

**Minutes**  
**Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting**  
**Friday, September 25, 2015; 10:00 am – 12:00 p.m.**

H.B. Fuller Company Headquarters  
1200 Willow Lake Blvd; B Building  
Vadnais Heights, MN 55110  
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- I. **Call to order and introductions, 10:10 am.** In attendance; Dana Larsen-Ramsay, H.B. Fuller Company and Willow Lake Preserve; Ashley Bennet, Ramsey Conservation District; Mike Goodnature, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation; Shannon Montante and Emily Dunlap, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation; Nancy Duncan, National Park Service – Mississippi National River and Recreation Area; Simba Blood, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District; Monika Chandler, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Steve Pavsek, Minnesota Department of Transportation; Neva Widner, City of Shoreview; Keith Stachowski, City of North Saint Paul.

**II. Partner updates and discussion**

A. Ramsey Conservation District/RCCWMA:

1. Attended Minnesota EDDMapS verifiers Meeting at the Bell Herbarium, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Minnesota EDDMapS verification/verifiers meeting Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Voucher specimens are needed for species to be listed as found in the state and or county. GPS coordinates and any EDDMapS report numbers should be submitted with each specimen. Bring pressed samples; they will be mounted by trained students. Of the group, only Carol and Simba felt confident in doing this. We skipped the plant pressing exercise. Partners who have been collecting and pressing plants were asked to take on this task. Most partners do not have plant presses. Partners agreed to bring plants in a sealed bag/Ziploc to prevent specimens from drying out.
2. BWSR CWMA RFP due October 30<sup>th</sup>. Monika suggested a future grant covering a summer intern who could do mapping and spraying.
3. Oriental Bittersweet Blitz at Maplewood Nature Center; September 26th
4. Japanese knotweed removal at McKnight and Larpenteur; TBD- soon. Mike said he might be able to get a crew to help with that next Friday.
5. Dwarf pink Japanese knotweed was identified in a cul-de-sac planting in Shoreview and is being removed by neighborhood volunteers (along with crown vetch). Monika added that this cultivar is not as aggressive as the larger species.
6. Parsnip trainings: Shoreview, Little Canada and North St. Paul (Monday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>). Carole showed her PowerPoint. Partners asked if it could be made available on a website. Online Powerpoints on websites must be ADA compliant. A link to it would be better. Carole will look for a better/clearer photo of golden Alexander teeth. Information on whether parsnip burns are possible when contacting dry plant material or clothes going through the washer was requested. Carole will look into that.
7. Falcon Heights is interested in target species trainings for staff.

B. Partner updates:

1. Mike reported Japanese knotweed on McKnight Road and Upper Afton Road, across the street from the Maplewood city park. He has had good results cutting,

- treating and covering patches of knotweed with roofing paper.
2. Steve was asked what herbicide and sticker were used on the steep hillside near Stillwater, along Highway 95. He used 3% Rodeo and Newfilm<sup>®</sup> sticker for a foliar Treatment. Newfilm helps hold the herbicide on the leaves so it doesn't run off. It doesn't clog the spray nozzles. It is mixed at 1 quart per 100 quarts spray.

### **III. Action Items**

1. Request for herbarium specimens
2. Sign agreement for MOU changes for your agency, if you haven't already and turn in at the meeting. Description and copies to sign are attached to the agenda email.
  - a. Signatures received: H.B. Fuller, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, Ramsey County Public Works, City of North Saint Paul and National Park Service.
  - b. Signatures needed: Ramsey County Parks and Recreation, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Transportation, City of Maplewood, Ramsey Conservation District, RWMWD, Capitol Region Watershed District, Rice creek Watershed District, City of Shoreview, Great River Greening.

### **IV. New Business/Open discussion**

1. The possible walk to look at Willow Lake Phragmites, was cancelled. Dana was not able to find the *Phragmites* stands that were observed in April, possibly due to high water levels. The samples taken at that time were all native plants.
2. In a continued quest for a site to observe native and non-native Phragmites, Carole asked Steve about safety for the group to see both subspecies of Phragmites along Highway 35 near the Forest Lake exit. He suggested contacting Dewey with that question.
3. Monika suggested that a grant could cover the cost of a summer intern to do mapping and spraying.

### **V. Set next meeting date and location:**

- A. Carole will set up another Doodle poll for our next meeting; likely in mid-November or early December

### **VI. Adjourn meeting, 11:30 pm**