

Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP)

Fall Partner Meeting Minutes

Adirondack Park Agency, Ray Brook, NY

October 28th, 2014

9:30-3:00

Attendees: Brendan Quirion and Erin Vennie-Vollrath (APIPP), Tom Colarusso (USDA-APHIS-PPQ), Lance Durfey (NYS DEC R5), Peter Howard and Rebecca Miller (DOT), Mark Malchoff (LC Sea Grant), Ed Griesmer (ALA), Bill McGhie and Jane Smith (ESSLA/ALA), Gretchen Marcell (ESSLA) Guy Middleton (Upper Saranac Lake Foundation), Meg Modley (LCBP), Kristen Rohne (LGA), Sue Smith (ADK Shatagee Woods Chapter), Caitlin Stewart (HC-SWCD), Leigh Walrath (APA), Don Grout and MJ Huneycutt and JoAnn Folin (Essex County Master Gardener), Anne Green and Dennis Murphy (BTIPP), Warren Rosenthal (Lake George Land Conservancy), Fred Dunlap (NY DEC and LCBP), Rocci Aguirre (Adirondack Council)

Welcome, Announcements & Introductions (Brendan)

Transitions:

- Hilary Smith took a position in Washington D.C. as the invasive species coordinator for the Dept. of Interior. Brendan Quirion stepped up into the role of APIPP Coordinator.
- Congratulations to Emily Debolt! She is leaving the Lake George Association to take a position with New York State Parks on regional education and communication efforts.
- Thank you and congratulations to Peter Howard who is retiring from the New York State Department of Transportation at the end of November

PRISM Report

State Level Updates (Brendan)

- Invasive Species Council and Advisory Committee
 - Rob Williams from the SLELO PRISM selected as the new PRISM rep for ISAC
- Legislative victories:
 - New DEC boat launch regulations began in June
 - State-wide legislation for AIS spread prevention was signed by governor
 - IS Awareness week – 1st state-wide week with hundreds of events across the state – great victory
- iMap Invasives – creating a field data collection tool for professional resource managers to use in the field to map distribution, population extent, treatments, etc.
- Cornell Invasive Species In-service: Nov. 18-20. Brendan can send info on conference to anyone interested in attending

APIPP Updates (Brendan)

- New 5-year contract with NY was approved for the APIPP PRISM. Contract Includes funding for terrestrial and aquatic rapid response teams.
- Private Foundation Funding received again this year. In past it was used to fund response teams, economic report, local projects, etc. This year it helped hire two contractors to assist Brendan on terrestrial management since APIPP's 5 year contract with the state had not yet been approved. Because of this, response team funding was not available in 2014.
- APIPP will be hiring a new terrestrial project coordinator over the winter. Please send contact info of potential candidates to Brendan.
- The APIPP Annual Report will be out in Dec.

Aquatic Project Report (Erin):

- Presentation slides can be viewed APIPP website at <http://adkinvasives.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2014-APIPP-Aquatics-Project-Fall-Meeting-Update.pdf>
- New AIS discoveries in 2014
 - Variable-leaf milfoil: Upper Saranac Lake, Fish Creek Ponds, Thendara Lake
 - Spiny waterflea: Piseco Lake, Lake Pleasant, Lake Champlain
- Management Project: We continue to see decreasing amounts of European frog-bit at the Grasse River Site near Lampson Falls. This is the 8th year of hand removal and only 10 plants were found and removed.
- AIS Training Sessions:
 - Aquatic Plant Trainings – Total of 72 participants
 - Bolton Landing, June 24th, 32 participants
 - Paul Smiths, June 26th, 70 participants
 - Aquatic Animal Training – 13 participants
 - Hollywood Inn on Chateaugay Lake, July 29th
- Monitoring:
 - Data from the summer is still coming into the APIPP office
 - Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program – Plants
 - 13th season, 150+ volunteers, 96+ waterways monitored
 - Spiny waterflea monitoring
 - 29 lakes monitored in 2014 by partners
 - 3 new discoveries in 2014: Piseco, Lake Pleasant, and Lake Champlain
- Education and Outreach:
 - Erin participated in multiple events this summer and provided presentations to lake associations when requested. These included:
 - Floating Classroom, Paradox Lake
 - Lynne Galusha Memorial Conservation Field Day, Hamilton Co.
 - 90-miler Canoe Race

