

Benton County CWMA Landscape Action Team

Meeting minutes

1/27/14

In attendance: Laurie Starha (Benton County Public Works), Tom Kaye (Institute for Applied Ecology), Peter Kenagy (Farm Bureau), Crystal Durbecq (Benton SWCD), Becky Koepke-Hill (Stahlbush Island Farm), Cindy McCain (Retired), Matt Blakely-Smith (Greenbelt Land Trust)

- I. Intros & Announcements: Tom Kaye (IAE) has weed guides for sale \$4 each. Would like to sell large quantities to other organizations to distribute.
- II. Crystal Reviewed initial maps of priority areas, vectors, gaps
- III. A strategy is needed that covers:
  - a. Locations
  - b. Species
    - i. What part of species distribution should be focused on for management
  - c. Vectors
  - d. The landscape strategy could be framework for other committees
  - e. The species list – if landscape group finds that some species have vector focus/other
    - i. Highlight certain species as a priority near term or mid-term
  - f. Combine areas and species focus
    - i. Maps of where things are – inventories city of Corvallis is inventorying its parks for weeds
    - ii. Make a plan to include an area with information that is already available
      1. For example- if we worked in/around Finley, the knowledge exists
- IV. For our CWMA report:
  - a. Partnerships that have been established because of CWMA involvement
    - i. Are there any things people were doing that the CWMA contributed to? How is CWMA fostering partnerships?
      1. Invasives hotline (Heath with send summary to Cindy with # of reports)
      2. Becky and Truax Island managers- partnership that started because of CWMA
    - ii. Should ID partners we haven't included yet
  - b. List of projects/accomplishments
    - i. GIS maps
    - ii. Beginning part is started (of organization)
    - iii. 2 grant proposals (mobile app & Ludwigia/Nymphoides control)
- V. Objectives- what needs more work?
  - a. Our goal is to create an environment in the county that maximizes communication and minimizes overlap.
  - b. Partner activities- we started collecting partner activity information last year but the utility is not clear, so we are going to hold off on completing this list.
  - c. Ideas about strategy
    - i. Ownership specific
      1. How do we start talking about ways to manage the weeds across ownerships?
      2. Species across ownerships

3. Forestry - shade/cover vs neighboring ag lands (different priorities and management strategies) the nuance: different stages of forest practice – different land use on ag lands temporal usage
  4. Source vs sink
  - ii. Landscape- juxtaposition and change over time
    1. Some people with more experience what are the concerns in your piece of the county and what are the treatments where are the boundaries and conflicts?
    2. Natural areas and high value habitat
  - iii. Hold off on species strategy development until after Henry's talk
- VI. Other Landscape-level issues
- a. Vectors pull different land uses together forest, ag, vectors and treatments
    - i. Riparian vectors
    - ii. Rights of way
    - iii. Quarries/Gravel Dumps/ Dump Sites
      1. May already have language? Check with Glenn Miller on Quarry Project/ regulations
      2. Laurie will ask Jeff Powers who instead of Al Kitzman to involved from County NA&P
      3. Road dept has full list of all quarries
      4. For next meeting nail down quarry thing
      5. Small list of spp we want to make sure aren't growing at quarries
      6. What do we want from these people? How they are regulated
      7. State list for quarry (ODA)
      8. NAWMA has quarry standards Laurie might have and will send if possible
    - iv. Compost sources
    - v. River/waterway vector
      1. Watershed councils
      2. WMC for Willamette
    - vi. Effecting how those areas are managed
    - vii. Vectors we can't control: birds, wind, animals (how to address these?)
    - viii. Reducing seed sources targeting plan for specific types of land uses plan for vectors
  - b. Any potential partners who aren't at the table
    - i. Aggregate industry
    - ii. Landfill – PRC
    - iii. Green White
    - iv. Knife River/Morse Bros
    - v. Wild Roze in Wren
    - vi. Dogami office in Albany Peter will send contact info – they permit quarries (??)
    - vii. Tech support- develop a CWMA listserv?
  - c. Leverage resources
- VII. Work Plan for 2014/2015

- a. Pick some shorter term objectives 3 months- outline of ways we can deal with this problem
  - i. CWMA list-serv for tech support
- b. Mid-term: how we are going to do it
  - i. Like spurge laurel or ivy- in 5 years we can knock it way back- - show successes in limited number of projects
- c. Long term – how to do it and which projects
  - i. 25 year strategy over long enough period of time we can set lofty goals- ok if we don't meet them
- d. Active management of vectors is a high priority –
  - i. Highest priority for active management:
    1. rights of way
    2. utility easements
    3. riparian corridors
    4. quarries
    5. equipment movement (forestry, ag, utility, maintenance)
    6. transportation corridors
    7. compost
- e. Collaborative projects are a priority
  - i. Ludwigia/Nymphoides control is a collaborative CWMA project
  - ii. Need to brainstorm possible projects at Feb CWMA meeting with whole group
- f. Work Plan Brainstorm Summary
  - i. Species Focus: Inventory, Treat, Outreach
    1. Spurge laurel
    2. *Ludwigia*
    3. Ivy
    4. *Clematis*
  - ii. Landscape Zones (by land use/ownership)
    1. Ag
    2. Forestry
    3. Industrial
    4. Rural Residential
  - iii. Vectors: (Rights-of-way: ODOT, County; Utility easements: BPA, RRs; Landfill: Compost; Quarries)
    1. What are management strategies for these vectors to minimize invasives spread?
    2. Quarries
      - a. County establish weed free certification requirement for quarries
  - iv. Synergies/Partnerships
    1. Identify and bring in missing partners for each vector
    2. Identify on the ground project(s)
      - a. A CWMA project is when 2 or more CWMA partners are working together
      - b. Determine focus location or species

- i. Location- Jackson Frazier, Finley, Marys Peak, etc
    - ii. Species- *Ludwigia*, *Daphne laureola*
  - c. Nominate projects at Feb Full Group Meeting
- 3. Trying to create a change in mindset
  - a. Encourage members to come up for air and look around at what others are doing, how we can work together
  - b. We'd like to see spontaneous partnerships/ collaborations
  - c. Leveraged weed control
  - d. Trying to think about the way we do projects
- 4. At end of Feb CWMA meeting, ask everyone if they networked with other CWMA members this year – gift certificate to groups that do something together (IAE- will botanize for beer)

VIII. To Do List

- a. Crystal
  - i. Summarize 2013 accomplishments of Landscape Action Team
- b. Cindy
  - i. 2014 Strategy Report
    - 1. Species
    - 2. Zones
    - 3. Vectors
    - 4. Synergies
  - ii. Send out doodle for early March meeting of Landscape Team (top pick: Wed mar 5 from 1-3 pm)
- c. Heath
  - i. Contact new partners & invite to next CWMA meeting
  - ii. Type up minutes
  - iii. Contact Glenn Miller/Vern Holm to find out about their quarry project ideas and existing regulations
  - iv. Type up summary of InvasivesHotline reports-send to Cindy
- d. Becky
  - i. Type up summary of new Truax Island partnerships- send to Cindy
- e. Laurie
  - i. Type up summary of yellow flag iris treatment partnership with Luckiamute WC and contractor to send to Cindy
- f. Peter
  - i. Share contact info for DOGAMI (Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries)