

## Indiana Invasive Species Council Public Meeting

### AGENDA

Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Efroymsen Conservation Center  
620 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

#### 10:00 AM

1. Welcome, roll call and introductions: – IISC chairperson Heather Reynolds
2. Adopt agenda. Approve May 21, 2019 minutes
3. Old business:
  - Terrestrial Plant Rule Implementation Updates
    - Callery Pear Production (Growers) & Fiscal Analysis (Megan Abraham)
    - General Public
      - Fact Sheet (Dawn Slack, Ellen Jacquart)
      - Field Guide & Funding (Dawn Slack, Ellen Jacquart)
      - Link IPAC & Purdue Extension (e.g. PEISWG) for Public Outreach (Dawn Slack, Elizabeth Barnes)
  - DNR Invasive Species Website Inconsistencies - Status (Megan Abraham)
  - Callery Pear Outreach
    - Survivor Tree Seedling Program – Elkhart County Fire Chief (Dawn Slack/Megan Abraham)
  - County Weed Boards, Invasive Species Mangmt. & CISMAs
    - Update of Purdue Noxious Weed Bulletin by Glen Nice (Steve Yaninek)
4. New business:
  - USDA-NRCS Networking Conversation (Brienne Lowe, State Biologist)
  - Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program Update (Report from John Orick, see Appendix I)
  - Emerging Invasive Species Issues
    - Plant Pests (Megan Abraham)
    - Aquatic (Eric Fischer)
    - Animal Diseases (Kelli Werling)
    - Plants (Dawn Slack)
  - Invasive Plants Advisory Committee (Dawn Slack)
    - General Updates
    - CISMA Networking Activity w/ DNR Nature Preserves & County Weed Boards (w/ Matt Kraushar)
    - State Agency/Other Annual Reports w/ Shareable Info on Invasive Sp. (w/ Steve Yaninek)
  - Updates from Working Groups
    - Tactical Plan
      - Networking conversations for Nov IISC meeting (All, see Appendix II)
    - Funding
      - Summer Study Task Force for Long-term CISMA Funding/ Priorities and recommendations for CISMA funding as guide for legislative summer study commission (Jeff Cummins or Katie Nelson)
      - IISC Executive Director Funding (All)
    - Communications & Website (Dawn Slack)
      - Digest of Agency Invasive Species Action Plans for IISC website (All)
    - Education and Outreach (Mike Warner)
  - IISC Chair for 2020
7. Updates or announcements from the Council and public
8. Next meeting date: Dec 12, 2019
9. Next steps/action items

3:00 PM – Adjourn

## **Appendix I – Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program Update**

**Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program Update  
For  
Indiana Invasive Species Council  
July 23, 2019  
By John Orick, Purdue EMG State Coordinator**

### **Scope and Purpose of the Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Program**

The purpose of the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program is to train volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in Indiana communities. In 2018, Purdue Extension Educators trained over 400 Purdue EMG interns. Likewise, during 2018, there were over 2,700 active Purdue EMG volunteers who contributed over 174,000 volunteer hours valued at over \$4.1 million to Indiana residents. Purdue EMG's made over 700,000 educational contacts with Indiana residents.

### **Training Requirements**

In 2018, the [Purdue EMG State Advisory Committee](#) recommended adding “Invasive Species” to the list of required core topics for the Purdue EMG Basic Training for new EMG interns beginning in Fall 2019. Our Purdue Extension Invasive Species team is currently developing materials for Extension Educators to use to train new and existing Purdue EMG's on the topic of invasive species.

