

**Minutes**  
**Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting**  
**Monday, January 29, 2018; 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m.**

University of MN Bell Herbarium, Biological Sciences room 875  
 1445 Gortner Ave, St Paul, MN 55108  
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**I. Call to order and introductions, 1:10 pm.** In attendance: Carole Gernes, Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area (RCCWMA); Simba Blood, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District; Laura Van Riper, MN DNR; Justin Townsend, Ramsey Conservation District.

**II. Partner updates**

A. Ramsey Conservation District / Ramsey County CWMA:

1. Grant applications

- a. BWSR CWMA grant; Ramsey County CWMA was awarded a \$15,000 BWSR CWMA Grant, which still needs to be signed as of our meeting date. Most of these funds will be used to hire a contractor to treat the top ten infestations in Ramsey County, like our previous grant, which was successful and well received.
- b. Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) Invasive Plant Grant; application has been submitted. Award announcements will be made mid-March.

2. Invasive Plant training planning: training focus and venues will be adapted if the RCCWMA is awarded a MDA Invasive Plant Grant, to reach more city and county staff and narrow species to Eradicate (phase I) and Control (phase II) MN Noxious Weeds listed in our application: black swallow-wort, Oriental bittersweet, cut-leaved teasel and poison hemlock; followed by wild parsnip and narrow-leaf bittercress.

B. Minnesota Noxious Weed Advisory Committee/Minnesota Noxious Weed List update: Poison hemlock is being added to the Minnesota Noxious Weed Eradicate List for 2018.

**III. Open discussion**

- A. Partners who brought pressed plant vouchers placed them into the herbarium freezer to kill insects.
- B. Voucher specimen examination, comparison and contrasting: photos of vouchers examined will be posted on the Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area’s Facebook page, [here](#).

Thank you from our partners to Curator Anita Cholewa, Ph.D., and the University of Minnesota’s Bell Herbarium for continued support and assistance in helping us reach our educational goals.

Species examined and supplementary literature included:

<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	European alder	<a href="https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/OIPC_BMP_EuropeanBlackAlder.pdf">https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/OIPC_BMP_EuropeanBlackAlder.pdf</a>
<i>Caragana arborescens</i>	Siberian peashrub	<a href="http://www.library.nd.gov/statedocs/AgDept/Caragana20070518.pdf">http://www.library.nd.gov/statedocs/AgDept/Caragana20070518.pdf</a>

<i>Chorispora tenella</i>	Blue mustard	<a href="http://illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/blue_mustard.htm">http://illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/blue_mustard.htm</a>
<i>Hieracium auranticum</i>	orange hawkweed	<a href="http://extension.wsu.edu/whitman/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2013/11/OrangeHawkweed2008.pdf">http://extension.wsu.edu/whitman/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2013/11/OrangeHawkweed2008.pdf</a>
<i>Hieracium caespitosum</i>	meadow hawkweed/king hawkweed	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_PLANTMATERIALS/publications/mtpmstn7731.pdf">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_PLANTMATERIALS/publications/mtpmstn7731.pdf</a> <a href="http://msuextension.org/publications/AgandNaturalResources/MT199816AG.pdf">http://msuextension.org/publications/AgandNaturalResources/MT199816AG.pdf</a>
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese Honeysuckle	<a href="http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/files/caip/SP257/Lonicera_japonica(SP257-061).pdf">http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/files/caip/SP257/Lonicera_japonica(SP257-061).pdf</a> and <a href="http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/files/caip/reco_cards/lonjap.pdf">http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/files/caip/reco_cards/lonjap.pdf</a>
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock	<a href="https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/fnr/fnr-437-w.pdf">https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/fnr/fnr-437-w.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W325.pdf">https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W325.pdf</a>
<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>	Amur corktree	<a href="http://bugwoodcloud.org/mura/rtrcwma/assets/File/Fact_Sheets/Corktree%20Fact%20Sheet%20RTRCWMA%202017.pdf">http://bugwoodcloud.org/mura/rtrcwma/assets/File/Fact_Sheets/Corktree%20Fact%20Sheet%20RTRCWMA%202017.pdf</a>
<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i>	black swallow-wort	<a href="http://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadsides/vegetation/pdf/noxiousweeds.pdf">http://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadsides/vegetation/pdf/noxiousweeds.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/MN/797SwallowWort..pdf">https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/MN/797SwallowWort..pdf</a>

C. Suggestions for our next meeting place, activities, tour suggestions included:

- a. Our next meeting venue will be at the Ramsey Conservation District office, likely in March, after the MDA grant award announcements.
  - b. A suggestion for a summer tour was to take a look at Amur corktree, either at the Warner Road MNDNR office or Mounds Park in St. Paul.
- D. Partners are encouraged to attend the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference in Rochester MN this year; October 15 -18: <https://www.umisc.net/>

#### IV. Set next meeting date and location:

- A. Carole will set up another Doodle poll for our next meeting; likely in March. Tentative location: Ramsey Conservation District office; 1425 Paul Kirkwold Dr, Arden Hills, MN 55112.

#### V. Adjourn meeting, 3:00 pm