

## Hamilton County CISMA Meeting Agenda/Notes November 2020

### 1) Welcome

- a) Welcome new attendees!
- b) About today's meeting
  - i) Updates and planning, education station, and partner updates

### 2) HIP HIP HOORAY (New- let's celebrate success)

- a) Survey results article in Current
  - i) [https://www.youarecurrent.com/2020/10/21/survey-reveals-most-invasive-plant-species-in-hamilton-county/?fbclid=IwAR3agEEO4GM1kXdgwJT-PKeb3\\_IYC10GkyAlv-5LVd-8YPr6pdFWyxfYuWA](https://www.youarecurrent.com/2020/10/21/survey-reveals-most-invasive-plant-species-in-hamilton-county/?fbclid=IwAR3agEEO4GM1kXdgwJT-PKeb3_IYC10GkyAlv-5LVd-8YPr6pdFWyxfYuWA)
- b) Weed Wrangler article
  - i) <https://readthereporter.com/hip-earns-weed-wrangler-award/>
- c) Great content in Master Gardener newsletter!
- d) Upper Midwest Invasives Species Conference presentation on 11/4
- e) Joanna shared that CCPR has done a few tree plantings. One along the Monon on World Habitat Day they cleared honeysuckle and then planted 40 native trees. Did another large tree planting at Founder's Park.

### 3) Upcoming events, event summaries, important dates

- a) Strike team events
  - i) Noblesville event -- On November 7th the City of Noblesville is hosting a volunteer event to cut and treat invasive honeysuckle along the White River in downtown Noblesville. We need 2-3 Volunteers to help lead boy scout groups in honeysuckle identification. For more information, check [here](#). You don't need to sign up on the website, just reach out to Taylor Wilson at [taylor.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:taylor.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) to register.
- b) Monthly Meetings: 2021 schedule set. This can be found on our webpage under "Meeting Schedule" at the bottom left.
- c) Invasives Surveys
  - i) Lisa Meek - Friday 11/13 at 2pm. Contact Taylor to participate. This is a great opportunity to learn!
- d) CISMA Lunch and Network Hour – November 12<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30 pm
  - i) How to successfully use volunteers to treat invasives in your public green spaces, Weed wrangles & year end reports.
    - (1) Email Dawn ([dawn.slack@tnc.org](mailto:dawn.slack@tnc.org)) for link to attend.
- e) Indiana Native Plant Society Virtual Annual Meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
  - i) INPS highlights and best places to see native plants in Indiana
  - ii) <https://indiananativeplants.org/inps-sponsored-events/annual-conference/>

### 4) Education Station

- a) Tree of Heaven – Taylor presented on Tree of Heave. You can view the presentation at the bottom of this page: [www.hamiltonswcd.org/invasivespecies](http://www.hamiltonswcd.org/invasivespecies)
- b) Next month?
  - i) We are looking for a volunteer to lead the December education station. This is a short (5-10 minute), casual presentation on an invasive species, resource tool, management method, or other topic. Please [contact Claire](#) if you are interested in presenting.