## **Appendix II – Networking conversations w/ IISC**

### **2018**

- Jan 2018: USDA APHIS PPQ – Nick Johnson
- May 2018: DNR Community and Urban Forestry – Carrie Tauscher
- July 2018: Dr. Mo Zhou – Purdue University
- Nov 2018:
  - Dr. Abigail Sullivan – IU Environmental Resilience Institute
  - Ray Chattin – SICIM

### **2019**

- Feb 2019: DNR Nature Preserves – Tom Swinford
- May 2019:
  - County Weed Boards – Steve Berg, Ken Eck
  - Brenda Howard – Indy Parks

### **Prospective speakers:**

- US Customs & Border Protection – branch concerned with Ag pest and diseases
- SWCD – statewide leadership
- Land trusts
- Master Gardeners – John Orick, Purdue Horticulture and Landscape Architecture department
- US Fish & Wildlife – bat biologist
- Crane Naval Installation – Brady Miller with Department of Defense
- Private forestry and land managers
- Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association – Liz Jackson
- Indiana Hardwood Lumberman’s Association – Ray Moistner
- RC&D – Rural Conservation and Development – Don Carlson

**Appendix III – IISC Planner for 2019**

<b>DUTIES</b>	<b>Key Action Items for 2019</b>	<b>Working Group/Person</b>
[Sec.4. (1)] Recommend priorities for projects, funding, rules and laws concerning invasive species to the appropriate governmental agencies and legislative committees	Establish summer study task force for CISMA long-term funding issue	Jeff Cummings
[Sec.4. (2)] Recommend a lead state agency to develop an invasive species inventory for each invasive species taxon (plants, insects and plant diseases, aquatics, animal diseases), and develop and maintain a data management system for invasive species in Indiana.	Discussion point: this item is covered by the invasive species lists developed by DNR and IPAC, and by the EddMaps initiative  Clearinghouse initiative for invasive species annual reporting	Steve Yaninek, Dawn Slack
[Sec.4. (3)] Communicate with other states, federal agencies, and state and regional organizations to enhance consistency and effectiveness in preventing the spread of, early detection of, response to, and management of invasive species.	February: Tom Swinford, DNR Nature Preserves	Megan Abraham
	May: County Weed Management Board  (Back up will be Indiana Hardwood Lumberman's Association – Ray Moistner)	Matt Kraushar
[Sec.4. (4)] Coordinate invasive species education and outreach activities.	Terrestrial Plant Rule Ed Campaign  - Grower/Seller  - General Public	Megan Abraham  Dawn Slack, Ellen Jacquart
	Indiana Invasive Species Awareness Week -Press Release	Steve Yaninek & Liz Barnes
	Indiana Green Expo	Megan Abraham,

	Invasive Species Panel	Steve Yaninek
	Great Lakes Parks Training Institute	Megan Abraham
	Letters to grower/sellers & to Survivor Tree Program Right-of-Way Managers Invasive Species Training	Heather Reynolds, Liz Barnes, Dawn Slack Matt Kraushar
[Sec.4. (5)] Convene or support an invasive species meeting at least once per biennium to provide information on best practices and pertinent research findings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 is off year</li> </ul>	
[Sec.4. (6)] Assist governmental agencies in reviewing current invasive species policies and procedures, and addressing any deficiencies or inconsistencies in such policies and procedures.	July Meeting: Develop digest of agency Invasive species action plans for IISC website	
[Sec.4. (7)] Assist state agencies in reviewing the agencies' performance measures for accountability concerning the agencies' invasive species actions.	Agencies do not have invasive species-specific performance metrics...agency metrics are gauged by permits...metrics are dictated by governor's office...interest in this as a way to credit agencies for their work? Concern that metrics and activities are too variable and not under control of agency rep.	Continue conversation – how do we help state agencies get better funding for the invasive species work that they do?
[Sec.4. (8)] Receive reports from any governmental agency regarding actions taken on recommendations of the council.	Ongoing: Terrestrial Plant Rule, website inconsistencies re: invasive species reporting, INDOT Standard Specifications in progress	Megan Abraham Matt Kraushar
[Sec.4. (9)] Apply for grants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb meeting: Ad hoc working group for funding presents priorities and recommendations for CISMA funding as guide for legislative summer study</li> </ul>	Jeff Cummings Steve Yaninek Rick Haggard

	commission	
[Sec.4. (10)] Provide grants for education about or management of invasive species.	July Meeting: Receive reports from IISC ad hoc group on funding priorities	Steve Yaninek