- AIS/APIPP Program presentations to Schroon Lake Association, Lake Clear Association, Piseco Lake Association, and Lake Pleasant/Sacandaga Association
- AIS priorities for winter and 2015 field season:
 - Summarize 2014 volunteer data (Statistics, Database, Map)
 - Identify 2015 priority waterways
 - Expand monitoring for AIS animals (focus on spiny waterflea and Asian clam)
 - Expand prevention measures for spiny waterflea
 - Formalize Adirondack AIS Rapid Response Framework – Adapting the Lake Champlain Basin Program’s plan for the entire APIPP PRISM
 - Facilitate region-wide discussion of utility of inspection and decontamination
 - Review updated DEC AIS Management Plan, when released

Terrestrial Project Report (Brendan):

- Presentation slides can be viewed on APIPP website at <http://adkinvasives.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2014-Fall-Terrestrial-Project-Report.pdf>.
- Thank you to the APIPP interns that helped Brendan this summer: Chris Sheldon and Anthony Kordziel.
- Early summer projects:
 - Cut down many phragmites sites that had dead standing plant material after treatment. This allows for native plants to start recovering.
 - Yellow iris management on Lake Placid, Mirror Lake, Moody Pond, many private property sites. Significant expansion in distribution of yellow iris across the region in 2014. Management technique is to remove the entire rhizome if possible. If infestation is too large to do this, cut and fill flowering stem with herbicide.
 - IS Management at DEC campgrounds: Anthony worked at all of the land based DEC campgrounds across the region. managed garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, wild parsnip, and yellow iris. In future Brendan wants to include monitoring at DEC’s island campsites.
- Giant hogweed management – only 10 locations in the region. No seed production seen this summer and multiple sites have ‘no plants observed’ this summer.
- 2 biocontrol releases for purple loosestrife this year – one in between Keene and Keene Valley along route 73 and one along Route 9 near intersection with Route 73.
- Black swallowwort – this year APIPP did a lot of outreach and education in Elizabethtown on this plant. Brendan is very worried about this infestation and how quickly it is expanding. New population found last year in Elizabethtown (.87 acres). This year there were multiple new locations found on private properties surrounding this site. Future, need to get volunteers to survey the nearby lands for black swallowwort. One challenge is that one particular landowner that has swallowwort on their property is completely against herbicide treatments.

- This would be a good opportunity to develop protocols and strategies for how to approach and deal with landowners who are adverse to the available management techniques.
- Our E&O intern for next year will have a large community outreach component to help. The ADK council will also be getting a two year intern who could help with some of this outreach.
- Larger messaging issue – people haven't really seen the evidence of the larger impacts on terrestrial invasives as they have with aquatics. Maybe the economic impacts of the black swallowwort need to be highlighted.
- One Invasive Plant Management training for landowners held in Indian Lake
 - 20 people attended
- DOT residency inspections – many of the residencies looked to be in pretty good condition. There were a few that had large infestations of Japanese Knotweed and/or phragmites. Largely through contaminated fill. Also suspect the salt runoff may be aiding phragmites introduction and spread.
- Trimble Unit Malfunctions – All 3 units! Occurred in the middle of the summer. Set the team back 2-3 weeks. Looking forward to the transition to the iMap Field Collection Tool! Attendees who are interested in this tool should contact Brendan and he'll get them into contact with the iMap team. Dennis has a student group who could pilot the units if needed (they have an apple ipad).
- Japanese knotweed treatment – This was the second year that glyphosate and imazapyr treatments were used. Seeing amazing results this year from treatments. The imazapyr has a residual effect that lasts into the second year. Imazapyr can only be used in upland sites.
 - Brendan showed a graph on site classifications. Still processing data from this field season.
- Phragmites Treatments:
 - Brendan showed a graph on site classifications. Many sites are transitioning over to having no plants observed. Still processing data from this field season.
- 2014 Eurasian Boar Sightings
 - There were a couple reported sightings this year; one in Long Lake and one in Peru. There are probably a few still in the region.
- In 2 years, APIPP coordinated management of ~70% of all infestations mapped within the "Core Area". This year, without the response team, APIPP was not able to revisit all historic treatment sites.