### 5) HIP General

- a) Weed Wrangle (Claire)
  - i) Planning-Not much progress has been made since the last meeting. Claire mentioned that it may be worth our time to have a temporary Weed Wrangle Committee, like last year.
  - ii) 2021 Weed Wrangle Contest – available. We can decide if we want to participate.
- b) Pocket Guide to Indiana Regulated Invasive Plants
  - i) We have one copy and ordered more. Claire will make available.
- c) Invasives mgt signs (Claire)
  - i) Claire will also be making temporary signage that people/groups can borrow for invasive species workdays, removal, tree planting, etc. These are intended to inform people of what’s going on and raise awareness. These will be stored at the SWCD.
  - ii) We have small invasives yard signs also available.
- d) Committee “OneDrive” cloud space
  - i) Claire and Taylor will work on creating and organizing “cloud” storage for HIP and the committees.
- e) Ideas for programs
  - i) PARP training – way to connect with new groups (ag producers) who are seeking PARP credits.
- f) Standalone website – committees should think about
  - i) What resources do we want to have on there?
  - ii) What pages do we want/need?
  - iii) Who/how can we develop that content
  - iv) Goal launch?
  - v) Laura shared that she had been looking at other websites and creating a list of menu items and dropdowns that we could use on our site. She mentioned that there are a lot of websites we can just link to.
- g) 2020 Achievements – To be discussed at next committee meetings
  - i) List of committee success (any and all measurables) due to Claire by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii) Evaluate 2020 goals
    - (1) Achieved
    - (2) Additions
    - (3) Challenges
  - iii) Due to Claire Nov. 30th
- h) 2021 Goals – To be discussed at next committee meetings
  - i) SMART Goals, with covid considerations (<https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/smart-goals.htm>)
    - (1) How are we going to use the survey results to direct our efforts?
    - (2) How can we bring more people in?
  - ii) Financial needs with each item
  - iii) Due to Claire by November 30 so we can discuss at December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## 6) Partner Updates

- a) SWCD – Taylor and Claire
  - i) Trees for sale – HIP \$10. UPDATE: We only have arborvitae left.

## 7) Committee Updates

- a) Education –

- i) Claire has made a presentation template with the HIP logo and branding that can be used for any presentations.
- b) Technical – Committee has been reworking goals and kickstarting the strike team. They are currently working on turning their ideas into measurable goals. Kim shared several ideas about how to do a survey of where invasives exist in Hamilton County. The current thought is to do a windshield survey, digitally map it, and share online with the county for education purposes.
- c) Kim shared some other ideas such as resources specific to Hamilton County invasives timing and relevant management. These could be developed into resources, a calendar, and timed social media posts.

**8) Next meeting(s)**

- a) HIP – December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon
- b) Education Committee – November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am
- c) Technical Committee – November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30

**Attendees:**

- Taylor Wilson
- Claire Lane
- John Troth – welcome!
- Dorrie Keyes
- Joanna Woodruff
- Shelly Brown
- Laura McCloughan
- Mary Welz
- Audrey Cooper – welcome!
- Nick Bonnet

# Save the Date

- Nov 12, 2020
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM Eastern



Please join us for our first quarterly *Indiana CISMMA Lunch & Networking Hour*

Topics: How to successfully use volunteers to treat invasives in your public green spaces, Weed Wrangles & end of year reports

Guest Speaker: Brenda Howard

Email: [Dawn.slack@tuc.org](mailto:Dawn.slack@tuc.org) for link to zoom meeting.



## Weed Wrangle example ideas:

<https://www.facebook.com/ForTheLand/posts/2976099252472870>

<https://www.facebook.com/ExtensionOffice/posts/3263425417003030>

<https://www.facebook.com/minnetrista/posts/10157940661444961>



**Lawrence Co. KIC  
Applicator Recert Virtual  
Program**

Join Lawrence County KIC and Purdue Extension-Lawrence County in a virtual learning opportunity all about agricultural weed topics while earning Private or Category 1/RT credits:

- invasive plants plant
- removal techniques
- pollinator habitat

**OCTOBER 29, 2020**  
**11:00am – 1:00pm EDT**

This program qualifies for Private Applicator and Category 1 credits! Register at this link:  
<https://bit.ly/FARP-OCI>

Cost \$15

PURDUE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/EQUAL ACCESS/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION INSTITUTION.

Private Applicator, Category 1, and RT Commercial Credits will be offered.

Program Topics include:

1. Invasive Weed ID
2. Control Options and Application Methods for Weed
3. Drift Watch/BeeAware
4. Erosion Control /Planting for Pollinators

Due to the popularity of this workshop, credit card payment is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**. If your registration includes a manual it will not be shipped until payment is collected.

“Two of our approved speakers will be covering invasive weed identification, control options and application methods for specific weeds, as well as planting for pollinators with consideration for erosion control. I’ll be presenting the regulatory topics of Driftwatch and BeeAware.”

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