



Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP)

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Adirondack Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management Spring Joint Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2010
The Nature Conservancy, Keene Valley, New York
10:00 – 2:30

Participants: Mark Malchoff (LCSG), Meg Modley (LCBP), Dan Kelting (PSC), Caitlin Stewart (HCSWCD), Dan Spada (APA), Emily DeBolt (LGA), John Davis (Adirondack Council), Keith Rivers (DEC R6), Jeremiah Carroll (National Grid), Laura Smith (Willsboro resident), Dan Levy (DEC R5 Lands and Forests), Hilary Smith (APIPP), Sue Smith and Mollie Wills (Lewis Creek Association), Tom Colarusso (USDA), Lance Durfey (DEC R5 Wildlife), Bruce Barnard (DEC R5 Private Lands), Carol Treadwell (ASRA), Sarah Hoffman (LGLC), Julie Martin (BRASS)

PRISM UPDATE

Annual Report

APIPP's annual report is now available online

http://adkinvasives.com/documents/Final_APIPP2009AnnualReport_fullset.pdf .

Funding

APIPP and Paul Smith's College collaborated to submit GLRI Proposals (only geographies in Great Lakes basin eligible) - one to EPA for \$498,248 (Western Adirondack Response and Stewardship Program); two to USFWS, one for \$110,196 (response) and another for \$288,286 (stewards)

We submitted an annual request for USFWS funds to implement the Adirondack ANS Management Plan: this year's project included funds to sustain milfoil eradication efforts on Follensby Clear Pond, approx. \$43,750.

The Governor's and Legislative budgets both had invasives funded at \$4.8M in the EPF, a final budget for this FY hasn't been approved.

Personnel & Hires

APIPP offered the seasonal APIPP steward position to Gus Goodwin. He will start May 14. APIPP also advertised for a seasonal terrestrial coordinator to implement field activities this summer. The hire is on hold until clarification about available state funds is determined. Since a state budget hasn't been approved, funding for the 2 SCA invasive species resource protection interns is also on hold and these positions are unlikely to be funded in time for work this summer. Tom Martin at DEC-R5 has allocated 3 weeks of time for the SCA trail crew to help with invasives control work. Wayne Blanchard is expected to be hired again this summer for terrestrial invasive plant work at campgrounds; but, time and travel will be reduced.

Policies

The towns of Lake Pleasant and Santa Clara passed local aquatic invasive species transport ordinances last fall making it illegal to enter or exit waterways with aquatic species attached to boats, trailers, and equipment.

As part of the NYS Invasive Species Advisory Committee, Hilary and Meg helped to develop a white paper of recommendations for a statewide transport law. They presented it to the NYS Invasive Species Council in March, and the Council will discuss it further at their next meeting in May.

DEC released for public comment its Regulatory System for Nonnative Species. Mark Malchoff participated on the team that prepared the report. Comments are due May 14. **Action Item:** Hilary and Mark will put together a draft letter to submit as part of the public comment period and will circulate it to PRISM partners.

Outreach

Hilary reminded the group that two APIPP brochures and one poster are available for distribution, particularly to businesses and tourism centers along Scenic Byways. **Action item:** Contact Hilary if you are in need of a supply of brochures or posters. She also noted that Scenic Byways funding provided for two underwriting messages running daily from April 1 – May 14. Hilary will again submit a biweekly invasive species column to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise from May – October. She mentioned canvassing other regional papers to inquire about their interest.

New principal partners

Hilary reported that 4 new principal partners (Paul Smith's College, Lake Champlain Basin Program, National Grid, and SFI NYS Implementation Committee (ESFPA)) are joining APIPP's existing principal partners (TNC, DOT, APA, DEC). Ag&Mkts was also invited. These organizations were selected due to being regionally focused, their ability to bring new expertise to APIPP's broadened mission, their sharing of philosophy and goals, and commitment to bringing resources to the program.

New partnership initiatives

Hilary noted that APIPP is working with staff of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail to better integrate invasive species awareness, education, and stewardship efforts into educational efforts and programming.

