



LAND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

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AGENDA LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, November 9, 2015
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Marinette County Courthouse - Land Information Department Meeting Room (C129)

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve agenda
3. Approve minutes of the October 12 and 26, 2015 meetings.
4. Any person desirous of addressing the Committee on any subject under the Committee's jurisdiction shall first obtain permission from the Committee Chairperson. All such addresses shall be limited to 5 minutes unless otherwise extended by the Committee Chairperson.
5. Reports by cooperating agencies. Action, if any.
 - USDA-FSA ~ Program Updates
6. Correspondence. Action, if any. (Correspondence if not specifically listed below will be for information only)
 - WRISC Fall 2015 Newsletter
 - November DATCP Report and Guidance Letter mentioned in Report
7. Discuss/consider entering into an agreement with Simplifile for electronic recording of documents in the Register of Deeds Office. Action, if any.
8. Discuss/consider Land Information staff attending the Winter County Conservationists meeting in Wisconsin Rapids, December 3 - 4, 2015. Action, if any
9. Discuss/consider 2015 Wildlife Damage crop prices. Action, if any.
10. Report(s) by Land Information Staff on Departmental programs and activities. Action, if any.
 - Wisconsin Environmental Education Association Conference
 - WI Land + Water Outreach Committee Meeting
 - Harmony Arboretum Conifer Plantation Areas
11. Review schedule of invoices ~ October 2015. Action, if any.
12. Schedule next meeting ~ Monday, December 14, 2015
13. Identify possible items for discussion and consideration at the next meeting.
14. Adjourn

Alice Baumgarten
Clancy Whiting
Fred Meintz

Ted Sauve
Robert Holley
Renee Miller

Gilbert Engel
Mary Noll
Kathy Brandt

NOTE: Agenda items may not be considered and acted upon in the order listed

If you are an individual with a disability and need a special accommodation while attending this meeting, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify the County Clerk, Marinette County Courthouse (715-732-7406) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order to make suitable arrangements. Thank you. (TDD# 715-732-7760)





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MEETING OF THE LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015 COURTHOUSE – LAND INFORMATION CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Ted Sauve, Alice Baumgarten, Clancy Whiting, Robert Holley, Gilbert Engel, Mary Noll and Fred Meintz.

Others Present: John Lefebvre, LID; Greg Cleereman, LID-LWC; Aleta DiRienzo, LID-LWC; Tina Barnes, Property Listing; Renee Miller, ROD; and the Peshtigo Times. Ross Mielke, USDA-APHIS and Andy Malecki, Jr. were present for a portion of the meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sauve at 9:00 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION (Holley/Meintz) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION (Whiting/Engel) approve the minutes of September 14, 2015 as presented. Motion carried no negative vote.
4. PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION (Holley/Meintz) to open the Public Hearing at 9:03 a.m. Motion carried no negative vote.

Accept Public Comments

Chairperson Sauve called three times for public comment. No public comment.

MOTION (Whiting/Gilbert) to close the Public Hearing at 9:06 a.m. Motion carried no negative vote.

5. CONDITIONAL USE WETLAND FILL
MOTION (Holley/Meintz) to recommend to County Board the approval of the Conditional Use Permit for a wetland fill on parcel 018-00636.018, Town of Middle Inlet with the stipulation that the wetland fill is placed along the east property line as to not



fragment the wetland. This approval will also be contingent upon the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Corps of Engineer approval. Motion carried no negative vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

7. REPORTS BY COOPERATING AGENCIES

- **USDA-APHIS ~ Ross Mielke:** Presented the 2016 Wildlife Damage Budget to the committee. The total budget is \$106,460.84 with the portion paid by County budgeted at \$89,661.26 all of which is reimbursed by the State Wildlife Damage Program. The budget includes reimbursement cost to the county (\$7,500.00) and Hunt for the Hungry costs (\$6,000.00).

MOTION (Holley/Meintz) to approve the 2016 Wildlife Damage Budget. Motion carried no negative vote.

- **USDA-FSA ~ Mary Noll:** The 2014, 2015 ARC/PLC Contract Enrollment period ended on September 20, 2015. Enrollment for 2016 will begin on December 1, 2015 and end on August 1, 2016. The deadline for producers to enroll and make coverage elections under the 2016 Margin Protection Program for Dairy has been extended from September 30th to November 20, 2015. Producers that do not make the deadline will not have coverage for 2016. Also any producer with an outstanding 2015 premium due - must pay the amount in full along with the \$100 administrative fee by the required deadline to be eligible for 2016 coverage. Fall crop reporting is underway. Producers with existing or newly seeded perennial forages and any fall-seeded crops such as winter wheat, and cover crops will need to report those crops and planting dates to the FSA office by November 16, 2015. Oconto-Marquette FSA staff will be contacting producers to schedule appointments for fall crop reporting. Producers that have completed any fall planting or that do not have any changes to their existing forages should contact the office to schedule an appointment.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Land Information Director handed out correspondence regarding the Wisconsin DNR recommendations on Act 55 and NR115. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- DATCP Report – October 2015 ~ for information only.

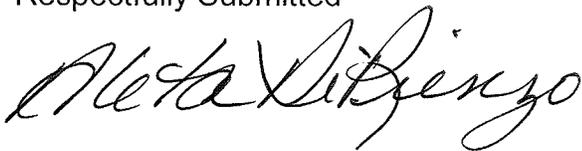
9. 2015 FALL WISCONSIN COUNTY CODE ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

MOTION (Holley/Noll) to approve the Land Information Director's attendance at the 2015 Fall Wisconsin County Code Administrators Meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2015 in Door County at the Landmark Hotel to attend the sessions regarding the changes in NR115 as a result of Act 55. Motion carried no negative vote.

