CENTRAL OHIO PRISM

PARTNERSHIP FOR REGIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT
What is a CWMA?
A Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) is a partnership of federal, state, and local government agencies, tribes, individuals, and various interested groups that manage invasive species (or weeds) within a defined area. In different parts of the country, CWMAs are known by other names, including: Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA), Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), Weed Management Area (WMA), Invasive Species Teams, and Invasive Species Partnerships. Although these groups may be organized differently, they share six basic characteristics:

1. **CWMAs operate within a defined geographic area**, distinguished by a common geography, weed problem, community, climate, political boundary, or land use.
2. **CWMAs involve a broad cross-section of landowners and natural resource managers** within its defined boundaries.
3. **CWMAs are governed by a Steering Committee**.
4. **CWMAs make a long-term commitment to cooperation**, usually through a formal agreement among partners.
5. **CWMAs have a comprehensive plan** that addresses the management or prevention of invasive species within its boundaries.
6. **CWMAs facilitate cooperation and coordination** across jurisdictional boundaries.

CWMAs bring together local citizens, landowners, nonprofit organizations, industry, and city, county, state, tribal, and federal representatives to work towards a common goal—effective control of invasive species.
Regional Invasive Plant Groups in Wisconsin
(Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas)
As of September, 2017

Regional Group Name
- Central Sands Invasives Group
- Door County Invasives Species Team
- Lafayette County Invasives Group
- Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area
- Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership
- Monroe County Invasives Group
- Northwoods CWMA
- Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium
- Southwest WI Weed Management Area
- St. Croix Red Cedar CWMA
- Timberland Invasives Partnership
- Upper Chippewa CWMA
- Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition
- Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership
- No Regional Invasive Plant Group
Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management 2008

PRISMs:
Adirondacks: APIPP
Capital/Mohawk PRISM
Catskills: CRISP
Finger Lakes: FL-PRISM
Long Island: LIISMA
Lower Hudson PRISM
SLELO PRISM
Western PRISM
Steering Committee

Eugene Braig/OSU Extension
Jennifer Finfera/USFWS
Joel Hunt/ODOT
Nathan Johnson/OEC
Tina Mohn/Parks & Rec
John Navarro/ODNR
Karen Seidel/TNC

Sara Ernst/Franklin SWCD
Karl Hoessle/Parks & Rec
Jeff Johnson/ODNR
Tom Macy/ODNR
Carrie Morrow/Cbus Metroparks
Mike See/OEPA
Jennifer Windus/OIPC

Recommended to Include:
Dept. of Public Utilities (Lorain Winters)
MORPC (TBD)
Dept. of Ag (Dan Kenny)
9:40am – 10:35am: **Define goal/purpose** (need to flesh out targets and boundary in order to define goal)

**Potential targets**
- Terrestrial plants
- Aquatic plants
- Pests and pathogens
- Aquatic organisms, fish, wildlife
- Other

**Geography/boundary** (see maps)
- Political
  - ODNR, EPA, ODOT, etc.
  - Metropolitan area
  - County
  - Other
- Ecological
  - Upper Scioto River Basin
  - Other

**Define goal** (see other CWMA examples for reference)
The **Central Ohio PRISM** (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) is a regional partnership working to protect Central Ohio’s natural resources, public health and safety, and economy through a coordinated approach to prevent, combat and improve awareness of invasive species.
What will the CO PRISM do?

• Coordination and efficient exchange of information
• Leverage funding
• Influence policy
• Address and support gaps and under-resourced areas
• Develop consistent and universal outreach, especially on pressing/immediate needs
• Give collective weight to regional issues
• Facilitate research
11:05am – 11:30am: **Develop CWMA framework** that will best support collaboration, action and sustainability of/within/by partnership using the following outline as a starting point (for efficiency):

1) **Ratified MOU** that is voluntary, non-binding, and non-fiscal

2) **Communications portal/s** (TBD) and point person (TNC) for internal and external use
   a) Email and contact list for internal communications
   b) Shared site for files, calendar, Google documents or similar
   c) Facebook, other social media page/s
   d) Other

3) **Quarterly (TBD) meetings** organized by TNC around a standing agenda (TBD, but may include):
   a) Review/reinforce purpose/goal of partnership
   b) Group updates on any relevant regional news, needs, challenges, and opportunities as they relate to strategy concentrations
   c) Review CWMA projects current and pending (emphasis on lessons learned) and what’s needed in the future
   d) Facilitate development of temporary sub-groups (each sub-group must have leader) to further and pursue identified projects.
   e) Other

4) **Temporary sub-groups** leaders will organize meetings as needed and in time with any associated deadlines. Sub-groups will:
   a) Determine project and grant/funding leader/s
   b) Develop projects - related partnerships, scopes, budgets etc.
   c) Support project leader/s as needed from grant development through implementation
   d) Report any milestones to CWMA point person in a timely manner for internal/external communications

5) Other
Aquatic Invasive Species Action Team

**Team Members:** John Preuss, Ryan Parchim, Ann Hruska, Jennifer Johnson, Scott Goodwin, Lindsay Peterson, Greg Matzke

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

**Purpose:**
The intent of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Action Team is to develop and offer resources that will help slow the spread of aquatic invasive species and lessen their environmental and economical impacts. Support will be offered to organizations, agencies, businesses, landowners and managers, volunteers, and staff, which will promote prevention, identification, monitoring, and management of AIS populations in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition.

**2015 Goals**
1. Promote a coordinated public media campaign to prevent and slow the spread of AIS by using existing campaigns, including the Michigan and Wisconsin Clean Boats Clean Water programs.
2. Facilitate species identification, monitoring, and management of AIS populations in the WRISC area.
3. Update WRISC partners with any new or spreading AIS populations and management resources.
4. Assist WRISC partners to successfully request, secure and complete approved aquatic invasive species projects.
5. Each spring conduct a Clean Boats Clean Waters training for staff, volunteers, and citizens. In addition, educate citizens through AIS events/workshops, with a goal of one per county in 2015.
3. Reporting Invasive Plants

Submitting an Observation of an Invasive Plant

[Images of mobile application screens showing invasive plant species and upload options.]
**GOAL:** Reduce the number of invasive species introduced into the Great Lakes region and slow the spread of invasive species within Wisconsin.

Prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species through new and existing pathways.

**ACTION:** Increase funding and attention toward efforts to identify and manage likely pathways that move invasive species.

**ACTION:** Engage with state and federal regulatory partners and import industries to focus incentives and legislation on preventing new invasive species from reaching Wisconsin.

**ACTION:** Include risk analysis in the decision-making process for commodity imports.

Engage the public and partners in managing invasive species pathways, potential impacts, and preventing the introduction of invasive species into terrestrial, wetland, and aquatic systems.

**ACTION:** Increase public awareness and adoption of terrestrial best management practices (BMPs).

**ACTION:** Work with partners to create multi-media information packets on invasive species. When available, set the timing of the media releases to coincide with particular events such as the opening of fishing season and park events.

**ACTION:** Schedule volunteer trainings, media events, and educational programs in cooperation with aquatic invasive species partnership members, cooperative weed management areas (CWMAs), counties, and other regional organizations.

Stop new introductions of aquatic invasive species to the Great Lakes - both via ship ballast water and connections to other watersheds (Chicago canals).

**ACTION:** As determined to be economically feasible, implement measures to eliminate inter-basin exchange in Wisconsin as identified in the Great Lakes-Mississippi River Inter-basin Study.

**ACTION:** Support the development of on-board ship technology for the treatment of ballast water to International Maritime Organization (IMO) standards or greater.