Partner Round-Table Updates (All):

Adirondack Park Agency – Leigh Walrath

- APA meeting on Nov. 13 – Presentations on hydrilla (Scott K.) and Rapid Response Plan (Leigh W.). Want to develop a process for rapid permitting process. Invasive species portion currently scheduled to start at 1:15pm.

Essex County Master Gardeners - Don Grout, MJ Huneycutt and JoAnn Folin

- Continue to work at the farmers market. Can provide follow-up verification of identification of hogweed as they did this past summer. They followed up on a report of hogweed which ended up being cow parsnip.

Lake Champlain Sea Grant – Mark Malchoff

- This is the last year of working with bass tournament anglers on gear cleaning. Wrapping up to try and document behavior change.
- Worked with multiple different tournaments on aquatic invasives, handouts, and displays.
- At smaller tournaments – Mark has a video (also on YouTube: “*Clean Boats, Clean Tournaments*” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZdAUUy7jT0>)) and brochure on setting up boat washing stations. Maybe set up as a fundraiser.
- Participated at the Clinton Co. Field Day
- Helped with the aquatic animal ID training at Chateaugay – Thanks Mark!

Adirondack Lakes Alliance (ALA) - Ed Griesmer

- Concept of looking at the Adirondack Park: no voice for the lake associations; not represented in a significant way. ALA hopes to be that united voice.
- Have 30+ Lakes involved. Currently trying to reach out to additional ones in the park – an estimated 70+ in the region.
- Formalized the group over the summer. ALA now has by-laws and structure. Divided the park into regions and will have 2 reps from each region.
- ALA is looking to have broader discussions for how to make decontamination available to regions. It’s expensive and we need to think about how to make available to all.

East Shore Schroon Lake Association (ESSLA) – Jane Smith, Bill McGhie and Gretchen Marcell

- Schroon Lake Fishing Tournament – the Sea Grant outreach has been helpful and progress has been noted in the fishing tournament community.
- Very successful year for the scout program and the steward program
 - Stewards for 7 days a week
 - Scout program - have volunteers who monitor and send reports to Marcia and she sends the reports to the plant harvesters. Moving into management mode in future years.
- Pilot program for alternatives for launch cleaning
 - After the kinks were worked out – they found the methods helpful.
- Want to bring together a meeting of town and county supervisors to discuss aquatic invasive species efforts.
- Asian clam monitoring – nothing found this summer

- Scout program –Gretchen has an outline “AIS for Dummies” on how to adapt the Scout program for other regions. Contact Gretchen if you would like a copy.

Lake George Association (LGA) – Kristen Rohne

- Variety of terrestrial plant management projects:
 - Swallowwort removal – a couple plants were removed in Bolton Landing. Will keep an eye on it.
 - Purple loosestrife treatments
 - Yellow iris projects
- Events – plant trade-in (no one came). Might try again next year.
- Aquatic outreach:
 - Participated in Hydrilla Hunt – not much volunteer interest
 - Participated in IS Awareness Week
 - Asian clam update – still in lake
 - Survey – no significant new populations detected. Mostly expansion of established populations.
 - Research – multiple studies went on this summer. These reports will be released soon.
 - Big die-off over the winter, but the population rebounded strong.
 - Milfoil
 - Still being managed – hand harvest
 - Contracting with Aquatic Invasives Management (AIM)
 - Outreach has declined due to loss of steward program – so next year there will be 2-3 interns at events and launches for education. LCBP – want to work with the Park Commission for future outreach efforts.
 - Mandatory Inspection/Decon Program – currently re-evaluating the data from this summer.

DOT – Becky Miller and Peter Howard

- Inventory of all the residencies in Region 1 and 2
- Did treatments on Purple loosestrife and Phragmites
- Working on prioritizing sites for next year.
- Becky is go-to-person for hwy work permits.
- Finalized the DOT Invasive species Manual – orientated for the ADK and hope to expand for state in the future.
- Prioritized sites – hit all priority region 1 sites and inventoried all the invasives and treated most of them.
- Treated sites on the Northway
- Treated IS on routes 8, 9, 9N, 22

USDA APHIS Forest Pests – Tom Colarusso

- EAB:
 - Trapping results – nothing found this summer
 - Tree peeling method - results not in yet this year.
 - EAB funding keeps shrinking each year.
- Asian Long-horned Beetle
 - No finds
- Tom is available to partner for education and outreach on forest pests.