Important Events & Dates

May 15th: APIPP is unable to participate at an education event at the Wild Center "Spring Outside" on May 15th and asked if any partners were available to attend and provide invasive species information. Over 20 organizations will have information tables and lead activities. Caitlin Stewart and Dan Kelting expressed interest, though Caitlin ended up having a conflict. DEC will have staff in attendance and will have AIS information available.

May 19th-20th: Hilary announced that there will be an invasive species session at the Adirondack Research Consortium annual conference in Lake Placid, May 19th – 20th. She will moderate the session which includes 4 presenters: herself, Dan Kelting (Paul Smith's College), Chris Martine (SUNY Plattsburgh), and Mark Malchoff (Lake Champlain Sea Grant).

CURRENT PRISM INITIATIVES

2010 Terrestrial Invasive Inventory

Hilary introduced Kathleen Wiley, a PhD candidate at Antioch, who is helping to organize the 2010 rapid regional assessment of terrestrial invasive plants. Kathleen explained that the inventory approach this summer is to replicate the 1998-1999 roadside and backcountry surveys for terrestrial invasive plants. She has contacted past volunteers and reached out to local universities, garden clubs, and other plant experts to inquire about their interest in participating this year. A training session in plant identification, survey, and reporting techniques will be held in Keene Valley on Thursday, May 27th. Approximately 20 plants are the focus of the roadside surveys, 16 backcountry transects, and 7 TNC Preserves; and, 2-3 volunteers are asked to work together during roadside surveys for safety reasons. Partners suggested posting the volunteer announcement to several listserves including the Northern NY Birding list, Audubon, Adirondack Almanac, and Adirondack Naturalist group. Emily suggested preparing a map of areas inventoried in 98-99 in advance so that potential volunteers could determine whether time would permit participating. **Action item:** Kathleen and Hilary will prepare a map of areas in need of survey to circulate to partners and potential participants.

iMap

Hilary reported on the iMap training session held at Paul Smith's College and led by Brent Kinal. Approximately 20 volunteers and partners participated. The iMap program is ready to accept occurrence data, though APIPP collects more information about occurrences than iMap is currently set up to receive. APIPP will provide guidance in the coming weeks about how iMap and APIPP data collection efforts will integrate <http://imapinvasives.org/>. Additional iMap training opportunities will also be announced.

Adirondack Forum on Invasive Species, August 10-11

Emily D. provided a progress report about the Adirondack Forum on Invasive Species hosted at Paul Smith's College on August 10 and 11. The committee consists of Emily D., Meg M., Hilary, Tyler, Dan K., Dan S., Ed S., Mark M., Caitlin S., and Laurel G. The forum is a day and a half with the first day focusing on the importance of an all taxa approach and outlining key initiatives underway at the PRISM and state levels followed by a series of field workshops, and the second day features community stories and strategies for community preparedness. General information about the Forum is posted online, <http://adkinvasives.com/Forum.html>. **Action item:** Hilary will post the draft agenda online.

Invasive Species Prevention Zones

Hilary updated partners on APIPP's progress on identifying Invasive Species Prevention Zones, an approach to focus prevention and control work in the PRISM. This winter Tyler and Hilary worked with Brent Kinal using GIS to select preliminary ISPZ. The process involved first identifying unfragmented protected lands (the DEC Unit was the land layer used due to it being the primary classification system of state forest preserve lands in the PRISM), then which of those contained priority forests, next the subset with Natural Heritage data, and lastly, those containing no invasive plant occurrences. This analysis resulted in 6 possible units for consideration as initial ISPZ. Partners discussed the process of selecting priorities including, considering whether it was possible to also weight areas by management objectives and specific species threats to those objectives; the types/source of data used in each analysis; sampling methodologies, biases, and gaps; and other data layers to consider including the charismatic wetland layers, US Forest Inventory Analysis data (which captures private lands in the park), and areas of high biological integrity developed by SUNY ESF and WCS. John D. suggested looking at West Canada and Five Ponds as possible ISPZ due to their large, intact, unfragmented condition. **Action Item:** Hilary will pull together a small team, as suggested by Dan S., including Dan S., Dan L., John D., and Dan K. to continue refining the application of the ISPZ approach to the Adirondacks. **Action Item:** Sarah H. suggested reaching out to the Adirondack Mountain Club Stewardship crew to see if invasive species ID could be incorporated into their trails crew training in May. Sarah will send Hilary contact info to followup with ADK. Dan L. stated his interest in reaching out to ATV users via signage and other educational means to promote cleaning of vehicles to reduce likelihood of spreading invasives.

