

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting
National Park Service Office, Ashland
Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Present: Dara Olson (GLIFWC), Emily Anderson (WDNR), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Michael Joyner (NPS), Matt Bushman (USFS), Matt Hudson (BRWA), and Darienne McNamara (NCWMA Coordinator).

• **New Invasives Outreach Position -**

- Michael Joyner has started at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center working in a two-year seasonal interpretive position focusing on invasives;
- has a lot of flexibility for how to do outreach, came to solicit input from the NCWMA; talked about possibly featuring the native plant gardens at the Visitor Center as a way to promote good practices to prevent the spread of invasives
- stationed at the Visitor Center but also working with the Apostle Islands headquarters office; he can be reached at 715-685-2656 or michael_joyner@nps.gov

• **Marengo River Watershed Project -**

- Matt Hudson from the Bad River Watershed Association came to the meeting to describe the project he is working: an Action Plan for the Marengo River watershed (a sub-watershed of the Bad River) that will specify what kinds of restoration needs to take place, where it is needed, who can do it, and how; planning to have draft plan by Sept 2010, final plan by Dec 2010
- following EPA protocol and obtaining EPA approval of the action plan, which should open the door for more funding opportunities to implement it (ex. Clean Water Act funding)
- invasives are one of the concerns in the watershed, and will be included in the action plan; Matt is interested in the priorities of the group and how these may pertain the the Marengo watershed
- Dara will help put together a map of known invasive locations within the watershed, Darienne will provide some text regarding invasives in the watershed

• **NFWF grant proposal** - a pre-proposal was submitted to pay for (1) a series of refresher workshops similar to this year's right-of-way workshops for 2011, (2) roadside invasive plant surveys for local municipalities, and (3) invasive species management plans for local municipalities. We will find out later this year if a full proposal is requested.

• **Ashland Farmer's Market**

- We've had a booth there every Sat since June (with one exception) and lots of people with questions and interest
- Need someone to cover July 17 and Aug 14 - please let Darienne know if you can work at the booth those mornings from 8am-12pm - it's a fun way to talk with a lot of people about invasives!

- **Upcoming Events**

- Ashland Invasive Species Open House - July 21 from 5-7pm at Bretting Center (date tentative)
- July/Aug (TBD) - Ashland Shoreline Volunteer Work Day
- August 20 - Manitowish Waters Volunteer Work Day (purple loosestrife)
- Nov 8-10, 2010 - MN/WI Invasive Species Conference (all taxa) in St. Paul, MN

- **Round Robin:**

- **Carmen** - finished traveling to Great Lakes parks to do treatment, just returned from Isle Royale to treat spotted knapweed and burdock, didn't find many other species there; focusing on outreach and other projects for remainder of field season
- **Emily** - surveying trails and roads in Copper Falls, not finding too many invasives; working on gypsy moth management plan for Big Bay State Park; had an informal program on invasives at Copper Falls near the concession stand; developing WANTED posters for invasives in the park, will get out to the NCWMA when they are completed
- **Matt** - just finished a contract to treat spotted knapweed on 182 acres along 57 miles of forest roads on the national forest using Milestone; invasive species crew is targeting woody invasives this year, getting a lot done; looking for survey protocol to incorporate into logging contracts regarding invasives (before/after harvest)
- **Dara** - attended a customized training to develop the mapping website, planning to make it so data is accessed and submitted to the GISIN website so GLIFWC doesn't have to process all the data that comes in; has an intern helping with the website that's been very helpful; still has Northern Native Plant Guides available, contact her if you know of a good place to have a copy

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 12, 2010
National Park Service - Great Lakes Network Office
Ashland, WI
8am - Business meeting