10. LAKE DISTRICT FOR SHANNON LAKE
MOTION (Baumgarten/Engel) to set a date of Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Niagara Town Hall for a public hearing regarding a petition to create a Lake District around Shannon Lake which is located in the Town of Niagara. Motion carried no negative vote.
11. 2015 FALL REGISTER OF DEEDS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE REPORT
Renee Miller, ROD attended the ROD conference in Manitowoc – some of the areas covered at the conference were Tax Sale Deeds and Sheriff Sale Deeds being given directly to Register of Deed offices from the Clerk of Courts. Many counties have been having problems with the new owners not registering the documents and the property goes tax delinquent again and the owners can't be found very easily. Working with a company called *Simplifile* to accept documents electronically for registering – will make the whole process faster. If in future over 50% of documents are coming in electronically, will discuss with committee on getting software to do all records that way. Transfer Returns will be required for all conveyances.
12. REPORTS BY LAND INFORMATION STAFF
- **2015 Wisconsin Real Property Lister's Association Conference** ~ Tina Barnes, Property Lister said the conference was very good and each year she comes back with ideas that will save Marinette County some money. This year there were excellent plat reviews with Auto Cad Mapping. Already shared this information with the Property Listing Division. A County Surveyor gave a session which stressed perpetuation of monuments – which our office is already doing. The new tax bill information will start in 2016. All the counties in Wisconsin asked for a waiver to wait until next year to start the new look and all were granted. This year the tax bills will be the same.
 - **Lake Michigan Land & Water Conservation Association Fall Meeting:** one of the speakers was Wisconsin Wetlands and the importance of public outreach and education regarding wetlands and the restoration of wetlands. A new book is out "*Healthy Wetlands*". More discussion was held on the problems of Kewaunee County groundwater contamination. Several committees have been formed to try and figure out some short term resolution of the problem. A discussion was held on high capacity wells and the possible draining of aquifers.
 - **Phragmites treatment along the shore of Green Bay** ~ spraying of the shoreline along Green Bay is finished. There is a discrepancy regarding the number of acres that was sprayed. When the DNR did an aerial estimate of about 20 acres of Phragmites. Then the Land & Water Conservation measured with GPS along the shore and came up with 30 acres of Phragmites. Clean Kill states they sprayed 115 acres.
13. SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS
The September Schedule of Invoices (\$19,916.49) was presented to the committee.

14. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2015 at 9:00 am in the Land Information Conference Room.
15. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING
 - Town of Niagara Zoning Ordinance Amendment
 - Results of public hearing and possible lake district
 - NR115 and Act 55
16. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION (Holley/Baumgarten) to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. Motion carried no negative vote.
17. TOUR OF FISH LADDER/ELEVATOR SYSTEM AT HATTIE STREET DAM
After the meeting was adjourned the committee traveled to Hattie Street Bridge to view a demonstration of the fish elevator and its operation. No county business was conducted at this location.

Respectfully Submitted



Aleta DiRienzo
Database Specialist/Program Assistant

Land Information Committee
October 26, 2015
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sauve at 6:30 p.m. in the Niagara Town Hall.

Members present: Ted Sauve Gilbert Engel Mary Noll
 Robert Holley

Members
Absent/Excused: Alice Baumgarten Clancy Whiting Fred Meintz

Others present: John Lefebvre, Director
 Mark DeClark, Niagara Town Board
 Lisa Comp
 Todd Comp
 John Marchewka
 Miles Winkler, WDNR Dam Safety
 Roland Phillips
 Bruce LaLiberte
 Arnie Haavisto
 Dan Schroeder
 Dick Payette, Niagara Town Board

2. AGENDA
Motion (Holley/Engel) to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried. No negative votes.
3. TOWN OF NIAGARA ZONING AMENDMENTS
Motion (Engel/Holley) to recommend to the County Board approval of the Town of Niagara Zoning Code amendments to Section 1X, B1. Business District, Section C. 1. incorporating wood grinding/chipping as light industry and banquet halls as retail. Motion carried, no negative votes.
4. PUBLIC HEARING ON CREATION OF LAKE SHANNON DISTRICT

John Marchewka stated that the creation of the district would allow the property owners within the District to make a bad situation right. The developer of the lots around the lake walked away from the ownership, maintenance and operation of the dam. The riparian property owners through the creation of a lake district would be in the position to acquire the dam from the County and maintain and operate the dam in accordance with state rules and regulations in a manner that will benefit all property owners within the district. Removal of the dam would be devastating to the property values around the lake and the recreational value the lake currently affords. The dam is currently unauthorized (not permitted) by the WDNR. The process involved with authorizing the dam would consist of a study to determine the extent of the floodplain if the dam were to fail thus keeping any future development downstream from developing within this floodplain unknowingly.

Lisa Comp it is essential for the Lake District to be formed to provide the necessary financial assurance associated with ownership and operation of the dam. The Lake District structure will allow all riparian land owners an equal say in the maintenance and operation of the dam. In addition the formation of the Lake District will allow the riparian land owners to promote ecologically friendly practices that promote sustainability of the natural resources.

Bruce LaLiberte asked what if any affect the creation of the Lake District will have on the Town specifically the enforcement of Town Ordinances. Mr. LaLiberte was informed that all who live within the district will remain obligated to comply with all Town ordinances. In addition the Town will be required to appoint one member of the Town Board to be one of five members on the Lake district Board of Commissioners.

Miles Winkler, Dam Safety Engineer for the WDNR updated those in attendance on the status of the dam and what needs to be accomplished for the WDNR to authorize the dam.

Roland Phillips stated that he was on the Town Board when the lots were created and he was not in favor of providing public access to the Shannon Lake. He believes the riparian landowners should be responsible for the dam and what takes place with the lake.

