

Minutes
Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2015; 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m.

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District
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- I. **Call to order and introductions, 1:05 pm.** In attendance: Ashley Bennett, Ramsey Conservation District; Shannon Montante, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation; Dana Larsen-Ramsey, H.B. Fuller Company; John Lampe, Green Shoots Inc.

II. Previous minutes review and Partner updates

A. RCCWMA/Ramsey Conservation District

1. Carole shared contact information for the Waterfest and Landscape Revival outreach events.
2. Carole presented the very short Winter/Early Spring Phragmites Identification PowerPoint by Bernd Blossey, Cornell University. Carole and Maplewood staff took a look at stands at the Priory Preserve. Carole and Dana checked stands at H.B. Fuller/Willow Lake. It seems to be spreading at both of these sites. Samples were collected. Preliminary findings are that plants are native. Samples of native plants were on the table for examination of characteristics.
3. Japanese hedge parsley identification with samples
4. Carole checked with the EDDMapS web tech about problems seeing reports on EDDMapS that Carole and Katy discussed at a past meeting. All EDDMapS reports are now screened and verified by several verifiers approved by the state. Carole fell off the list when the site was updated, she is now back on. Katy has been added to the list.
5. Carole contacted Lee Frelich with the question about whether there appears to be a link between buckthorn removal and the appearance of oak wilt, or whether it was just easier to spot oak wilt after the buckthorn is removed. He did not see or know of any evidence of a cause and effect relationship.

B. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

1. Shannon said invasive knotweed was discovered at Lilydale. She asked for details of the knotweed treatment at Southwood Preserve, North St. Paul, that has been so successful. John replied that he used a foaming foliar spray of 4.3% glyphosate in late summer/early fall. He now applies once, waits a couple weeks and then sprays again. The early treatment was scheduled for around September 1st, and the second application in late September.
2. Shannon asked whether there was a verifier for the City of Saint Paul. If not, is it possible to add people? Carole will check with Monika Chandler, MN Dept of Agriculture.
3. Carole asked whether Shannon received the of Japanese knotweed report near the building in the small SW park by the country club. Shannon said that would be the responsibility of the Parks Maintenance staff. She said she could forward the report if Carole resends it.

III. Action Items

- A. Carole repeated Anita Cholewa's request for members to collect samples for the Bell Herbarium. Herbarium samples are the official record of a species in Minnesota or a

county, not EDDMapS reports. The group discussed scheduling a training session with the herbarium.

IV. New Business/Open discussion

- A. Invasives tour: there is a west metro tour on July 22nd. Do we still need one in the west metro? Members were interested in seeing native vs. non-native Phragmites.
- B. Is Shoreview willing to share their video of Carole's invasive plant presentation? Carole said she was told she'd receive a copy, but would check.
- C. Grants:
 - 1. A training trunk that could be loaned out would be a great education tool to add to the next grant application.

V. Set next meeting date and location:

- A. Carole will set up another Doodle poll for our next meeting; likely in September.

VI. Adjourn meeting, 2:00 pm