen – Ramsey Conservation District, Chuck Fiedler – Ramsey County, John Moriarty – Ramsey County Parks, Nancy Duncan – National Park Service, Monika Chandler– MN Dept of Agriculture, Dana Larsen Ramsay-HB Fuller, Bill Bartodziej-RWMWD, Ken Graeve-MN DOT

Summary of Meetings: The Ramsey Conservation District is no longer able to support a coordinator for the RCCWMA. Paul's job ends Nov. 13th, 2009. Partners were asked to contribute funding, but nearly all were not able to at this time.

The website will stay the same, hosted on the RCD website. If partners wish to change, they should contact the RCD.

John Moriarty will be coordinating the meetings, the next to be held in February, 2010.

Ann is working on changing Paul's e-mail address to a general "weeds@ramsey county, where residents can send questions or sightings. This will then be distributed to the partners, and people can answer from there.

Nancy Duncan will be applying for a grant in January that could provide funding for a full-part-time coordinator.

The RCD will apply for 15k from BWSR for the next round of funding for the CWMA's. As the RCCWMA is existing, funding must be used as cost share for specific management projects.

Nov. 3rd Notes:

Presentation by Paul – reported inventory and mapping of invasive species and gave recommendations for future endeavors

Yellow Iris

John M. working on Long Lake, didn't think Iris is an aggressive spreader

Wild Parsnip

Large area on County RD E in Shoreview – mowed by the railroad

Tansy

Tansy has been at Battle Creek at least 15 years

Monika – Seeing more in Metro, very abundant in Carlton County in the NE

Japanese Hedge Parsley

John found in western half of Battle Creek

Welby Smith has also found some

Funding Opportunities

- Bill said to look at the distribution to consider the scope of the grant – Tansy might be a lost cause – list 5 species
- John contacted Washington and Hennepin Counties to get regional support, but not going to work-Washington County is focusing on one or two species
- Tom said the RCD will go for \$15,000 for BWSR grant, but 25% match required by partners and easier to work with public property owners
- John has space for a person, but must be paid from other source
- Nancy is applying for National Park Service grant for \$24,000 and they have always gotten it in the past, 50/50 match, but not an issue
- Nancy – Is the BWSR grant annual? Tom replied bi-annual
- Consensus to have data available from County FTP and “Data Deli”
- Monika and John are willing to proof BWSR grant request
- Monika suggested forwarding Paul’s emails to Tony
- Ann will request county create “weeds” email and will forward emails to Tony and cc the group
- John volunteered to organize next meeting sometime in February
- John asked Paul to burn cd with info and everyone requested email, phone info from Paul