Adirondack Watershed Stewardship Program

Dan K. reviewed the Paul Smith's College Watershed Stewardship Program and its development over its 11 year history. He mentioned that its expansion was in part due to annual funding provided via the USFWS ANS Mgt Plan implementation monies. Saratoga Lake is new to the program this year, and hopefully Great Sacandaga Lake will be involved in some capacity, which will be decided at the end of the month. Emily D. reported on the reduced funding/capacity for the Lake George program this summer due to the continuing delays in reimbursement by the state for expenses incurred in 2009 as well as for delays in announcement of funds this year. Subsequently, LGA approached the Towns to help fund stewards for weekends this summer; so far the Town of Hague is onboard and hopefully the Towns of Bolton and Ticonderoga will follow. Emily also debuted the AIS rack card developed by herself, Meg M., Eric H., Tyler, Mark M., and Hilary that will be used by boat ramp programs in the region this year. Meg will use it for her stewards as well, though those stewards on the VT side will have a textual edit to the card that includes information about the new VT AIS transport law. LCBP will have 8 stewards this year (5 are returning). Stewards on the NY side will serve 3 days a week at Ticonderoga, Peru and Wilcox launches. Laura S. inquired about opportunities for training volunteers interested in helping with stewardship at launches. **Action item:** Laura will followup with Meg and Eric H. about training opportunities.

PARTNER ROUNDTABLE

USDA - Tom Colarusso provided updates on the 2 major forest pests, emerald ash borer (EAB) and Asian longhorned beetle (ALB). There has been no change in NYS w/EAB status, and it's still known to be only in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties. The USDA expanded trapping this summer to over 8,000 traps and contracted trapping efforts with a private consulting forestry firm. DEC will deploy 1,000 traps, OPRHP approx. 50, and the Mohawk Tribe is doing trapping of its own. The same purple sticky traps will be used (the group discussed the efficacy of the traps and impact of nontarget insect trapping but noted that they had great value in public education). Tom reminded partners that there are also two infestations in Canada over the border from Franklin and St. Lawrence counties. **Action item:** Partners should contact Tom or Hilary if you are in need of outreach supplies for outreach events or to leave behind in key community locations: Burn it where you Buy it banners; watchcards, bookmarks, etc. The group discussed whether any data was available on the efficacy of the firewood regulation. DEC recently added a link on their website showing the 50 mile radius from each of their campgrounds.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/28722.html>. Partners also discussed whether logs were addressed in the reg. Logs destined for firewood are covered under regulation but otherwise are not due to them being higher quality (eg. not diseased) and more quickly processed. DEC Environmental Conservation Officers are doing enforcement detail for education purposes near Old Forge and across the state throughout the summer. The Asian longhorned beetle is in Long Island and NYC, NJ, and MA. Tom will be increasing ALB outreach to the public, DOT and DPWs, noting that most outbreaks are detected by the general public. He passed around several ID kits and referenced the DVD *Lurking in the Trees*. CCE offices should now have the DVDs on file. Hilary said that the Wild Center will have a display / activities this summer about EAB and ALB. Jeremy C. said that National Grid mailed information about ALB to millions of customers on several occasions.

Sarah H. asked about the status of Hemlock wooly adelgid and whether any efforts were underway in the region. HWA is not known to be here yet, largely still prevented by harsh cold winters. A biological control has been released to prey on HWA.