5. ADJOURN

Motion (Engel/Holley) to adjourn. Motion carried. No negative votes. (Meeting adjourned at 7 pm)

Minutes Prepared by:



John Lefebvre
Land Information Director



Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition

Serving Florence, Forest, Marinette (WI), Dickinson, and Menominee (MI) Counties

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Fall 2015

Non-Native Phragmites



Phragmites stand in Delta County

By Lindsay Peterson

Towering over its surroundings, it grows up to 20ft tall. The dense, nearly impassable stands cast a shadow over the landscape. Its rapid spread and robust features quickly outcompete anything in its path. It is the formidable *Phragmites australis*, or common reed, an invasive subspecies of Phragmites, a perennial wetland grass, which is quickly becoming a scourge along Lake Michigan's coastlines.

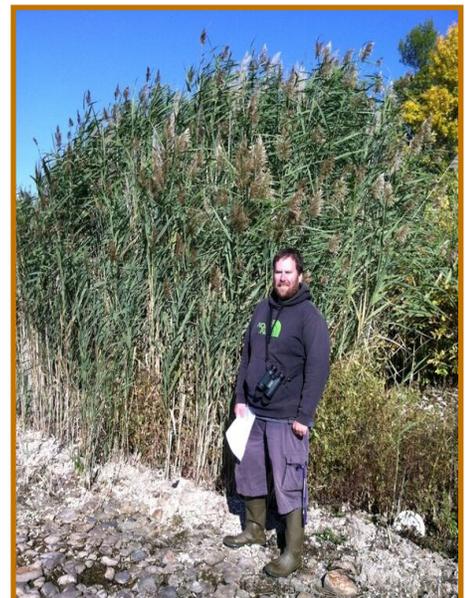
The plant forms large, fluffy seed heads that develop in late summer, persist into the winter, and produce many seeds. However, the primary manner of distribution is via underground rhizomes which grow rapidly, spanning up to 10 feet a year. Phragmites also forms dense reed beds which block out most sunlight within the monoculture stands and shade out surrounding areas, preventing native plant species from obtaining the light they need. By having a longer growing season as well, non-native Phragmites ultimately outcompetes native vegetation in numerous ways which allows it to invade and conquer miles of shoreline, acres of wetland, and begin creeping inland.

Other than its ecological impacts on habitat, diversity, etc., non-native Phragmites also has detrimental economic effects. It can clog valuable shoreline and block lakeside views and access, hindering recreation. Since the stems of the non-native species breakdown quite slowly, they form a dense thatch that eventually becomes a fire hazard.

It is important to take a closer look at these plants before treatment however, because there is also a native subspecies of Phragmites, *Phragmites australis americanus*, which closely resembles its invasive counterpart. The native subspecies is not as robust, does not grow as densely as the invasive, and does not form monocultures, instead growing comfortably among native plants. It does have several characteristics that are used to distinguish it from the non-native species, such as stems, leaves, and seed heads.

Control of non-native Phragmites is a demanding task. There are several groups and projects in place currently working along the shorelines to treat the extensive stands with herbicide, as well as monitoring and treating any populations that are encroaching inland and threatening ecosystems away from the lakeshore. In addition to herbicide treatments, prescribed fire, mechanical removal, and even water level control can be implemented to better assure successful treatment.

Hopefully, this dedicated and determined march to control Phragmites along the shoreline will be successful in reconquering our unique and splendid Great Lakes shores and will vanquish the invasive brute, *Phragmites australis*.



Jason Schnorr (UP RC&D) stands near a Phragmites stand along the Lake Michigan shoreline in Menominee Co.

Oak Wilt Mapping and Treatment: Ann Hruska, Dickinson Conservation District

Michigan Forestry Assistance Program foresters help get a handle on Oak Wilt

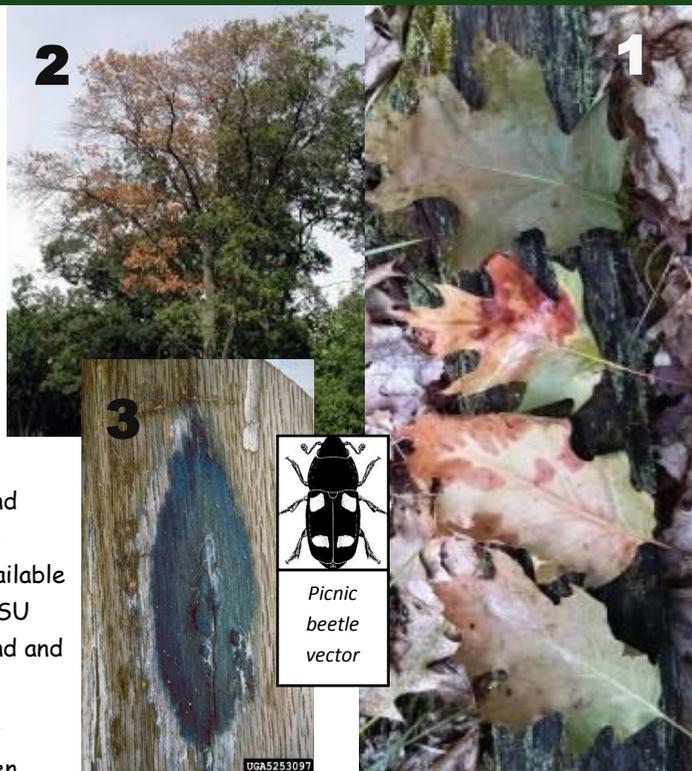
Thanks to a 2015 grant from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program, foresters employed through the Michigan Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) received training from MSU and DNR Forest Specialists in the diagnosis and treatment of what is believed to be an exotic fungal disease, Oak Wilt. The oak resource is very important to the Great Lakes States. In Michigan alone, the annual value of oak stumpage exceeds \$10 million, with oak wildlife and landscape benefits also of high importance.

