

Lower Hudson PRISM

Partners Meeting

November 7, 2018 – 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Black Rock Forest, 235 Reservoir Road, Cornwall

DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. Get to know each other better
2. Approve 2019 action plan
3. Organize working groups
4. Hear reports from contracted projects
5. Learn about a PRISM partner: Hudsonia
6. Review the management project application for 2019 projects

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Rohleder, LH PRISM coordinator, began the meeting with a several announcements including new Partner representatives and updates on activities happening within the region

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There are several new representatives from partner organizations
 - Dan Smith – Scenic Hudson
 - Dave Conover – CCE Rockland
 - Chris Hendershot – Rye Nature Center
 - Willow Eyres- no longer with DEC Invasive Species Coordination Unit
- The PRISM has also gained new partners:
 - Jennifer Adams- Randall's Island Park Alliance
- Senator Maloney acquired a \$325,000 grant for Allium Leaf Miner research for Cornell University and Penn State researchers
- Joyce Tomaselli from CCE Dutchess has received a grant to develop a comprehensive 35-hour training program for community tree health
- The LH PRISM staff position of Citizen Science Programs Coordinator has garnered 44 applicants which have been narrowed down to 3 finalists. The offer of the position will go out in early December

- National Invasive Species conference will be held in Saratoga Springs NY in early October 2019 (North American Invasive Species Management Association). This is a 3-day conference and registration in 2018 was \$250. We want to make a strong showing that this conference. Linda urged everyone to plan to attend and offer presentations as appropriate.

Linda conducted a brief overview of the 2019 Action Plan and called a motion to vote on its approval. The motion was seconded and the plan was approved.

WORKING GROUP ORGANIZATION

In an effort to more easily facilitate working groups, each steering committee member has agreed to help steer action on goals and report progress at PRISM meetings. They are as follows:

1. Capacity building – Meredith Taylor
2. Conservation targets – Mike Fargione
3. Strategic Management – Tom Lewis, Mike Young
4. Education and Outreach – Taro Ietaka, Jen Lerner
5. Mitigating Pathways – Matt Aiello-Lammens
6. Information Exchange – Linda Rohleder

PARTNER PRESENTATIONS AND PROJECT UPDATES

NY State-Wide Prioritization Project- LH Base Layer Development

- Kasey Lane of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference presented a report of the LH Base Layer Development. This is in conjunction with a larger state-wide project being conducted by Jennifer Price Tack, a postdoctoral researcher from Cornell. The overall goal of the project is to determine which management strategies to apply to which species in which areas to reduce environmental, human health and safety, economic, and social impacts of invasive species at the lowest cost and highest treatment effectiveness by mapping presence and absence.

Offering Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Events

- NYBG's Jessica Schuler offered insight into how partner organizations can apply to offer continuing education credits to make workshops and events desirable for target audiences.

AIS Working Group

- Lindsay Yoder, AIS Program Manager for the PRISM, informed partners of the inaugural meeting of the AIS Working Group and the creation of Goals and Action Items. Partners who are interested in joining the working group should email lindsay@clearwater.org to be added to the forum/Google Group.

Wave Hill

- Barry Kogan and Baruch Tauber of Wave Hill presented an update on their volunteer invasives mapping and community engagement program. No unexpected invasives were found, but Porcelainberry and other widespread invasives were present.

PRISM PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: HUDSONIA

Erik Kiviat, of Hudsonia, gave an informative presentation surrounding research on *Phragmites australis*, and identified cases where there is the possibility of the plant providing useful ecosystem services, such as pollution control and wildlife habitat.

PROJECT PROPOSAL APPLICATION AND CRITERIA

Linda Rohleder reviewed the application and criteria necessary to submit a project proposal for LH PRISM control projects. These are projects that are performed by the Trail Conference Invasives Strike Force Crew free-of-charge and open to the public (not just PRISM partners). Applications are due January 4, 2019 and details are on the web site at <https://www.lhprism.org/apply-projects-or-funding>.

CONCLUSION

The next meeting will be on January 16, 2019 at CCE Rockland in Stony Point, NY.

Notes written by: Lindsay Yoder

ATTENDEES: 47

Amanda Bayley	Plant it Wild
Angelo Schembari	CGL Arborists
Barry Kogan	Wave Hill
Bart Caterino	NYC DEP
Baruch Tauber	Wave Hill
Bob DeTorto	Bronx River Parkway Reservation Conservancy
Budd Veverka	Mianus River Gorge
Chris Hendershot	Rye Nature Center
Dan Schniedewind	UC-Santa Cruz
Dan Smith	Scenic Hudson
Danielle Begley- Miller	Teatown Lake Reservation
David Conover	CCE Rockland
David Decker	Audubon NY
Diane Alden	Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct
Emily Phillips	Manitoga
Erik Kiviat	Hudsonia
Erin Cordiner	Westchester Parks Foundation
George Profous	NYS DEC Region 3
Guy Pardee	Suburban Native
Jen Lerner	CCE Putnam
Jessica Schuler	New York Botanical Garden
John Mickelson	Ecological & Geospatial Services
Jonathan Rosenthal	Ecological Research Institute
Julie Ruben	Three Arrows Cooperative
Karalyn Lamb	Native Plant Center
Kasey Lane	New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
Kate Terlizzi	Black Rock Forest
Kylie Rothwell	Wave Hill
Kyvan Elep	Scenic Hudson
Linda Rohleder	New York- New Jersey Trail Conference
Lindsay Yoder	Clearwater
Matt Aiello-Lammens	Pace University
Matt Smetana	Green Chimneys
Michael Tierney	Teatown Lake Reservation
Mike Fargione	Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
Nicole White	NYS DEC
Nicole Wooten	Hudson Highlands Land Trust
Tait Johansson	Bedford Audubon
Taro Ietaka	Westchester County Parks
Thom Allgaier	NYS Dept of Ag & Markets
Tim Stanley	Fresh Air Fund
Tim Wenskus	NYS DEC Region 2
Tom Lewis	Trillium ISM
Warren Rosenthal	Winnakee Land Trust