Action item: Partners are asked to help distribution forest pest info this summer. Asian longhorned beetle Awareness Month is likely to occur in August; stay tuned for information on organizing/posting activities local to your area.

Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District - Caitlin S. reported that Lenny Croote became herbicide certified and that she may be able to help too as long as Lenny is within contact with her. This enables HCSWCD to control terrestrial invasive plants such as knotweed and loosestrife in the county. They continue to do a lot of education and outreach to lake associations & rod and game clubs and have begun to participate in the farmers market in Speculator (during ISAW). Other activities that Caitlin provided to Hilary to share with partners include submitting a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant with FLOWPA; hosting a water quality workshop for lake associations last summer; presenting at the Northville Public Library last summer during ISAW; presenting to the Lake Abanakee Civic Association and Piseco Lake Rod and Gun Club about spiny waterflea; presenting to the Lewey Lake Campground about EAB; conducting purple loosestrife management; developing and posting a *Stop the Invaders!* poster at Chambers of Commerce and Town offices; updating the invasive species pages on their website; helping Tom conduct forest pest surveys; conducting insect ID for the public who visited their office; submitting invasive species press releases to Hamilton County Express and including it in their newsletters and Conservation Corners; attending the iMap training session, and participating on the IS Forum planning committee.

Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute – Dan K. described milfoil monitoring and management work underway in the park - Fulton Chain 2nd and 4th Lakes Eurasian milfoil rapid response work in 2009 will be revisited in 2010; extent of curlyleaf pondweed infestation in Lower Chateaugay discovered last August will be quantified this summer and will include a plan for response; controls in Follensby Clear Pond will be continued for a 3rd year, the goal is to turn the project over to volunteers and Dan will work with Tyler to do so; milfoil maintenance projects underway include Lake Colby and Horseshoe Pond; intensive work underway includes Chateaugay and Deer River Flow. Intensive monitoring on milfoil regrowth and native plant response will continue for the 9th year in Upper Saranac

Lake; they are replicating methodology in other waterbodies. Dan is also pursuing rapid response team funding to manage new infestations.

Lewis Creek Association – Molly Wills reported on the plans for this season’s frogbit eradication project in Charlotte, VT; 9 employees will help handpull and monitor success from last year’s control efforts. Sue Smith is the volunteer coordinator and helped secure funding sources from a variety of sources, including from the Town of Shelburne which had an environmental violation and contributed funds for this remediation project.

NYS DEC R5 Lands and Forests - Dan L. noted his interest in ATV outreach and gave Hilary draft language for ATVs based on the AIS rack card. He continues to be interested in having a management guide that outlines projects and associated time and costs. Dan is willing to help with the ISPZ discussion. He also said that although the Taylor Pond campground is closed, there will be free access to the boat launch. **Action item:** Dan would like to have a conversation with Dan S. and John O’Connor about phrag management at Wickham Marsh.

Willsboro Bay - Laura S. discussed her efforts to keep Big Brook Marsh free of invasives and mentioned that Tyler helped to survey last summer. This year Laura is focusing on education among the landowners in the Bay. She mentioned that adjoining property owners are not helping with loosestrife control. **Action item:** Laura asked that APIPP develop a notification card that could be dropped off for landowners that alerts them to invasives on their property. She also announced that June 26th is Adirondack Habitat Awareness Day at the Wilmington Wildlife Refuge Center and asked for groups to participate.

Adirondack Council - John D. reported that the Adirondack Council keeps pressure on the state to maintain funds in the EPF and for invasives. They also evaluate UMPS and major development proposals to help stem spread and root causes of invasive species. They will comment on the recently announced regulatory system report. John said that the Council will have 2 interns this summer who may be able to assist with control projects.

NYS DEC R6 - Keith R. is working with law enforcement on a firewood outreach initiative. He reported that several R6 staff are helping to map and control infestations outside of the park.

