

Coastal Watershed Invasive Plant Partnership  
February 16, 9 a.m to 11 a.m.  
US Forest Service- Durham, NH

**Attendees:** Kevin Lucey (NHCP), Brook Smart (NRCS), Joanne Glode (TNC), Lenny Lord (RCCD), Rachel Stevens (GBNERR), Florence Peterson (USFS).

**ANNUAL REPORT**

- Most of the CWIPP Partners submitted their annual accomplishments, which were compiled into an excel spreadsheet. In this new spreadsheet, partner activities and accomplishments can be sorted by activity, town, organization, year, and it also allows for computing acres controlled, volunteer hours, etc.. **ACTION** Partners are obligated by the Partnership Agreement to provide their accomplishments for the 2011 season.
- Additional data that may be helpful are: latitude, longitude and cost.
- Those in attendance at the meeting discussed the importance of adding activities from previous years to the spreadsheet.. **ACTION:** Kevin will transfer information from the 2009 annual report into the spreadsheet.

**STATE OF NH: HERBICIDE CONTRACT**

- The first of two herbicide contracts is now in place. This contract for Spot Herbicide Application for Control of Invasive Plants and Poison Ivy is with Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc. This contract covers Belknap, Merrimack, Strafford, Cheshire, Hillsboro, and Rockingham Counties. The second contract, which has not yet been approved, will cover the northern part of the state.
- CWIPP Partners remain unclear how to optimize the use of this contractual mechanism and thought that a brief presentation by the Department of Administrative Services would be helpful. **ACTION:** Ask Christine Perron to inquire about a presentation from DAS.

**FACTSHEETS.....JAPANESE KNOTWEED CAMPAIGN**

- Kevin indicated that for numerous years CWIPP partners have been working on species-specific invasive plant control factsheets. A template has been created, which has been populated for 5 species. Tons of good work has gone into these factsheets from many different contributors. Kevin is concerned; however, that these factsheets do not contribute more than what already exists online. As a means to move things forward, Kevin has offered to focus on 1 species; to create a comprehensive guide for Japanese Knotweed control in NH. Kevin suggested the following:
  - Add guidance for private landowners;
  - Add locally relevant case studies that demonstrate different techniques used throughout NH. Case study ideas: TNC has been handpulling 3x year, they also have foliar examples; SPNHF has on-going knotweed control at Creek Farm; GBNERR has Chapmans Landing; NHCP has foliar control at Winnicut, USFS and NHDOT have projects as well.

- Provide peer-reviewed guidance with 100% confidence.
- **ACTION:** Kevin to start developing these ideas and reaching out to project managers.
- Further discussion of this idea resulted in the following ideas:
  - Support the publication of the Japanese Control Factsheet with a day long Japanese knotweed control workshop in May 2013, which would be supported by CWIPP Partners. This coincides with the 5 year anniversary of the CWIPP Partnership.
  - Implement demonstration projects or continue existing projects. For instance, perhaps partners could assist with providing additional support to the Lamprey River knotweed control project was discussed. **ACTION:** Lenny and Brook to follow-up with the Lamprey River group

#### Update from Natural Resources Conservation Service.

- Through WRP, NRCS has the ability to deploy 1 Cooperative Agreement that encompasses many landowners. This is in lieu of having many landowners under separate agreements.
- The awardee receives funding to pay contractors.
- The Cooperative Agreement allows for 10% indirect costs.
- Contact Brook Smart for more information.

#### **Meeting Schedule:**

- The next meetings is April 26, 2012 from 9-11 at the US Forest Service Office in Durham