Upper Saranac Lake - Guy Middleton

- Working with DEC to update launch and install a high pressure spray wash station
- EWM – down to 350 lbs. removal. <\$100 an acre for removal. EWM is now ranked 19th out of 20 for abundance of plants within the lake.
- VLM – detected this summer; hopefully early enough to eliminate it from the lake.
- Japanese Knotweed – pretty close to being eliminated
- Next year – Asian clam protocol being put together for volunteers. They will be assigning volunteers to certain sections of the lake which have suitable habitat.

Bolton Terrestrial Invasive Plant Program (BTIPP) - Anne Green and Dennis Murphy

- Last summer BTIPP received \$10,000 for the treatment of terrestrials from the town of Bolton.
- Since June, they are now an LLC
- Their biggest problem is the right-of-ways (getting the needed permits). The biggest hurdle is getting insurance.
- Very young organization and looking for all the help they can get. Looking for grants and/or information. Need help with APA wetland permits.
- Next summer going to do a stem injection gun loaner program. Can lone to private property owners
- Outreach and Education projects: Signage for demonstration sites and Students for iMapping project
- Outreach hurdles: Japanese knotweed's shade value and herbicide use

Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District – Caitlin Stewart

- Hemlock and Woolly Adelgid Training Held – focused on signs/symptoms
- Lake Algonquin survey for Aquatic Invasive Plants completed
- Sacandaga campground – forest pest survey with Tom C.
 - Important to survey the campgrounds due to camp firewood
- ADK take a child outside day focused on forest pest (EAB) signs
- Beautiful but deadly photo contest – photo and essay. Was a bit of a flop, but thinking of trying again next year with some changes.
- Giant hogweed – A lot of reports that turned out to be wild lettuce.
- Hamilton Co. Conservation Field Day – 5th and 6th graders

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation – Lance Durfey

- Designing a universal sign on the new regs that will go to all the public boat launches in the state.
- In March, the legislation prohibiting the sale of select invasives sale will go into effect.
- Research project on methods for removal of zebra mussels from watercraft.
- Pilot projects for alternative methods of boat cleaning – will get data soon and report will be posted. Want to expand with high pressure/hot water unit for next year at DEC facilities (pilot program).
- Statewide AIS Management Plan – coming out very soon in the Environmental News Bulletin.

ADK Shatagee Woods Chapter and VT Lewis Creek Association - Sue Smith

- Shatagee – mapping sites and getting permission and state wetland permits. Treated half of the sites last summer.
- Town doesn't know how to classify them for budgeting and insurance.
- Not too much concern or trouble with the chemical use from the public
- European frog-bit – removal project began in 2007. 45 ac. wetland 50% covered with EFB. This year down to 5-10% cover. Seeing impressive results. Good native community recovery. Done completely with volunteers and \$1500 budget
- Going to branch out to include yellow iris work next year.
- Wild parsnip – community is very concerned. They created some outreach brochures.

Lake George Land Conservancy – Warren Rosenthal

- Focus on garlic mustard (hand pulling), Japanese knotweed (chemical), honey suckle infestation (cutting and chemical application)
- Purple loosestrife along Route 22 corridor (town of Putnam) is exploding in last three years. Going to have to do a bio-control in the future.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation – Fred Dunlap

- Lake Champlain – Spiny water flea (SWF) found during bi-weekly sampling at 15 locations. SWF found in mid-August and within a month, month and a half, it is now wide-spread throughout the lake.
- Need to focus on spread prevention for SWF

Adirondack Council – Rocci Aguirre

- Coming up on budget season and the primary driver is the EPF and getting the invasive funding line increased. The voices that are in this room today are needed to come into a room or sign onto a letter to raise this issue to the top of the concerns in government. Many funding cuts have happened and the voices in this room can coordinate the efforts of the EPF funding.

- Council's priority right now – EPF and budget line items.

