

Thursday, December 04, 2008
Cary IES
Lower Hudson PRISM meeting

Attendees: Dave Strayer, Cary IES; Emilie Hauser, DEC-HRNERR; John Mickelson, Nature Network; Leslie Surprenant, DEC/OISC; Fred Koontz, Teatown Lake Reservation; Janet Anderson, Three Lakes Council; Joanna Galdone, Rockland EMC/West Branch; Ronald Kuhn, gardener; Anne Georges; Bob O'Brien, OPRHP/EMB; Dan Sorensen, Scenic Hudson; Chris Kenyon, Scenic Hudson; Erik Kiviat, Hudsonia; Wendy Tremper wollerton, CCEDC; Radka Wildova, Cary IES; Barbara Dibeler, NYC-DEP; Judy Sullivan, Cary-IES; Brad Roeller, Cary-IES; Stephanie Mallozzi, CCE Dutchess Co.; Elizabeth Kolb, NYS-DOT; David VanLuven, TNC; Lori Quillen, TNC; Ed McGowan, PIPC/OPRHP

Leslie Surprenant: details of NYS Office of Invasives status:

Hand out of summary status task list, including contracts, statutory tasks (document attached).

Beta website now at: <http://www.newyorkinvasivespecies.org/>

PRISM selection (cooperative agreement, in final form, thru DEC contracts (as partner)

CCE Ed & Outreach, Information Clearinghouse (web site), NYS online IS library: being updated, Chuck Oneil, events, etc.. Clearinghouse with links to hosts, etc...

Mechanism for splitting off in future?

Centralized CCE Ed & Outreach? One central office. Plan is for 8 coordinators, one for each PRISM (currently just one) ADM from 1 location. Idea is to have PRISMS served, each by one.

NYIS.info. default (in beta?). (note: same as <http://www.newyorkinvasivespecies.org/>

Locational/spatial DB (contract implemented with NYNHP) Meg Wilkinson is contact.

IS Research Institute (Cornell is host) not implemented (IES in parallel... Scientific advisory board). NYISRI.org (now being built) holly Menninger @ Cornell

Response teams (PRISMs)

Still considering Bi-Annual IS summit (budget may be a problem)

Eradication Grants

Terrestrial (closed\suspended, \$1k total (aquatic\terrestrial) Aquatic in Spring (?),

Doug Schmidt, Lands & Forests is contact

Regulatory streamlining: LI (pond) permit issues (Persons issuing permits seems to be an issue)

Encouraging Industry: Clean stock pilot (ag markets)

Mission Statement now in place (overall office)

Sub-committee reports:

Management: Bob O'Brien

Full committee still yet to meet: have been in email contact. Basic framework document drafted (distributed... included below here)

Minewaska\PIPC management plan (a bit different from what a PRISM MP "should" look like

Suggestion that a combination of oversight and field teams be made available as local projects are submitted to LoHud PRISM panel.

Do Not Plant list needed (LI already has going, with BBG efforts)
Knowledge base needed to be developed (per spp., phenology, etc...)
Gary Moore, Troy Weldy are contacts

Education & Outreach: Fred Koontz

Also little\no intra-committee contact, several events noted
Native Plant Workshop: Emily Hauser (fall presentation) 85 ppl, maxed out. Plans for
Spring follow up. April 24 (75 ppl max? More?).
Canada Geese\Nuisance workshop

Discussion of creation of Speakers Bureau and Library of presentation materials

Demo\sample "Intro to IS" provided (Mickelson)
Decision made to move ahead with bureau (list) and library (.PPTs, .PDFs)
Topic of trainings of presenters and review and certification of "official"
LoHud PRISM presentation materials postponed
(e.g. issues of information accuracy, oversight of public message)
David Strayer to provide password protected web space for near-term warehousing of
sample presentations (PowerPoint's, etc...)

Presentations:

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| Invasives and Hudson River Ecology | David Strayer |
| New arrival profile: Kudzu | Ed McGowan |
| Using volunteers to manage invasives: | Ed McGowan\Emilie Hauser |

Next meeting: Hubbard Lodge, Fahnestock State Park, Thurs. March 19. 12-3

Lower Hudson PRISM

DRAFT OUTLINE Management Plan 9/10/2008

I. PRISM boundaries

II. Member Organizations

- a. Host Organization
- b. Primary Partners
- c. General Member Organizations

III. General Philosophy (How priorities are set; when and where management should be considered).

a. Mission/Purpose (from Cooperating Agreement): The purpose of the Lower Hudson PRISM is to protect the biodiversity, flora and fauna, parks, wildlife habitat, farmland, forests, water resources, and scenic vistas by using a collaborative integrated approach to invasive species management. The emphasis of these activities will be prevention and early detection/rapid response of high priority invasive species. Secondary emphasis will be placed on the containment and management of more widely established invasive species throughout the Lower Hudson region.

b. Ranking Criteria

IV. Invasives List (Use list established by IPC, four-tier group)

- a. Established
- b. Early Detection
- c. Approaching

V. Inventory and Mapping (Adopt a common protocol for mapping; eventual host organization to collect data from member organizations into a master database for the region.)

- a. Software/Database
- b. GPS
- c. Data gathering

VI. Invasives Prevention Zones

- a. Definition
- b. Areas

VII. Early Detection/Rapid Response Plans

- a. Mile-a-Minute
- b. Others?

VIII. Education and Outreach