The \$138,500 grant is funding a large effort aimed at educating both private landowners and forestry industry professionals on how to identify, map, and slow the spread of this disease. Thousands of the MSU Extension Bulletin "Oak Wilt in Michigan's Forest Resource" by Bill Cook and WDNR Publication entitled "Protect Your Trees from Oak Wilt" have been reprinted and distributed across the state. Also funds have been made available to send foresters out to visit reported sites and send samples in to the MSU Diagnostics Services to verify oak wilt. Ultimately, more eyes on the ground and definitive identification will add to the statewide mapping of the disease. Finally, some of the funds were designated to enact treatment on oak wilt.

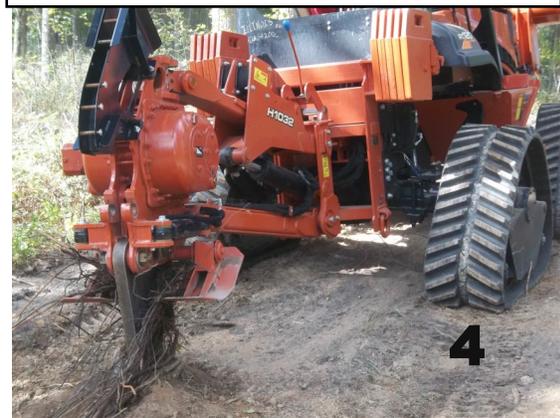
AJ Campbell, FAP forester for Dickinson and Menominee Counties, has been managing this statewide grant. He estimates he has visited over 1500 acres to verify oak wilt, which added to the acres visited by FAP foresters around the state, will significantly add to the known level of infestation and more widespread control efforts. AJ oversaw 12,000 ft of trenching on 60 acres in Menominee Co in early Oct.

What WRISC partners and landowners should know about the dangers of oak wilt:

- Oak wilt kills healthy red oaks. White oaks can also be affected but are more resistant and less vulnerable to mortality from the disease.
- Look for red oaks that suddenly drop their leaves in summer (typically early July here?)
- The disease is spread between trees through roots, by sap feeding beetles, and by the movement of firewood.
- Sap feeding beetles can find fresh wounds on oak trees within minutes. DO NOT prune oak trees between April 15 and July 15.
- Avoid construction injury and check trees for accidental injury from construction or storms. Apply pruning sealer or tree paint immediately to any fresh wounds on oak.
- Disrupting root grafts between infected and healthy oaks is the most effective control known, but root graft barriers must be located and constructed properly. Chemical prevention and management has some limited usage.
- Simply cutting down a live infected tree does not stop the underground spread of oak wilt. Removal of affected oaks should be done in dormant season following marking, delineation, and trenching if possible.
- Spore pads called pressure pads form on trees that have been killed in the past year.
- Covering diseased firewood prevents sap feeding beetles from coming in contact with fungal spores. Beetles are most active April- July.
- Report confirmed oak wilt to www.misin.msu.edu



1- Wilt symptoms in fallen red oak leaves.
2- Typical top-down dieback in mid-summer
3- Spore pad found under a vertical bark crack.



4- 5' long trenching blade severs oak root grafts; 5- Injection of the fungicide Alamo is labeled as both a preventative and therapeutic treatment, but only feasible for valued landscape trees.



Photos 1 & 4: AJ Campbell, Dickinson Cons District; Photos 2,3,5: Joseph O'Brien, USDA Forest Service

WRISC 2015 Invasive Survey and Mapping Results

By Emily Anderson

In WRISC's Strategic Management Plan we outline two of our goals to be the Early Detection & Rapid Response of invasive species, and their Control and Management. Accurate and up-to-date invasive species location data is vital to achieving these goals. Invasive species mapping helps us and our Partners plan accordingly when prioritizing invasive species control efforts, and invasive surveys can help detect new populations of invasive species and gauge the regional extent of specific invasives.

In 2015, WRISC was fortunate enough to have funding from multiple grants supporting our survey and mapping efforts. Staff conducted several terrestrial invasive plant surveys across our five counties and received additional invasive species data from area Partners and volunteers. In total, over 1,000 new invasive locations are currently being processed.

Data from our private forest invasive plant project, funded by the Wisconsin DNR Private Forest Weed Management Area Program, includes nearly 300 data points from private forest properties in Wisconsin. By conducting thorough foot surveys of participating properties, WRISC was not only able to assist landowners in identifying and managing invasives on their properties, but the survey of a property in Florence County also led to WRISC's first documentation of Musk Thistle.

WRISC also received 72 individual data points from citizens and Partners, several of which were through our Adopt a Spot program funded for part of 2015 by the Wisconsin DNR Citizen Based Monitoring Program. WRISC was even able to begin control work on some of the reports we received for high priority species, and several other invasive tips led to new data points collected by WRISC staff.