Lake Champlain Basin Program – Med Modley

- Local implementation grant is open (due Nov. 5)
 - AIS spread prevention category
- Budgeting process has started
- Canal Feasibility Study
 - Applying for a feasibility study on hydrologic barrier from Hudson to Champlain
 - Outcomes not expected for about 2 years
- 2 Rapid Responses occurred over the summer
 - SWF – focus on spread prevention and decontamination
 - Water chestnut – Lake Carny in VT – hand pulling effort underway
- New York State Watercraft Inspection Steward Program Handbook has been released (http://nyis.info/?action=program_handbook)
- ANS Task Force – 1st week of Nov. – Meg and Marc will be there (http://www.anstaskforce.gov/Meetings/2014_November/default.php)
- NALMS in Tampa, FL Nov. 12-14 (<http://www.nalms.org/home/conferences-and-events/nalms-upcoming-symposium/nalms-symposium.cmsx>)
- IAGLR – Burlington May 25-29, 2015 (<http://iaglr.org/iaglr2015/>)
- NEAPMS – Saratoga Jan 20-22, 2015 (<http://www.neapms.net/2014-conference/>)
 - Geared towards applicators and includes certification for IS plant management
 - Aquatic plant management focused.
- NEANS Panel – Gloucester, MA Dec 1-2, 2014 (<http://www.northeastans.org/panel-members.html>)

APIPP Achievement Awards

- APIPP was excited to present Volunteer Achievement Awards to Bill McGhie and Jane Smith of the East Shore Schroon Lake Association (ESSLA) in appreciation of their exceptional volunteer leadership to protect Adirondack waterways from aquatic invasive species. Congratulations and Thank You!

Economic Report Presentation & Discussion (Brendan)

- Presentation slides can be viewed on APIPP website at <http://adkinvasives.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Economic-Report-Presentation.pdf>.
- The need driving the creation of this report was to analyze the economic costs of invasive species beyond the cost of management actions alone. To provide a catalyst and foundation for future discussions.
- Methods:
 - Advisory committee identified 25 species of highest risk and 9 economic sectors that were most likely to be impacted.
 - Conducted key informant interviews to prioritize species for inclusion in report.

- 8 species selected - 5 in park (Eurasian water-milfoil, Asian clam, spiny waterflea, Japanese knotweed, and spotted wing drosophila) and 3 nearby (emerald ash borer, Asian long-horn beetle, and hydrilla)
- Online survey was conducted to understand existing investment on invasive species
- \$3.56 million spent by 88 organizations in 2013 on invasive species in the Adirondacks. When the more than 12,000 volunteer hours is included, approximately \$4.27 million was spent.
- 67% of the current spending is on aquatic invasive plants. 85% of all investments are directed at aquatic species.
- Majority of current Spending is on prevention efforts at 31%. There are many different stakeholders investing in prevention.
- Brendan showed a comparison graph between what is spent vs. potential costs. The current level of annual spending is less than 1% of the total projected estimated economic impact.
- 4 recommendations on strategic investments were proposed:
 - Pathway management
 - Public education
 - Rapid Response & Strategic Control
 - Regulation & Enforcement
- Report limitations:
 - Focuses on direct economic impacts and excludes “multipliers”. So it provided conservative estimates.
 - Emerging science with gaps in currently available research
 - Only 8 invasive species evaluated out of 70 in the region
 - Focus of current spending is overwhelmingly on invasive aquatic plants.
- Questions for future Discussion:
 - Role of stakeholders?
 - What level of effort is required in the ADK?
 - How much spending is appropriate and justifiable?
- Who is the audience for this report?
 - A broad audience – sent on many listserves and potential item at Local Government Day.
- Important to have an Adirondack region specific report to be able to cite.

PRISM Initiatives

Boat Inspection and Decontamination for AIS Prevention; Recommendations for the Adirondacks

- Meg presented on the creation of this report or white paper
 - Background:
 - Lake George –proposed mandatory boat inspection program
 - ADK AIS Committee – recognized the need for regional recommendations

- DEC wanted more explanation on what the boat launch steward data was showing – this led to report
 - Audience – focused on decision-makers
- Report:
 - Limitations – only as good as the data we have
 - Items not discussed – role of mandatory inspection, role of statewide transport law.
 - Using the boat steward data, we know for some lakes where the boaters are coming from and going to.
- Scientific Literature:
 - Supporting research show that overland movement of small-craft boats is responsible for AIS spread
 - To slow the landscape-level spread of AIS:
 - Inspect, decontaminate or both
- ADK PRISM Network Analysis:
 - Asked a series of questions:
 - Already have AIS?
 - Busiest waterways?
 - Attract most high risk boats?
 - Highest transport rates?
 - Highest diversity in previous visits?
 - Actual pattern of connections in waterbodies?
 - Result: Spread hubs and vulnerable waterways identified
 - Spread networks identified: high peaks, fulton chain, and Northway with connecting waterways
- Recommendations:
 - Focus on spread hub waterways, linkage waterways, plant invaded, & small-bodied organisms
 - Different tiers of recommendation identified based on level of protection and available resources (Bronze, silver, gold, platinum)
 - Identified specific waterbodies for implementation
- Next Steps:
 - PRISM partner use
 - State agency use
 - Regional planning and programming meeting on December 10th, 2014