National Grid - Jeremiah C. will provide partners will additional information about the National Grid mailing to landowners about EAB and ALB. He sent the information in a followup email 4/21/2010: In the March/April 2009 Billing period the following bill insert was included https://www.nationalgridus.com/non_html/upstateNY_electric_MarApr.pdf http://www.nationalgridus.com/non_html/Bug_Infestation_09-2009.pdf . In the September/October (scroll to bottom of insert) https://www.nationalgridus.com/non_html/EIA_NY_Electric_SepOct_2009.pdf. National Grid Forester Brian Skinner informed Jeremiah that he is currently working on a bill insert regarding invasive awareness and specifically avoiding the transfer of invasive with firewood for the July/August 2010 billing. Brian expects this to be distributed throughout our service territories both upstate and downstate as well as Massachusetts.

Ausable River Association - Carol T. reported that they received funding through LCBP to support their first River Steward (possibly stationed on the West Branch and other high trafficked fishing spots, sites to be determined). The river steward will be similar to boat launch stewards working with the public in addition to visiting visitor information bureaus and flyfishing outdoor shops in the area. Carol will be attending an ORVIS event in Manchester, VT for an outreach day about didymo May 8th and Leslie Matthews (VTDEC) will be there May 9th. At the request of the LCBP, Carol is also attending a UNESCO HELP program watershed conference in Portland, Oregon to discuss how groups collaborate in the Lake Champlain basin. **Action item:** Carol asked Hilary to provide her with 1-2 slides about the PRISM. Hilary circulated an AIS sign that APA developed with input from ASRA and APIPP that will be placed at one pull off along the Olympic Byway along the Ausable River.

Boquet River Association - Julie M. said that BRASS is considering reinstating its longterm wetland monitoring program and is looking to hire a consultant to monitor 20 wetlands, a part of which is identifying invasive plant species and could tie into the iMap database. Julie is coordinating w/Emily D. on hosting a native plant sale in Essex County on June 4th as well as having native plants included with the Elizabethtown farmers market and Sunday in Keene Valley.

Lake George Association – Emily D. said that the Town of Queensbury updated its zoning plan to promote the use of native plants and identify invasive plants that could not be planted; the Town of Moreau is also interested. **Action item:** Emily will send zoning language to Hilary. Emily said that LGA will have a scaled back stewardship program this summer. They will participate in waterflea monitoring with Tyler and continue to include invasives info in their floating classroom activities. ISAW outreach is already on their calendar, and they will have an information table at the LG visitor center all week. They will continue education and outreach about native plants and will help with campground work and terrestrial inventory. Tyler will be presenting later this summer to talk about AIS and control techniques including a handharvesting demonstration. Emily is also working with Dan S. and DEC to implement a LG island restoration project. LGA celebrates its 125th anniversary this year – it is the oldest lake association in nation. Emily’s nursery business is up and running this year, <http://www.fiddleheadcreek.com/>. Congratulations!

Lake George Land Conservancy - Sarah H. said that they’ll have two stewardship interns this summer that will help with invasives on preserves and prevention zones. One area of particular interest to the LGLC is Dome Island, the one protected island on Lake George. They too are coordinating with Emily D. to have a native plant sale in August. LGLC is willing and ready to help Wayne on campgrounds in the Lake George area. **Action item:** APIPP will let Sarah and Emily know Wayne’s campground schedule when it becomes available.

Lake Champlain Basin Program - Meg M. reported that the LC ANS Subcommittee has been working on an AIS guide, currently at the printer. It is a booklet of 30 AIS species. The NEANS panel and National ANS Task Force will meet in Portland, ME the first week of May. One focus of the meeting is rapid response planning, execution, and incident command system. The LCBP will continue its boat launch steward program this summer as well as continue outreach to tournaments on the lake identified through the DEC TRP process. They will have stewardship coverage at all of the major bass fishing tournaments out of Plattsburgh. Meg will try to bring the stewards to the Adirondack Forum & water chestnut harvesting events at Fort Ti. The LCBP ANS spread prevention workgroup is coordinating fresh specimens for use at outreach events this year. The LC Research Conference will be held on June 7/8 (and presentations will be included in a Lake Champlain edition of Journal of Great Lakes Research).