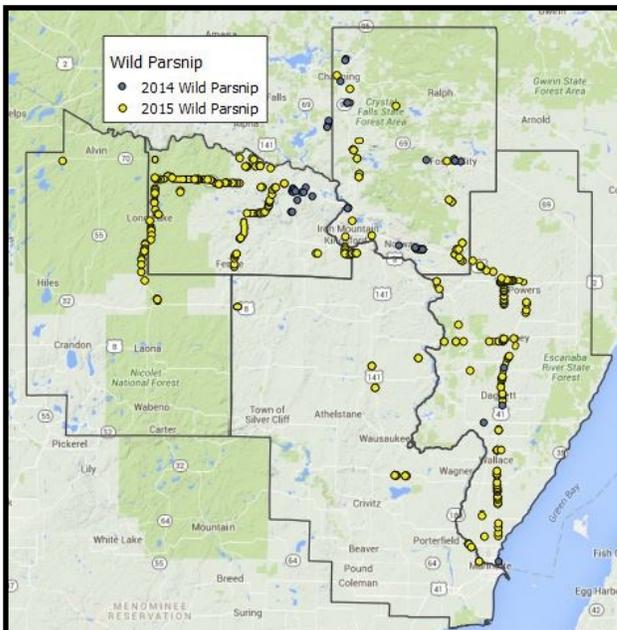
However, in perhaps the largest survey/mapping effort of 2015, WRISC staff conducted large-scale invasive roadside surveys for select invasive plants while in bloom. By targeting a select species while it was highly visible, and working in teams, staff were able to cover large distances in short periods of time through driving surveys. WRISC's data collection involves many steps. In the field, staff use hand held GPS units and data sheets to collect waypoints and information on invasive infestations. Along roadsides, large infestations can be recorded by running tracks or lines to accurately capture the distance. Staff remove location data from the GPS units and enter it into a spreadsheet. From there the data can be shared online through the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN, www.misin.msu.edu) where anyone can access it to view and/or download the data directly. WRISC also uses the free qGIS software to check data for accuracy and create distribution maps.

In total, WRISC surveyed 664 miles of roadway for Leafy Spurge, 578 miles for Wild Parsnip, and 248 miles for Purple Loosestrife.* These surveys were done with funds from the WE Energies Mitigation and Enhancement Fund and the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (through the Departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture and Rural Development). The maps below show how much the spurge and parsnip surveys helped to increase our distribution knowledge and identify what areas should be targeted to slow the spread of the infestations.

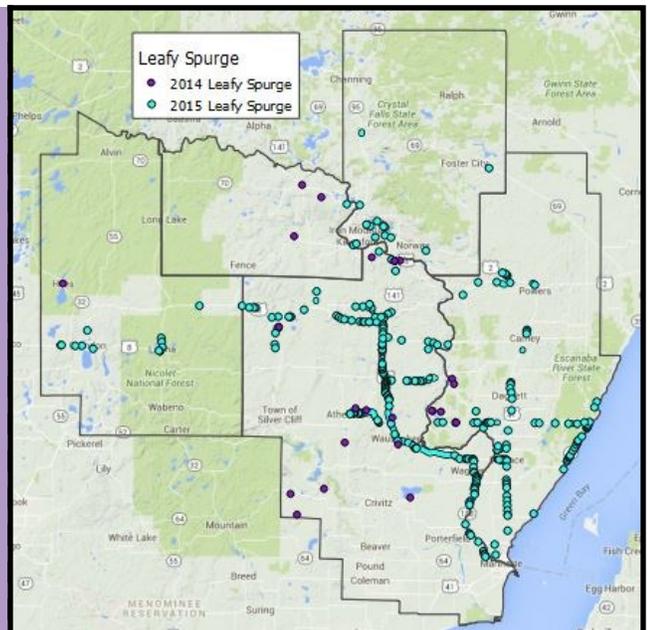
**Note: Several sections of roads were surveyed more than once but at different times since the target species did not bloom at the same time. We also have yet to incorporate data from WRISC Partner Florence County.*



Technician Joe DeClark records wild parsnip location during summer road surveys.



Find out more!
Attend presentations on our survey/mapping work at the Northern Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference in Marquette on October 22nd, or WRISC's Board meeting on December 2nd. Keep an eye out in future newsletters for information on WRISC's aquatic invasive species mapping and monitoring through our Michigan Project. **Questions? Contact the WRISC Coordinator.**



Upcoming Events

Want to be more involved with WRISC? Check out our upcoming events or contact the coordinator to schedule a WRISC event in your area!

Upcoming Board Meetings

The WRISC Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday every other month at 10:00am. Meetings are always open to WRISC Partners and members of the public. Contact the WRISC Coordinator for more information or a call-in option.

December Board Meeting

December 2nd, Florence Natural Resource Center (5628 Forestry Drive Florence, WI)

Including a special Invasive Mapping Presentation!

Following the meeting (which typically runs 2 hrs) WRISC Coordinator Emily Anderson will present the results of WRISC's 2015 invasive species survey and mapping efforts. The presentation will include information on WRISC's work utilizing the free qGIS software. Emily will also be available after the presentation for hands-on demonstrations of qGIS. If you are interested in this it is recommended that you contact Emily prior to the meeting.

February Board Meeting

February 3, Location TBD

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6TH ANNUAL NORTHERN GREAT LAKES INVASIVE SPECIES CONFERENCE

**ON THE HORIZON: INNOVATION
INTEGRATION
MOTIVATION** OCT. 21-22, 2015

The 2015 Northern Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference in Marquette, MI is fast approaching!

A variety of topics will be covered at the conference, including Pesticide Applicator Backpack Sprayer Workshop half day workshop, AIS Education and Boat Washing Stations Panel Discussion, Invasive Plant Roadside Surveys and Mapping using Free QGIS Software, Engaging Volunteers through Citizen Science and the EcoStewards Program, Fire as a Tool in Invasive Plant Management, How to Recognize Invasive Forest Pests, Herbicide Options for Selected Invasive Plants, Japanese Knotweed Control Panel Discussion, and Innovative and Multifaceted IPM Principles for Eurasian and Hybrid Water Milfoil.

Early registration is \$40 and registration after October 15th is \$50. Paper registration materials are available at WRISC's office in Kingsford (420 N Hooper Street Kingsford, MI) or online at www.uprcd.org/conference.asp.



**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES
IN YOUR TRACKS.**

PlayCleanGo.org

Did you know that WRISC is a partner in the PlayCleanGo campaign? In fact, this year WRISC Coordinator Emily Anderson joined the campaign as a Steering Committee member.

