

South Central Invasives Partnership (SCIP)
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SCIP Council Meeting | August 2021
Remote via Zoom | Thursday, August 26, 2021 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

In attendance: Hannah Bunting, Matt Wallrath, Wade Moder, Katie Abbott, Mary Kay Baum,
Willis Brown, Robert Luzynski, Lisa Brush, Jason Neton, Mike Deagan

1. Welcome & Introductions

1. Intro Hannah Bunting & Matt Wallrath
2. Intro Upper Sugar River Watershed Association (USRWA)
3. Intro South Central Invasives Partnership (SCIP)
4. Intro attendees: name, organization, role
5. Discussion on Poison Hemlock
6. Discussion on the MOU and why SCIP has one:
 1. To show support from landowners and land managers exists
 2. To build collaboration
 3. To create incentive/buy-in for future funding requests
7. Discussion on what SCIP is:
 1. Are we an organization? Collaborative? Community?
 2. Official names associated with funding requests (i.e. we are not an official nonprofit organization)
 3. Landed on using Partnership as descriptor

2. Welcome to the MOU!

1. WI DNR
2. Upper Sugar River Watershed Association
3. Southern Driftless Grasslands
4. Blue Mounds Area Project
5. Iowa County Land Conservation Department

3. Guest Speaker | Representative from The Stewardship Network (TSN)

1. Rob Luzynski: Network Administrator for TSN – provides support to local coordinators to do the work [invasive species management] that is already being done
2. The Stewardship Network (TSN) is a 501(c)3 organization:
3. Mission “Connect, equip, and mobilize people and organizations to care for land and water through shared experiences, knowledge, and resources”
4. Vision: “Build a diverse network of connected communities empowered to care for our environment together—now and forever”
5. Values: authenticity, inclusion, appreciation, compassion, joy
6. Benefits of SCIP joining TSN: website hosting, management, coordinator support, shared resources, collaboration across CISMAS, networking, mentor/mentorship opportunities, conferences/events
7. Goal of TSN: to keep managers outside doing the work they do!

4. **Discussion on joining TSN**

1. Broad support. Vote will go out to Council members.

5. **Discussion on the broad objectives of SCIP**

1. Coordinate resources and expertise in our 5-county region for boots-on-the-ground work.
 1. “Coordinate resources” is a broad term – what does this mean?
 2. What will coordinating resources do?
 3. What is our vision? To coordinate work days? To just do educational outreach? To disseminate knowledge and expertise?
 4. Main goals: continue to educate landowners on species of concern
 5. Shared infrastructure for participants: calendar of events, volunteer group to mobilize to sites, etc.
 1. Pilot project: honeysuckle management on Jim’s land – September 11
2. Share knowledge amongst a wide range of constituents.
 1. Find out about other projects/events going on in the 5-county region that need promotion and support
3. Management, coordination, and funding for sustainable growth.

6. **Upcoming Projects**

1. Work party on Jim Zerwick’s land – September 11
 1. 5-10 volunteers needed

2. Managing for honeysuckle
2. Draft of mission & vision statements
 1. Our goal is to assist participating organizations and landowners in sharing knowledge, resources, priorities, and coordination to more effectively manage invasive species in the region
3. Species of concern
 1. Poison hemlock report
 1. EddMAPS as a reporting tool and resource
 2. Map view of species in our area
 3. Individuals on properties, no infestations found
 4. DNR found Poison Hemlock on public land – view as urgent as a public health issue
 5. How long has it been around? A newer species of concern
 6. Goal: bring awareness to landowners and land managers
 7. Goal: Strategy on how to tackle this invasive
 2. Japanese hedge parsley

7. Shared Calendar Events

1. None shared from the community.

8. Wrap Up & Next Meeting

1. Next SCIP Council meeting - Thursday, October 28 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Links shared in Zoom chat:

- Invasive Plant Management Factsheets -
<https://renzweedscience.cals.wisc.edu/resources/invasive-management-factsheets/>
- Poison Hemlock Fact Sheet -
<https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Flearningstore.uwex.edu%2FAssets%2Fpdfs%2FA3924-12.pdf>
- Ragweed – A Quick Guide -
<https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/2019/08/16/ragweed-a-quick-guide/>