AIS Rapid Response Framework for the Adirondacks

- Meg presented on the Lake Champlain Basin Program Rapid Response plan which we hope to adapt for the APIPP PRISM.
- Considerations for an ADK Rapid Response Plan
 - Rapid Response Task Force needed with rep's of agencies with jurisdiction

- Want names and emails and phone numbers
 - Developing the “how to”
 - Want buy-in from all players
 - Identify a lead agency. They can delegate the response depending on situation
 - Clear step-by-step process.
 - List of taxonomic experts
 - Species priority list – used to have the species identified that would trigger the rapid response.
 - Species evaluation questionnaire (risk assessment)
 - All applicable permitting processes
 - Feasibility determination:
 - Technical,
 - Economic,
 - Political
 - Lessons Learned from LCB rapid responses:
 - Stick to the process – this provides recommendations and logic behind the process
 - Press release timing – want to have a coordinating body who can get a press release out on time
 - Language matters
 - How will we address the overlapping jurisdictions between APIPP and LCB?
 - A discussion that will need to take place
 - Need to lay out a couple scenarios and talk them through.
 - This plan identifies the lead agency in each organization and they know the capacity of local resources. Take into consideration the local networks in place.
 - Having a plan like this is about increasing communication and knowing that if you need help, it is there for you.
 - It’s important to include discussions about what happens after a response and to wrap in as many stakeholders as we can into that discussion.
 - Why not have species specific plans?
 - Sometimes there are species that show up out of left-field
 - Decisions in response are very specific to location, time of year, etc., so it would take a lot of work to create species-specific plans.
 - We are starting with aquatics, but it’ll be important to start having these conversations about terrestrial species on forest preserve.
- Preliminary meeting with APIPP, LCBP, and State Agencies scheduled for late November.

Updated Inter-Agency Guidelines (Brendan)

- Updated to include process for applying for a rapid response authorization if you find a new, isolated infestation on forest preserve.

- Also includes updated best management practices which must be followed for infestations on forest preserve and for infestations within 100 ft. of a wetland that require a general permit from the Adirondack Park Agency.

Aquatic and Terrestrial Rapid Response Team Preliminary Strategy (Erin and Brendan)

- We will be posting requests for proposals (RFPs) for the aquatic and terrestrial response teams in January. We plan to have our candidates for the two teams selected by the end of March.
- Brendan and Erin will present a more in-depth strategy for the teams to the partners at the spring meeting.
- Preliminary thoughts on strategy for the aquatic team – have one team of four people to conduct early detection surveys and treatment/control projects for new infestations. Past funding for rapid response and early detection has come from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding, so the rapid response team out of Paul Smith’s College Adirondack Watershed Institute had to focus their work within the Great Lakes Basin. With this new source of funding from EPF, the rapid response team can work anywhere within the PRISM. We will create a prioritized list of lakes for this team to survey for early detection. If you have ideas for the best ways to prioritize, get in touch with Erin because she is looking for advice. Also, we will be running present and potential control projects through the Invasive Plant Management Decision Analysis Tool (IPMDAT).
- Preliminary thoughts on strategy for the terrestrial team– The team will be very similar to past years. However, are there species or areas that we are missing?
 - Lance Durfey - Gravel mines – eliminate “source populations” – areas where people are getting contaminated fill
 - Sue Smith had a recommendation to start managing phragmites in the north east part of park near Dannemora.
 - Wild parsnip? Not a priority in wilderness areas, but is a human health issue. Should we be addressing sites that pose an imminent human health risk?

Future Meeting Dates

APIPP Spring Partners Meeting tentatively set for April 28, 2015. Please mark your calendars. Brendan will circulate a Doodle poll closer to the date to ensure that the date selected still works for most partners.

Notes prepared by E. Vennie-Vollrath and reviewed by B. Quirion