The goal of **PlayCleanGo** is: *"To give recreationists a clear call to action—to be informed, attentive, and accountable for stopping the spread of invasive species."*

It is free for organizations and agencies to join as Partners. The objectives of the program are to be fun and to encourage recreation; be user friendly and accessible; accommodate a variety of audiences and media outlets; and be compatible with the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers brand and other partner brands.

Partners have access to sample media, signage, banners and headlines, using the brand signature. Visit PlayCleanGo.org for media examples, resources, materials like boot brushes, and to join as a Partner.

DATCP REPORT

November 2015

Soil and Water Resource Management Grants

- The Cost-Share Funds Transfer Agreement (Form 407) to transfer cost-share funds between counties must be completed and received by DATCP no later than **December 1st, 2015**
- DATCP and DNR signed the 2016 Final Allocation Plan on October 21st. DATCP will allocate \$8,739,100 for county staffing grants, \$5,528,053 for bond practices and nutrient management cost-sharing grants, and \$648,195 for cooperator contracts.

Land and Water Resource Management Plans

- The 2014 Wisconsin Land and Water Annual Progress Report, a joint effort between DATCP and DNR that highlights the work of county conservation departments involving various state and federal conservation programs, is now available. The report can be found on the DATCP [website](#)¹.
- At their December meeting, the Land and Water Conservation Board will consider recommendation of Adams, Iowa, Manitowoc, Oconto, and Rusk County Land and Water Resource Management plan revisions and approval of an extension request for Columbia County.
- The LWCB will also receive a report and make a recommendation on 2015 CREP spending authority.
- DATCP is working with multiple counties to update manure storage ordinances with the intent of developing a model ordinance. The model ordinance, if ready, would be presented at the 2016 WI Land + Water Conservation Association annual conference.

Drainage Districts

- On **Monday, November 9th**, DATCP staff will provide a training session at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Drainage Districts in Stevens Point. The training will discuss non-agricultural impacts to drainage districts, including urban stormwater runoff and waste water treatment plant effluent, as well as benefits and cost assessment processes.

Farmland Preservation

- DATCP is now accepting AEA petitions for designation in 2016. Petition materials, including instructions and forms, are available online [here](#)². Completed petitions are due on **April 29, 2016** and must be completed jointly by local landowners and local government officials. Petitioners should notify Coreen.Fallat@wisconsin.gov of their intent to apply, and to receive announcements of upcoming workshops and webinars to assist with petition development.
- DATCP recently certified farmland preservation ordinances for Door County, the Town of New Denmark (Brown County), the Town of Morrison (Brown County), the Town of Center (Rock County), the Town of Newton (Manitowoc County), the Town of Wolf River (Winnebago County), the Town of Utica (Winnebago County), and an ordinance amendment for Waupaca County.
- DATCP also recently certified a farmland preservation plan map amendment for Dane County.

¹ http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/Annual_Reporting/

² http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Working_Lands_Initiative/AEA/Petition_Materials/

- DATCP sent out a letter (attached in email) related to the goal of counties issuing certificates of compliance for the soil and water conservation standards for FPP by January 1, 2016. The deadline for issuing certificates of compliance is extended to December 31, 2016. The additional time gives counties and DATCP a chance to work with DOR on implementing a certificate of compliance numbering system which will replace the need for claimants to submit a certificate of compliance with their tax return – a goal of DOR to reduce paper submissions of returns. This furthers two main goals of the program – ensuring that only compliant landowners are able to claim the credit and requiring all landowners who wish to claim the credit to make contact with their land and water conservation department to determine conservation compliance.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- Counties should note that updated fillable State CREP forms are now available to counties on the WI CREP website. These forms are in MS Word fillable format and automate many of the calculations. Updated forms include the Application, 15 year Agreement, Buyout, and Landowner Transfer forms, which can be found [here](#)³. Counties should also remember to have landowners use the Federal W-9 form (Rev. December 2014) as this is the only form the new State financial system will accept. The required W-9 can be found [here](#)⁴.
- Expiration of CREP agreements will begin September 30, 2016. Counties may want to start looking into how this will affect workloads in the upcoming coming years and discuss with local CREP partner agencies. CREP will likely offer a reenrollment option and counties might also consider planning for landowner outreach to discuss reenrollment or other options for continuing conservation on the ground. DATCP and FSA are working on CREP reenrollment guidance that will be available in the coming months.
- DATCP continues to offer CREP training for counties that covers CREP basics, county CREP responsibilities, and available tools. Trainings can be held locally and are a good opportunity for all partner agencies (LCD, FSC, NRCS, and DATCP) to convene and review CREP in their area. Contact Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov if you are interested in arranging a training or have any other CREP related questions.”

Outreach and Training

- The next New Conservation Employee training is scheduled for **Thursday, November 12th** at DATCP in Madison. The training provides an overview of conservation programs in Wisconsin, and an opportunity to network and ask questions of program coordinators from DNR, DATCP, and NRCS. For more information, or to register, contact christina@wisconsinlandwater.org.
- On **Thursday, November 19th**, DATCP will host a webinar to discuss the importance of planning for agriculture. Sam Tobias, director of Fond du Lac County Planning and Development, Ken Jaworski, Vice President of Planning and Environmental Service at Martinson & Eisele, and Charlie Handy, La Crosse County Planner, will discuss their experiences planning for the future of agriculture. They will provide perspectives on the role agriculture plays in the local economy and how involving local agriculture professionals is essential to the planning process. Julia Freedgood from American Farmland Trust will also offer a national perspective on planning for agriculture. Join the webinar [here](#)⁵ or join by conference call at 1(888)291-0310 passcode 6738 177#.

