

Introductions and Partner Roundtable Discussions – everyone

- Alaina Robarge and Megan Webster - Ontario County SWCD
- Russ Welser - Cornell Coop. Extension of Ontario County
 - General Ag and home garden educator
 - We are a state-wide network and our goal is to provide outreach and education
 - We didn't hear much about IS that affect agriculture
- NYS DEC – Mark Gooding, Region 8 Forester
 - EAB continue to monitor with grant funding
 - HWA – treated multiple sites this year in Hemlock/Canadice State Forest, plan to treat again next year, working with Hilary to apply to treat 200 acres of state forest
 - State forests – treated knotweed
 - Stid Hill (S. Bristol) no new trees with oak wilt
 - Identified new symptomatic trees in Ontario County? Did not make bid to remove
 - New tree in Barehill Unique Area that tested positive – cared for by forestry staff
 - Whole town of Middlesex in protection zone for now
 - Presented to Canandaigua town hall
 - Albany forest health staff presented at a number of conferences
 - Mile-A-Minute
 - Working with SUNY Brockport for two different location in Geneseo and Genesee County
 - DEC grant to assist with funding for this project
 - Treated swallowwort in Monroe county
 - Roughly 120 acres of prescribed burning
 - Regenerate NY – cost-share program with DEC to roll out next spring/summer
 - Beechleaf disease surveying maps available
 - Mostly in WNY, then down Long Island way
 - Don't know much about how it spreads – think nematode transmission and soil spread
 - WNY PRISM working with on MAM and slender false brome
- Josh Neff – FLI
 - Coordinator for Watercraft Steward Program
 - Working on Hydrilla project on Cayuga,
- Nadia Harvieux – FLI
 - Teacher trainings with focus on field identification
 - Organize stream monitoring program, adding invasive species work there
 - Pretty good reach in the northern FLX, looking to involve more people from the southern counties
- Patty – FLI

- Working with RIT capstone student on summarizing macrophyte survey program
 - Looking into train-the-trainer in the region for these programs
- Dave Carr – FLI
- Sam BA – FLI
 - Run the Watercraft Steward Program
- Dan Corbett – SLPWA
 - Just started an AIS program with a macrophyte survey, begin work on stewardship at launches
 - Looking to get into terrestrial information for people who live around the lakes
- Bill Ebert – CLWN
 - Did rake tossing, particular emphasis on Hydrilla
 - Also monitoring HABs
 - Monitoring mainly the NW corner of Cayuga Lake, as it is particularly shallow and at risk for Hydrilla
- Bruce Gilman – FLCC Muller Field Station Director
 - Field station has emphasis on environmental education, with monthly speakers
 - Involved in teacher training workshops
 - Field botanist by training, so spend time in surrounding counties and utilized when suspect identifications are reported
 - Japanese Angelic tree found around Mendon Ponds park, might look like a clone of tree of heaven, looks similar to the native species, and want to look into reports to confirm
 - Report of Japanese stiltgrass in Naples
- Mary Underhill – Conesus Lake Management
 - Education center on Conesus Lake, reached 800 people last year.
 - Calendar set for 2020, only one opening
 - Dubbed ‘The Year of the Tree’ – targeting people to apply for some of the Forestry grants; five municipalities applying for grants
 - In-house programs as well as invasive species walks
 - Want to talk about the movement of equipment and IS – large scale solar and the introduction and movement of IS
 - Large acreage of disturbance – what does that mean in the bigger picture?
 - Work items included for the contractor to put up a station to wash their equipment to prevent spread
 - Who oversees these best practices? – DEC has some site mgmt.; town planning boards can require oversight in permits; Ag and Markets also has some language about IS with solar panels on agricultural lands; language can be written in to specific SWIPP as well, which the planning board has review of
- Greg Finnley – Canada Stoney Lake
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 - Not well known in the region, looking into raising awareness, and steward programs
- John Harmon – DOT in Rochester
 - Educate landscape and environmental folks from these meetings

