Coastal Watershed Invasive Plant Partnership
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 4, 2008  9 a.m -12 p.m  United States Forest Service Office, Durham

Attendees:
Kevin Lucey, nhcp  
Mary Currier, rccd  
Dave Burdick, unh  
Florence Peterson, usfs  
Joanne Glode, tnc  
Brooke Smart, nrcs  
Christine Perron, NHDOT

1) To determine goals, outputs, & timelines for each sub-committee;

The following is the direction and future tasks for each CWIPP sub-committee, as decided by the Steering Committee.

GIS / DATABASE SUBCOMMITTEE

GOAL: Consolidate and integrate existing invasive plant spatial data, present findings in the form of maps, & develop plan for long-term management and storage of geo-spatial data.

TASKS & OUTPUTS DUE DATE
1. Integrate data. Nov-Dec 2008
3. Create and house database (on-going)
4. Find more user-friendly data collection (on-going)

MEMBERS: Joanne Glode, TNC; Florence Peterson, USFS; Rachel Stevens, GBNERR; Tom Luther, USFS

PLANT LIST SUBCOMMITTEE

GOAL: Develop a master list of those invasive plants that are: Not Yet Present, Present w/ Low Abundance, and Widespread.

TASKS & OUTPUTS DUE DATE
1. Top 12 plants with greatest threat & justify selection. 11/6/9
2. Draft Master List (not yet present, present w/ low abundance, and widespread). 12/4/08
3. Final Master List. 3/5/08

MEMBERS: Doug Cygan, NH Dept of Ag; Joanne Glode, TNC; Florence Peterson, USFS

TREATMENT, CONTROL, AND DISPOSAL SUBCOMMITTEE

GOAL: Develop species-specific chemical and non-chemical control techniques and disposal guidelines within NH’s regulatory framework

TASKS & OUTPUTS DUE DATE
1. Species-specific control techniques. 12/4/8
2. Species-specific disposal guidelines. 12/4/8
5. Final Fact Sheets. 5/7/9

MEMBERS: Christine Perron, NHDOT; Rachel Stevens, GBNERR; Kevin Lucey, NHCP; Dave Burdick, UNH; Florence Peterson, USFS; Nancy Pau, USFWS
MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

GOAL: Ad hoc sub-committee facilitating the creation of the CWIPP Invasive Plant Management Plan

TASKS & OUTPUTS DUE DATE
1. Finalize Table of Contents. 11/6/8
2. First Draft Due. 5/7/8
6. Technical Writing. Sep-Dec 2009
7. Final Draft. 12/3/9

MEMBERS: Kevin Lucey, NHCP; Tracy Degnan, RCCD; Brooke Smart, NRCS; Ted Diers, NHCP

2) Odiorne State Park: CWIPP pilot project?

CWIPP Partners, NRCS, NHCP, and RCCD, are reviving an invasive species control project at Odiorne State Park. There is substantial opportunity for control projects throughout the park and many supporting entities and stakeholders. There is $15,000 already aligned for invasive species control at odiorne through the Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership. Mooseplate grant has an October 3rd deadline.

ACTIONS:
Kevin to coordinate meeting with various stakeholders including: NRCS, RCCD, State Parks and pursue a project proposal with mooseplate.

3) Great Bog: Phragmites control

Rachel Stevens and Kevin attended the site walk at the Great Bog Phragmites eradication mitigation project for the Target/Lowes development on Route 33. The ten year long project will, according to the wetlands permit, eradicate 100% of phragmites.

Action:
CWIPP to send a letter addressed to the Wetlands Bureau and Gove Environmental thanking us for the opportunity to participate in the Site Walk and to emphasize the need for adequate performance standards and monitoring plans and to express concern about the potential for colonization of the site by other invasives.

4) Other

NHACC MEETING: Upon request of the Steering Committee, CWIPP will be presenting at the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions on November 1st, 2008 to raise awareness of our efforts and to garner their support in tracking invasive plant control projects.

Saving Special Places: Rachel has contacted spnhf to express interest in presenting at their next conference.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: October 2nd, 9am @ US Forest Service Office, Durham
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