

Invasive Species (IS) Prevention and Management

Ad Hoc Committee -- Florence County

Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014

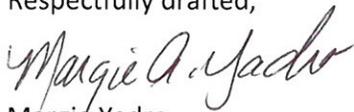
Time: 2:00 PM

Place: 2nd Floor Conference Room, Florence County Courthouse
(turn right in main hall after exiting elevator)

Goal: *Provide recommendations to the Florence County Land Conservation Committee that will prevent introduction and slow the spread of invasive species, and reduce their environmental and economical impacts.*

1. Wisconsin Invasive Species Strategic Plan update
2. Area Invasive Species Prevention and Management project report
3. 2015 Invasive Species project proposals/potential resources
4. Florence County Invasive Species Prevention and Management Guide draft
5. Invasive species training and networking opportunities
6. Items recommended to Land Conservation Committee for consideration
7. Future agenda items

Respectfully drafted,



Margie Yadro
Florence County Conservationist

Cc: Florence County Supervisors, County Department Administrators, Reporting Agencies

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Time: 2:30 PM

Place: 1st Floor Courthouse Workroom (adjacent to Room #249 Land Conservation Department)

Goal: *Provide recommendations to the Florence County Land Conservation Committee aimed at slowing the spread of invasive species and reducing their environmental and economic impacts.*

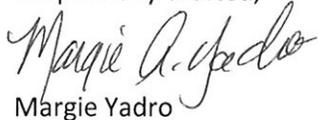
Roll Call: Susan Theer, Glen Johnson, Joe Buchanan, Cary Anderson, Fred Erwin, Stanley Suszka, Margie Yadro

1. **Consider broadening Ad Hoc Committee scope to include all invasive species:** It was the consensus of the committee members to move forward with developing a county-wide guide/program focused on the prevention and management of all types of invasive species impacting Florence County.
2. **Develop Invasive Species Prevention and Management Guide:** Conservationist Yadro presented a streamlined draft of the developing Florence County Invasive Species Prevention and Management (ISPM) Guide. Goals included preventing further introduction of invasive species; rapid response to pioneer populations; and sustaining a long term management program. Yadro also thanked Anderson, of the Florence County Lakes and Rivers Association, and other volunteers that have just completed a rapid response hand removal of Eurasian Water Milfoil on Barrens Lake in Spread Eagle.
3. **Finalize 2014 Invasive Species prevention and management activities and expectations:** committee members reviewed potential watercraft inspection sites at source waters and highest volume public landings as priority locations. Johnson requested the County to consider the administration of expanded inspection hours completely compensated by local organizations. Fern Town resident Suszka inquired after resources dedicated to treating terrestrial invasive species. Committee members prioritized action plans to first meet grant requirements, reducing or eliminating human health hazards, then addressing “prohibited” then “restricted” species as stated in NR 40. It was felt that securing additional funds and equipment, along with multi-agency, industry, department and volunteer cooperation will be necessary to reach these goals.
4. **Propose Invasive Species Management Grant Projects:** On a motion by County Board Supervisor Theer, supported by Erwin, Unit Chairman of the Wisconsin Towns Association, the motion passed to forward a request to the Florence County Land Conservation Committee to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for CBCW grant funding to expand watercraft inspectors and supporting staff/administration for the 2015 boating season.

5. **Future Agenda Items:** Yadro was directed to: contact Forestry & Parks Administrator, Pat Smith, to research the benefits and challenges related to possible boat launch fees/enforcement ordinances; confirm the status of oak wilt; search for any invasive species location mapping that currently exists; include the American Transmission Company, We Energies, and the Blue Ox Trail Riders, as stakeholders in this process.

Adjournment: With all business completed, committee members agreed to adjourn until rescheduled by Yadro (October 2, 2014 at 2 PM, second floor conference room, Courthouse).

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margie Yadro".

Margie Yadro

Florence County Conservationist