

****Partner Announcements****

Invasive Species Program (slogan/logo worked on by DEP)

CCE Restore NY Woodlands program

iMap is working on a mobile app, spring training blitz scheduled

Nature Conservancy in beta testing of online tool for invasive monitoring

Oneonta Bio Field Station working on Boat Stewards

DEP monitoring/managing sites for Mile-a-Minute

DEP announced invasive species internship and 8 field positions

NE Regional Park Service announced field positions (USA Jobs)

Outreach events for Arbor Day? Earth Day?

****Meeting****

--Outreach Plans--

March

HWA survey in Minekill

April

Beetle Busters -> training regarding ID/response of forest pests (EAB/ALB) survey techniques, etc. Meant for community members who will pass this on to home county community -> 1 training per county

Eurasian Boar presentation -> 1st time CRISP has co-hosted boar training. Is right after EB legislation passed last year. Want to focus on Sullivan and Delaware county "hot spots"

Ed/RR training

Managing Garden Invasives

May

iMap training -> tentative partners meeting

Outreach tabling at Trailfest

Boat Stewards

June

Aquatic invasive plant ID training

July

ISAW -> weeklong invasive species awareness week. 1st time hosting it, but Adirondacks did one last year, can use as example. BIG vision -> one event per county per day with a kick off festival or parade

--Contracts--

Boat Stewards

Goal: expand trainings, increase audience

announce mobile app in development (decrease lost data sheets)

ED/RR Contract (Columbia/Greene)

Hotline, free ID, ed/outreach events

Goal: work on trained volunteer retention

Otsego Conservation Association

Goodyear lake, educational signage, trainings **??

Nature Conservancy (new contract)

HWA surveys leading to bio-control program

Compile distribution map of Hemlocks (includes location and health of stands)

Field survey of stands to be conducted (confirm condition/presence of HWA, confirm presence/absence of EHS, release biocontrols in priority locations)

Meetings to decide priority locations (join EMAIL LIST if interested in being involved)

--HWA--

Brief background on HWA

Laricobius

Predates specifically on HWA (backed by testing, predates 2 stages of life cycle)

US native, adapted to climate

Downsides (2 year establishment, temp dependent)

Questions

Graph (costs)

Clarification regarding western HWA

Availability

DEC permitting

--ED/RR Policy--

ED defined as 1-3 reports in county? Exotic species in nearby counties/states?

iMap network with CCE, DEC in field

4 step policy

1. Confirmation (right species, right people)
 2. Assessment (survey of reported area)
 3. Planning (control, outreach)
 4. Implementation
1. Concern: consistent leadership (assign what species to whom?)

DEC: high impact, low spread?

CRISP: everything else?
 2. Brief specific partner → sched survey with landowner (determine extent of survey) → publicize if applicable
 3. –
 4. Secure permits → restoration/management plan → publicize if applicable

Questions

Specifics on Mile a Minute example

Socio-political factors (tools, access to infestation)

List of species (follow up with DEC)

Condense policy when approved (outreach purposes)

Streamline partners' involvement (site specific)

List of who to call for what

Next steps: approval by executive committee

--Misc--

GIS Training (build internal capacity)

Gauge interest among partners (other PRISMs?)

iMap has talked about holding summit (benchmark for future)

EAB Discussion

DEC knows about movement

Risk map, iMap, DEC map (give one to harvester)

Grant application (mitigating DEP land's EAB pop, healthy regeneration, outreach/ed)

--Future Meetings--

Timing of meeting (frequency is good/do-able)

Incorporate presentations into meeting?

Tack meeting onto other trainings?

Business-focus of meeting OK?

Line up partner meetings with executive committee meetings

CRISP partners meeting survey

How many CRISP partners meetings do you attend each year?

What do you find most helpful at CRISP partner meetings?

Are you and your organization currently working on invasive species issues?

Do you find quarterly CRISP partners meetings to be useful?

Would you be interested in attending CRISP partners info sessions, in order to learn about new topics in invasive species management?

If you could change the topic or content of CRISP partners meetings, what would you change?