³ http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/CREP/Counties/index.aspx

⁴ <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

⁵ <https://datcp-wi.adobeconnect.com/planforaq/>

Agricultural Impact Statements

- Agricultural Impact statement staff continue to assess public projects, including the Coulee Region Transportation Planning and Environmental Linkage, State Highway 20 from Whitewater to East Troy, and US Highway 51 from Interstate Highway 39/90 to US Highway 12/18. Staff are also continuing to follow the Spring Valley to North Lake Geneva transmission line project in Walworth/Kenosha County as it works its way through the Public Service Commission review process.

Staff Updates

- On **Monday, November 2nd**, Rachel Rushmann will join DATCP in the Nutrient Management and Water Quality section. Rachel will provide nutrient management planning assistance and training, as well as manage the Producer Led Watershed Protection Grant program. Welcome, Rachel!

Other Updates

- Starting **Monday, November 2nd**, new upgraded security enhancements will be added to the DATCP office building in Madison. These enhancements will include: a security guard at the reception desk in the first floor lobby, a sign in and sign out process for visitors including visitor badges, card reader only accessible areas, and upgraded security cameras in the building and parking lot. Please make note of these changes and plan extra time or coordinate with DATCP staff if you are attending meetings or other functions at the DATCP main office building.
- Please consider nominating an individual for the 2016 WI Land + Water Conservation Awards. Categories include: Conservation Farmer of the Year, Outstanding Supervisor, Conservation Steward, and Special Recognition/Friend of Conservation. Nominations must be submitted by LCD staff or LCC supervisor; however, nominees for Conservation Farmer of the Year, Conservation Steward and the Special Recognitions Awards can be agency partner staff or a private citizen who have displayed an outstanding commitment to conservation. Click [here](#)⁶ for more information. Nominations are due by **December 31, 2015**.

⁶ <http://wisconsinlandwater.org/programs/conservation-awards>



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

October 30, 2015

Sent Via Email

Dear County Land and Water Conservation Departments and Committees:

I want to thank all of you for your continued efforts to monitor and determine landowner compliance with the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) soil and water conservation standards. In previous communications we have stated that a certificate of compliance should be issued by January 1, 2016 for all participants who are in compliance with the 2002 FPP standards. The 2014 revision to ATCP 50 added additional agricultural performance standards as requirements for FPP, but phases in compliance with the 2012 performance standards after January 1, 2016. For several reasons, including feedback received from several counties and discussions we have had with the Department of Revenue we are extending the deadline for issuing certificates of compliance with the 2002 performance standards to Dec. 31, 2016.

The additional time gives counties and DATCP a chance to work with DOR on implementing a certificate of compliance numbering system which will replace the need for claimants to submit a certificate of compliance with their tax return – a goal of DOR to reduce paper submissions of returns. For tax year 2016, DOR has agreed to require that claimants enter a unique number on their tax form that corresponds to the certificate of compliance issued by the county. This furthers two main goals of the program – ensuring that only compliant landowners are able to claim the credit and requiring all landowners who wish to claim the credit to make contact with their land conservation department. As an interim step, DOR has changed the 2015 tax form to specifically ask landowners to indicate whether they have been issued a certificate of compliance for the farms on which they are claiming the credit. Both of these changes will further our goals in ensuring that FPP participants are known by the county and are meeting the soil and water conservation standards. Extending the deadline for certificates of compliance is a logical choice given our interactions with DOR. We have more work to do to set up the numbering system and provide additional information to DOR to set up a system to verify compliance with FPP soil and water conservation requirements.

Though many counties are well on their way to meeting the January 1 deadline, we recognize that counties have varying levels of FPP participation and workload. We want to be sure that counties have a chance to reach all known participants and issue certificates to those who are in compliance. Those counties that will have issued the certificates of compliance by the end of this year will be ahead on the new goal of having them all issued by the end of 2016. However, we also wish to avoid the possibility of a county issuing notices of noncompliance to landowners only because the county has not determined whether those landowners are in compliance with the 2002 standards before January 1, 2016.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the farmland preservation program and your efforts to assist farmland owners with their soil and water conservation efforts.

Sincerely,

Keith Foye, Director
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

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Electronic Recording Procedures

This Electronic Recording Procedures Statement is dated September 9, 2015 by and between Receiver, the government recording office of **Marinette County** located at 1926 Hall Ave., Marinette, WI 54143 and SIMPLIFILE LC, a submitting e-recording vendor located at 4844 North 300 West, Suite 300, Provo, Utah, 84604.

This document outlines the procedures and rules for the trusted relationship between Simplifile and Receiver to facilitate a safe and secure Electronic Recording relationship. Simplifile will be delivering documents to Receiver from Simplifile's customers herein known as Submitter.

Electronic Recording means the electronically-based submittal of documents by or through Simplifile to Receiver and electronically-based confirmation of recording from Receiver to Simplifile. Such transactions are categorized by levels of automation, described as follows:

Level 1. Submitter transmits scanned image copies of ink-signed documents to Receiver.

Level 2. Submitter transmits scanned images of ink-signed documents along with any required electronic indexing information to Receiver.

Level 3. Submitter transmits documents which have been created, signed and notarized electronically, along with any required electronic indexing information.

Within all of these levels, the document will be delivered as a pdf or tiff based on the Receiver's requirements. Upon receipt, Receiver performs an examination of the electronic document, then either completes the recording process or rejects the documents and returns them to Submitter as Rejected. After recording, the electronic document is returned to Submitter as Recorded, with the original recording information contained thereon.

Basic E-Recording Document Standards. Electronic recording permits documents to be prepared, signed and transmitted in electronic format, and electronically recorded documents shall be considered the "original" record of the transaction with the same intended legal effect as paper documents and, if any such document bears a digital or electronic signature, it shall be considered the same as paper documents bearing ink signatures. Electronic documents, compliant with state and federal e-sign legislation are acceptable for electronic recording. Simplifile and Receiver accept these electronic document protocols as standards for e-recording:

- (a) PRIA standards will be used.
- (b) Images will be in TIFF or PDF format, at Receiver's request.
- (c) Encryption will be 128-bit file and image encryption.
- (d) Receiver may provide requirements for indexing data.
- (e) Documents that do not conform to Receiver's recording requirements may be rejected.
- (f) Rejected documents will be returned to Simplifile in electronic format with the reason(s) for rejection.