Lake Champlain Sea Grant - Mark M. said that additional species assessments are needed in inform the proposed NYS regulatory system for non-native species. He also reported that he and Tyler are continuing to work on the survey of BASS anglers in NY: they currently have a 10% response rate (20% would be ideal). He said that the round goby continues eastward in the Erie Canal system, 30 mile expansion to Port Byron NY and also in the St. Lawrence River. Mark will be helping to facilitate spiny waterflea sampling in Sacandaga Reservoir & working with Brookfield Power to assist sampling. Mark will be speaking to two tournaments during ISAW (July 15 FLW American Fishing Tournament and National Guard on the 17th).

NYS DEC R5 – Lance D. will continue phrag control efforts at Wickam Marsh. He also reported that one of his staff is becoming certified for herbicide management of aquatic and terrestrial plants; one Fisheries biologist is also becoming certified for use of rotenone in R 5 & 6. Bruce B. said that he has been working with landowners to raise awareness about invasive species activities. Most of the funding for private lands comes through federal aid. One landowner that he worked with applied for and received funding through the EQUIP Program through NRCS for knotweed removal in Northern Franklin county.

Adirondack Park Agency - Dan S. said that the Agency has been working with DOT to develop a mitigation bank that can be used for projects serving as compensatory mitigation and meeting

requirements for wetland restoration, acreage, and function. Dan also described the process for review and permitting of the Lake Luzerne herbicide treatment, the first time aquatic herbicide is permitted for aquatic invasive plant control in the park. The herbicide is triclopyr, tradename Renovate, and sequestering curtains are required. Dan reinforced to partners that every project is considered on its own merit. He also noted that the Adirondack Council suggested the possibility of buying a stock supply of sequestering curtains that could be available for loan because they are so expensive. This may be something that could be discussed with the LCBP as a source of funding. Dan also described the approval of the Interagency Guidelines for the Management of Terrestrial and Aquatic Species on Forest Preserve in the Adirondack Park. This enables terrestrial infestations on Forest Preserve to be treated with herbicide, though site workplans and Environmental Assessment Forms will need to be completed.

PROJECT FIELD PRIORITIES

Hilary provided brief project reports, summarized below.

Aquatic Invasive Plants: Surveys/Management

Priority species to raise awareness about in the coming season include brittle naiad (because it is now reported in 3 waters in the region), hydrilla (because of its northward expansion from LI and the Hudson Valley), and variable leaf milfoil (because of its expansion into Lake Placid and Lake Champlain in 2009). Some of the plant-related activities Tyler will be involved in this summer include offering aquatic plant training sessions, providing guidance to shoreowners on techniques to properly handharvest milfoil,, and assisting control efforts at several waterways (Lake Luzerne, Grasse River, Lake Placid, Paradox, Follensby Clear Pond).

Other Aquatic Invasive Species: Surveys/Outreach

Tyler will be working with Pecks Lake and Great Sacandaga Lake communities to continue to raise awareness about preventing the spread of spiny waterflea. He will also be launching a new project this summer for interested groups to sample for spiny waterflea. Due to limited time at this meeting, Hilary postponed a more detailed discussion of actions associated with spiny waterflea to an Aquatics Committee meeting.

Terrestrial Invasive Plants: Planning for Target Species in 2010

Hilary said that she invited several botany colleagues to participate in a meeting to discuss new terrestrial plant species that APIPP could focus on in the coming season. Troy Weldy, Steve Young, Dan Spada, Les Mehrhoff, Meg Wilkinson, and Kathleen Wiley participated. Knotweed, phragmites, loosestrife, and garlic mustard have long been APIPP's target species. In recent years, swallowworts, hogweed, yellow iris, and Asiatic bittersweet were also added to the list and included in inventory, control, and educational publications. Troy et al. identified a group of 10 species (table below) that APIPP could focus on this year based on likelihood of severity of ecological impact, pathways, benefit of public education, and need for additional inventory information. Species numbered 11-18 were other species noted as possible concerns but won't be focused on this year. Species alerts will be evaluated and updated regularly to capture a breadth of species.