- Betsy U. – DEC Environmental Educator
 - New invasive species curriculum that is still in progress
- Tom Snyder - Seneca Zoo
 - Manage outreach
 - Working on train-the-train, nature walks, water chestnut pulls
- Don Fisher – COFOKLA
 - Running a county-wide watercraft steward program, in the process of getting a decontamination (a waterless one?) – transportable, solar powered, ~\$30,000, will probably be staffed
 - Includes opportunities for education and outreach, as well as a wi-fi hotspot to encourage people to go there
 - Picking away at a mgmt. plan for the lake developed a couple years ago
 - Participated in a zebra mussel survey from SUNY ESF, may continue in the future
 - Dealing with HABs, and what causes them locally
- Kaitlyn Shanahan – Deputy Watershed Inspector for Owasco Watershed Lake Management Council?
 - Focused on HAB, but has experience with IS
 - Outreach coordinator for program as well
- Deb Nero – FLX Trail Conference
 - IS go-to person, helping to educate volunteers about what to look for
 - Would be great to be able to help people recognize on their own, cover a lot of territory
 - Train their own sawyers? to take care of the trails
 - Both state and private lands, so mgmt. is complex
 - Talking to Hilary about boot brush stations
 - Would love to talk about maybe a recurring series in newsletter, spring and fall weekend get-togethers, somebody to lead a hike where you talk about invasives, Finger Lakes Trail Days
- Sonya Marker – DOT Environmental Specialist - Hector
 - IS on disturbed right-of-ways
 - Trying to move unit in to more responsible practices, focused on TIS
 - Even if they can't do much, want to try to work on identification
 - Steuben, Yates, Chemung, Schuyler...(missed one county?)
- Heather Barry – DOT - Hector
 - Anthropogenic influences, like solar projects
 - Lots of maintenance workers that need to learn about this stuff, interested in boot brush stations
- Amy Kochem– NYS Parks Forces
 - Connecting college students with parks projects, heavily focused on IS
 - Thousands of field hours from students over the last 10 years
 - Central Region, in Jamesville, program is expanding to Genesee region, Niagara, Taughannock, and Saratoga, Thousand Island region
- Elijah Kruger – Letchworth State Park
 - Environmental educator, lots of field trips during the school year, especially 4th and 5th grades

- Looking to grow programming for general public, especially summer populations
- Difficult to get people of the trails to learn, have had events with 0 attendance
- ISAW – have people treating HWA, which attracts people to find out why people are up in the trees
- 750,000 people going to the park, really want to educate about IS
- Maybe something to get to the campers,
- Lydia Martin – NYS Parks - Ganondagan
 - Pale swallowwort is the main problem, lots of IS on site
 - Issues with European dewberry, taking over the streambeds, would love help on mgmt. practice
 - IS mapping to prioritize parts of the park
- Kira Broz – NYS Parks - Ganondagan
 - Manage controlled burn at ?
 - Habitat mgmt. plans around Canadice/Hemlock lakes
- Whitney – NYS Parks FLX
 - Hemlock preservation initiative – training people to protect hemlocks
 - In-house team, will have a how-to put together in the next coming year
 - Took over fallow greenhouses to grow native seeds, for well-adapted species, looking for partners on this; not just purchasing plants, but in-kind like staff
- Tom Allgaier – NYS Ag and Markets
- Michelle – Cayuga County Development
 - IMap classes
 - Asian clam surveying – this year very low populations, interested in why that may have been
 - Decontamination stations in the county coming next year
- Margie Creamer – Otisco Lake Preservation Association
 - SUNY ESF report form grant just came in – no starry stonewort
 - FLRWA President
- Laura Baily – CCE Yates
 - Forest IS, work with Cayuga Lake, director of watercraft stewards on Cayuga Lake
 - Starry stonewort mgmt. in 3 locations, less each year
 - Swallowwort project, looking for sites to try biocontrol
 - HWA project with students from Cornell, designing a vest for dogs to reseed slopes with hemlock seeds
- Charlotte M. – HWA Initiative
 - Rolling out new and improved community science programs, hoping for more engagement
 - Looking for land trust volunteers or hiking groups to survey while they're out
 - Trying to implement a volunteer boat survey program, to look for HWA by water
 - Lab at Cornell does bio control for HWA, 640 beetles were released in Aurora, and ten generations have been successful, over 2000 silver flies this year
- Cindy Smith – Hemlock Initiative Program
 - Checking life cycle of HWA to better time release of predators
 - Sampling of biocontrol

- Mikhail Kern - Tompkins County Health Department
 - Work with Hydrilla
 - Making sure treatment chemicals aren't getting into water supply
- Brittany Lagaly – FL PRISM
 - TIS surveys, coordinate volunteer efforts
 - Focused on Outreach and education efforts
 - Would like feedback on first draft of strategies for mgmt.
- Hilary Lambert – Cayuga Lake Watershed Network
 - Education outreach networking organization
 - Helping community science institute with HABs monitoring
 - Working with FLI and FL PRISM on IS
 - Water chestnut in Ithaca's drinking reservoir, more patches further north
 - HWA – would love to get involved in more tracking
 - Hydrilla – Cayuga lake is still the only large lake with it, popping back up in the inlet, and some plants on the SW corner, looking to develop lake rake monitoring team
- Emily Sheridan – DEC/GLAA
 - Work throughout the Great Lakes Basin to address Great Lakes issues including IS
 - Learn what's going on around here, work closely with the SLELO region
 - Identified some priority areas in the region, for swan?, giant hogweed, and water chestnut
 - Involved with Reimagine the Canals Initiative – interested in how to manage canals and trails IS; potential for Hydrilla transfer through canal, European frogbit and phragmites also a concern
 - There will be another public meeting, and there is a report from the previous meeting
 - SW GL meeting in Newark that was well attended to establish aquatic habitat restoration priorities
 - NOAA is looking for project ideas

Finger Lakes PRISM Staff Updates – Hilary, Nadia, and Patty