

**Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC)
Action Teams 2015
Terrestrial Invasive Species Action Team:**

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2015 Purpose:

The Terrestrial Action Team addresses both management and outreach regarding the detection and control of non-native terrestrial and wetland invasive species. Address existing and newly-detected species: prioritizing species for management, educating regarding specific species or control methods, and utilizing an integrated approach to manage current invasive species populations. The committee provides guidance for land managers, landowners, sportsmen, and recreationists, and implements control measures as time and funding allows.

2015 Regular Meetings:

Meets on odd numbered months via conference call. Meeting times are scheduled by the WRISC Coordinator using doodle poll results.

2014 Goals:

1. Focus outreach, prevention, and management efforts on Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), and other high priority species throughout the work area, including early detection and rapid response species.
2. Continue and encourage invasive species education and outreach to area road crews. Support road crews with educational materials, training, and assistance when able.
3. Include area citizens in terrestrial invasive control through volunteer workdays. Strive for a minimum of one workday per county in 2015.

September 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes (3:00-4:00pm)

In attendance: Emily Anderson, Nicole Shutt, Greg Cleereman, Margie Yadro

1. **Dirty Dozen Outreach Materials: Brochure notes, website, other:** *The group discussed the best way to utilize the new Dirty Dozen Invasive list (brochure, website, etc). Emily would like to make it website feature this winter and Nicole suggested it be put on the website in a format that could be printed off as a single piece of paper for those that want handouts.*
2. **Adopt a Spot: status:** *Emily updated the group. WRISC's Adopt a Spot work has wrapped up in Wisconsin and we are still waiting to hear about any new funding from the citizen monitoring*

grant. *Adopt a Spot* has been included in the MI Grant, materials have been developed, and outreach/recruitment is planned to get groups to adopt properties next year.

3. **Play Clean Go outreach for MISGP:** *Emily updated the group on PlayCleanGo materials planned for the MISGP grant: trail signs, develop yard signs, posters such as Work Clean Go with wild parsnip for road crews. The group liked the idea of the posters and Margie suggested we also try to connect the campaign in schools. Design work will take place this winter.*
4. **Menominee Knotweed Workshop?:** *With knotweed a focus species of the MI Grant, Emily suggested Menominee as a good location for a workshop because of the large amount of knotweed in Menominee and Marinette. The team agreed on the location and suggested next year would work better to get more participation. Greg offered to put the date in their journal if we plan ahead for the workshop. The group also discussed the differences in knotweed species, along with legal classifications and potential rapid response funding. Margie also led a discussion on the pros/cons of local noxious weed listings for invasive plants and how this could be used to stop or prevent the spread of new invasives.*
5. **Brochures planned: Thistle, Parsnip?, Tri-CISMA GLRI grant deliverables:** *Team members agreed that Thistles and Wild Parsnip were two good topics for new brochures to be produced under the MI Grant. Emily explained that if the new Tri-CISMA grant is approved WRISC should wait to order these brochures until the project starts so that the cost can be considered match. The team also discussed the Florence wild parsnip problem and how to get ahead of future problems like this. The Florence Invasive Ad Hoc committee structure was commended and the team asked Margie several questions about it. It was suggested that this should happen more across the state.*
6. **Herbicide donation for ROW treatments:** *Emily explained that a WRISC GLRI grant for invasive control set to end Oct 31st will likely have some extra money budgeted for equipment/supplies. Emily suggested potentially using the money to buy herbicide for counties/road crews for invasive control. The team agreed that it would definitely be useful for counties and that liability will not likely be a concern if herbicide is handed over in unopened original packaging. Emily will take a closer look at the budget and make a decision. Likely WRISC will either purchase herbicide recommended for problem roadside species (ie. Escort for parsnip) and/or ask counties what they need and buy one item for each county.*
7. **Other:** *Margie and Emily also discussed meeting with Florence roadside managers once the parsnip mapping data is compiled to plan and prioritize areas for parsnip control in 2016.*
8. **BOD Agenda item(s)**
Herbicide donation (needs approval?)