Species for Community Education and Outreach, 2010		
	Latin Name	Common Name
1	<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i>	swallowwort
2	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese barberry
3	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Asiatic bittersweet
4	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	Japanese stiltgrass
5	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	garlic mustard
6	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	yellow iris
7	<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	wall lettuce
8	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	flowering rush
9	<i>Euonymus</i>	burning bush
10	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	lesser celandine
11	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	common buckthorn
12	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Indian cup plant
13	<i>Elaeagnus multiflora</i>	cherry silverberry
14	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese tree lilac
15	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway maple
16	<i>Lonicera spp.</i>	honeysuckle
17	<i>Hieracium murorum</i>	wall hawkweed
18	<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	glossy buckthorn

Surveys/Management: Hilary said that APIPP will have reduced capacity this summer to manage infestations but hopefully DEC will have Wayne Blanchard who will lead efforts on campgrounds, and while APIPP most likely won't have 2 SCA team members to assist work on Forest Preserve, Lands and Forests has approved the SCA trail crew to assist 3 weeks of invasive plant control. DOT was not in attendance at this meeting but hopefully they will be able to assist management on rights of way. National Grid has agreed to coordinate with APIPP to identify opportunities to perform site management along their utility rights of way. Hilary noted that two priority species gaining ground are swallow-wort and yellow iris. She also acknowledged and commended several community based initiatives (the Regional Inlet Invasive Plant Program, Tupper Lake garlic mustard control, and Etown swallowwort removal).

DISCUSSION: ISSUES AND NEEDS

Stewardship

Action item: Hilary requested that partners let her know of any volunteer groups who may be able to assist with controls this year. She also asked the group about whether disposal of woody brush material would be an issue for any partners this year due to the DEC burn ban (this was a concern Wayne raised at the fall meeting).

Education and Outreach

Action item: Heading into the education and outreach season, Hilary reminded partners that at the fall meeting partners agreed to use the federal (and NYS) definition of invasive species: an invasive species is a species that is: 1) nonnative to the ecosystem under consideration, and; 2) whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. In the latter case, the harm must significantly outweigh any benefits.

Action item: Hilary asked partners to let her know if they are interested in assisting several outreach initiatives including developing an invasive species mailing to be sent to all year round landowners in the Adirondack Park, developing a terrestrial rack card (similar to the AIS rack card), drafting a tip strip for garlic mustard and wild parsnip for use by Wayne and distribution to campgrounds, and/or designing an awareness publication for nurseries.

Action item: All partners are asked to submit to Hilary any activities being held during Adirondack Invasive Species Awareness Week, July 11 – 17,
<http://adkinvasives.com/InvasiveSpeciesAwarenessWeek.html>.

Planning

A Strategic Planning committee formed in the fall to update the ANS Management Plan into a PRISM Strategic Plan (Hilary, Tyler, Dan S., Dan K., Mark M., Ed S., Keith R., and Emily S.). Due to unforeseen changes in priorities and workplans in recent months, Hilary was not able make notable progress on the Plan but aims to in the coming months.

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

Next PRISM Call	April 28 th , 11:00
NYS Federation of Lakes Association Annual Meeting	April 30 th – May 2 nd
Emerald Ash Borer training at CCE, Westport	May 3 rd , 8:30-11:30
Wild Center “Spring Outside”	May 15 th
Adirondack Research Consortium, Lake Placid	May 19 th – 20 th
APIPP 2010 Terrestrial Inventory Training	May 27 th
Lake Champlain Conference, Burlington	June 7 th – 8 th
APIPP Aquatic plant training sessions	June 22 nd , 24 th , 29 th
Adirondack Invasive Species Awareness Week	July 11 th – 17 th
Raquette River Awareness Week	July 31 st – August 7 th
Adirondack Forum on Invasive Species	August 10 th – 11 th
Asian Longhorned Beetle Awareness Month (Eastern US)	August