

Attendants of the Pulling Together Initiative meeting, 28th of August, 2002

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NNIS=Non-Native Invasive Species
LS= Leafy Spurge
PL=Purple Loosestrife

- Presentation of GLIFW's LS sighting map by Miles
 - Map displayed the location and abundance of LS in the surrounding Washburn area
 - Miles briefly discussed ecological impacts of LS to GLIFW interests and ideas of bioagents as controls
- The two largest private owned LS sites ("ground-zero" area) include: a non-permanent residence that gave an ok to control efforts and an unknowledgeable landowner.
- Steve discussed the required Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) to allow chemical control on National Forest lands. They are currently working on a site-specific (Clam Lake) allowance and forest wide allowance of the use of chemicals. Current control method primarily used on the forest for NNIS is mechanical control.
- (Question) Does the proportions of LS sites occur on non-FS lands or National Forest land in reference to areas surrounding "ground zero?"
 - Answers included that non-FS sites area greater and the need to place pressure on township involvement.
- (Question) Will the FS EIS proceedings interfere with township doings on control efforts?
 - Answers included that FS proceedings would not interfere with township control efforts.
- Discussion of bioagents, including the type of insects, where to locate them, the best time of year to use them and other instances where insects have been used.
- (Question) What can be done yet this year?
 - Answers including an example of success in mowing in the Ft. McCoy area
 - Concerns placed on township mowing and spread of seed

- TNC involvement this year in volunteering equipment and time to train landowners in herbicide use
- Concerns for the application of herbicides

- Funding brainstorm
 - TNC offered to check if possible to spare a couple \$100's for this years possible herbicide application
 - Looking to an EQUIP pilot project including: education in schools (science clubs), proper seed removal from equipment and township involvement, spraying gravel pits and marketing NNIS free gravel

(Question) How can townships stop the spread of seed through gravel pits?

- Suggest washing mowers, spraying pits, educating mowers, discussion lead mainly back to education first

- Jennifer (Inland Sea Society) offered to address the LS concern in Watershed newsletter
- Education discussion
 - Education to town leaders, counties and landowners
 - Use of "awareness tools" eg. loon watch signs
 - Corralling local organizations i.e. newsletters
 - Promoting threats to the "dairy state" and add simulation to land prices as western states
 - Newspaper articles
 - "Team LS" and purge the spurge web site (address???)
 - Getting more Plants out of Place brochures (needing funding for that)
 - Observation cards as done with PL (timing, should wait until spring)
 - Writing a letter to the town supervisors to be invited to speak to local town meetings
 - Town association meetings???
- Grant/Funding discussion
 - The need to address planning over funding
 - Looking into EQUIP funding (long-term)
 - Getting landowners to take initiative and personally fund eradication on their own lands, not through weed law enforcement but rather "neighborhood persuasion"
 - Establish funding through private and township concerns
 - GLIFW involvement