

**Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC)
Action Team Work Goals 2016**

Monitoring Action Team:

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2016 Purpose:

Encourage expanded mapping of invasive species throughout the WRISC Area. Facilitate entry of mapping data into a central database (Midwest Invasive Species Information Network, www.misin.msu.edu). Provide resources to WRISC partners to encourage better treatment tracking and pre and post monitoring of key infestations or control efforts.

Regular Meetings:

Meets on odd numbered months via conference call. Meeting times are scheduled by the WRISC Coordinator using doodle poll results. To join call dial **401-283-4156** and enter code **34985**.

2016 Goals:

1. Continue to collect invasive location data from WRISC partners.
 - a. Seek existing data not in spreadsheet/MISIN and encourage prompt reporting of new data.
 - b. Survey Partners in 2016 about their own data collection and suggestions for WRISC.
2. Conduct 2016 mapping and monitoring training.
3. Dedicate time and effort to quality management of WRISC's internal data. Improve training of staff; continue to utilize QGIS in management of location, control, and monitoring data; and explore more data management tools.
4. Continue invasive treatment tracking to ensure effective monitoring. Review all of WRISC's data entry forms/protocols and refine as necessary to improve monitoring efforts.

January 7th, 2016 Meeting Agenda (9:00-9:40am)

In attendance: Emily Anderson, John Preuss, Ann Hruska, Scott Goodwin, Darcy Rutkowski

1. **Discuss WRISC's current data collection/tracking, are there ways we can improve in 2016?
How will qGIS be used?**

The team discussed WRISC's current data collection and improvements in invasive survey data and mapping capacities with QGIS. Emily stated that she has seen WRISC's data collection improve every year, but that pre and post treatment monitoring was still weak. The team agreed that monitoring can be difficult and discussed several useful monitoring tools including: recording total man hours for treatment efforts, creation of pre/post treatment population GIS polygons, photo reference points, QGIS database with MISIN IDs, and the ongoing development

by MISIN of treatment tracking options through their database. It was agreed that monitoring before treatment and then the following year at the same time would be a good monitoring schedule to follow. Darcy agreed to share some of her monitoring protocols and anything new she learns at an upcoming CUPCWMA meeting.

Ann and Emily discussed issues in making sure summer staff get enough training, and the option to use the afternoon of WRISC's annual meeting for additional mapping/monitoring training. The team also discussed getting more Partner input through a surveymonkey or google docs survey, asking questions on what data Partners are collecting, how they are collecting/sharing it, and suggestions from Partners on areas WRISC should survey or other help they might need from WRISC crews.

2. Review 2015 team goals, draft 2016 goals

2015 goals were adjusted including the addition the following items: 2016 Partner survey, use of QGIS software, and updating protocols/recording forms. The goals were then edited by Emily after the meeting and sent out to the action team for review.

3. Other

It was suggested that the next action team meeting include a review of all of WRISC's control, mapping, and monitoring forms for 2016.

After the 2016 goals are finalized they will be compared with the Strategic Action Plan for any adjustments to the plan.

4. BOD Agenda Item(s)

Partner Survey