# Central MI Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

In-person at Chippewa Nature Center

Thursday, September 16, 2021

10:00am – 11:30am

## Steering Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order
   1. How did everyone’s invasive spotting walk go?
2. Updates from Each Partner
   1. Matthew (on behalf of Michelle) – There is still funding for restoration projects available that could include invasive species work
   2. Tom – 700 acres on property considered “invasive free.” Treatment is ongoing
   3. Jim – phragmites treatment is occurring. 2 road projects next summer
   4. Elan – 25 acres treated at Lane Preserve. 14 acres at Riverview area. Struggling in terms of finding volunteers
   5. Erika – Attending fairs in Gratiot County. 17 acres of invasives removal. Needs more CISMA rack cards
   6. Ashley – Prepping for winter work. Poseyville work is nearing completion.
   7. Karen – \*attached scan\*
   8. Megan – Working on getting wildflower walkway at CNC to be more ADA accessible
3. Touching base on Priority Species list
   1. Matthew - We’ll be moving ahead with a list containing plants and animals. More details to be sent out later
4. Meeting Times, Agenda Schedules
   1. Matthew - Going back to the third Thursday of every month at 10am. Please share any ideas for locations/activities that would be engaging for an all partner meeting. Looking to have one in the next 2 months at the longest.
5. ~~Presentation on River Survey (if anyone still hasn’t seen results)~~
6. Updates from Matthew
   1. Previous Outreach/Education Events
      1. Fair, Street Fair, Boat Wash, Pesticide Training.
         1. MCF was not a great turnout, Harrison Street Fair was good so please share any local events like this if you know of them. Boat wash is worth trying again with some adjustments.
            1. Elan suggested trying an area with kayakers
      2. WNEM TV5 wants to interview this weekend so as I get more details on that, I’ll be sure to let you know.
      3. Upcoming Trainings
         1. Online seminars, pesticide trainings.
            1. There was discussion on how to decide what trainings to go to and whether committee approval is needed for paid events. Consensus was that a budget for such events be approved by committee and autonomy in decision making allowed beyond that (within reason).
   2. Finances.
      1. GLRI 2021 has money left in the budget. It’s intended to do future surveying but there can be discussion about exactly what that means.
   3. 2020 GLRI Grant update
      1. Treatments
   4. 2021 GLRI Grant update
      1. River Survey results
         1. Elan wanted to know people in Saginaw County will also be contacted about survey. They will be contacted, SB CISMA will collaborate. Also wanted to discuss surveying other areas of the river/other rivers, perhaps partner priority river sites.
         2. Next steps after contact are to create treatment plan
   5. 2019 MISGP Grant update
      1. Just forestry mowing at CNC left
   6. 2020 MISGP Grant update
      1. Launch surveys
         1. CD3 signs going to start getting posted
7. Looking ahead
   1. 2021 MISGP
      1. Goals and Direction of the CM-CISMA
         1. Matthew – Want to put more focus towards outreach and community engagement rather than treatment.
         2. Elan – We need to be strategic in where/who we can reach. Something to discuss with committee
         3. Erika – Can assist with connecting with bigger organizations/people
      2. I will be sending out email to schedule a time to discuss this soon