(g) Non-conforming fees and/or rejection fees will not be charged without first returning the unrecorded documents to Submitter to confirm acceptance of these fees prior to recording.

(h) The rules for accepting, reviewing, and processing documents for recording are the same for electronic documents as with paper submissions.

Simplifile's Duties. Electronic recordings by or through Simplifile shall conform to the requirements of Receiver's program. Further,

(a) Technical Coordination. Simplifile shall be responsible for coordinating all technical problems and issues between Receiver and Simplifile and its Submitter customer. There is no cost to the Receiver, from Simplifile, for any services provided by Simplifile for e-recording.

(b) Reporting. Simplifile will provide detailed data of each recording sufficient to reconcile fees associated with any/ all documents submitted by Simplifile for electronic recording.

(c) Payment of Recording Fees. Recording fees are determined by the County and shall be paid electronically via ACH, unless other arrangements have been made. Recording fees will be deposited into the County's account after business hours on the day of the recording, or as agreed prior to implementation.

Receiver's Duties. Electronic recordings by or through Simplifile will be processed by Receiver under the terms noted herein. Further,

(a) Availability. Receiver shall process electronically submitted documents during normal business hours. Receiver will notify Simplifile of the daily cut-off time. Receiver will attempt to notify Simplifile of service disruptions.

(b) General Provisions. The following provisions, to be incorporated into electronic recording processes by Receiver will ensure success of electronic recording.

- I. Receiver will not reject documents due to incorrect indexing data provided by Submitter unless it affects the Receiver's ability to accurately calculate recording charges or verify the image. Indexing data is provided to Receiver as a courtesy, not a requirement of the e-recording process.
- II. Receiver will make every effort to not void documents after they have been recorded and returned. If a document must be voided, Receiver will immediately notify Simplifile.
- III. Receiver will notify Simplifile if there are changes in recording fees or recording requirements that might affect Simplifile or its Submitter customers.
- IV. Receiver shall apply the same level of diligence and recording standards in handling electronic documents as apply to paper documents.

Implementation. During the implementation process, Receiver will provide Simplifile with information pertinent to the implementation of electronic recording, and will update said information as it may change from time to time. Any such information will be in addition to this agreement in support of the implementation of e-recording between Receiver and Simplifile. Said information may include:

- (a) Document Types to be accepted for Electronic Recording;
- (b) Recording or Indexing Requirements, if any;
- (c) Receiver's Recording Hours of Operations;
- (d) ACH account information and/or payment requirements.

- (e) Contact information for business, accounting and technical needs.
- (f) Up-to-date Fee schedule for all recording costs by document.

General Disclaimers: Neither Receiver or Simplifile shall be liable to the other for any damages arising from any delay, omission or error in any recording submitted by or through Simplifile. Both parties understand that there are no warranties, express or implied, in connection with e-recording except as written herein. Receiver disclaims any liability for information electronically transmitted to Receiver or any breach of security, fraud or deceit as a result of any electronic recording.

No Waiver of Governmental Immunity. Nothing contained herein waives any protections that may be applicable to Receiver or any of its elected or appointed officials, employees, or agents under any applicable statutes or regulations providing governmental immunity, protections, defenses or limitations on liability Receiver or such related parties that are provided by law.

No Third Party Beneficiaries. The enforcement of the terms of this Agreement and all rights of action relating to such enforcement shall be reserved to the parties of this Agreement.

Document conformity. Receiver shall be held harmless in any dispute concerning the accuracy, completeness and conformity to the paper originals of any documents electronically recorded.

No Infringement. Neither party shall attempt to hack, reverse engineer, inspect, copy, or use for any other purpose, any hardware, software, or digital data belonging to the other party or used in the electronic recording process.

Disputes. The parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to electronic recording with Receiver through negotiation, followed by non-binding mediation, before resorting to litigation. Parties agree that this document shall be governed and enforced by the laws of (and within) the state in which the documents are e-recorded.

EFFECTIVE the date written above.

RECEIVER
Marinette County

By: _____
Name: _____
Office/Capacity: _____
Date: _____

SIMPLIFILE LC

By: _____
Name: _____
Office/Capacity: _____
Date: _____

2015 Marinette County Wildlife Damage Prices

Corn, for grain.....	\$3.51/bushel
Soybeans.....	\$9.41/bushel
Oats.....	\$2.50/bushel
Wheat	\$4.85/bushel
Alfalfa, high quality, >150 RFV.....	\$204.00/ton
Other Forages (mixed grass/legume, fair quality alfalfa, red clover, etc.....	\$104.00/ton
Organic Certified Hay - 40% premium over above prices or \$286/ton for high and \$146 per ton for lower quality hay	
Organic Certified Corn.....	\$11.84/bushel
Organic Certified Soybeans.....	\$24.89/bushel
Organic Pinto Beans.....	farm contract price
Vegetable Crops.....	farm contract price

** Prices calculated via State average hay and alfalfa prices; local contract prices; National Organic grain prices; and CBOT weekly futures for grains with the following basis:

Corn - 26 cent basis

Soybean - 37 cent basis

Oats - 25 cent basis

Wheat - 40 cent basis

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 DISBURSEMENTS

NOTE: AN ASTERISK (*) FOLLOWING THE ACCOUNT NUMBER INDICATES THE ACCOUNT IS TO BE APPLIED TO THE PRIOR YEAR.