

2011 Annual Priority Actions

SuAsCo Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

Action Items for this year:

A. Early Detection/ Rapid Response subcommittee:

- Conduct 5 field trips for invasive and invasive look alike plant identification
- Provide support to New England Wild Flower Society's Early Detection/ Rapid Response grant
- Survey/ Map watershed for rare plants
- Conduct plant identification trainings for partners
- Update equipment sharing document and post on Website when finished
- Conduct highway training
- Maintain list of funding sources

B. Control subcommittee:

- Conduct 4 round table discussions
- Work with The Trustees of Reservations and The Nature Conservancy to adopt/ develop guidelines for management practices in wetlands.
- Conduct Site visits to actively managed sites throughout watershed
- Maintain list of funding sources

C. Administrative subcommittee:

- Write grants (e.g. Pulling Together Initiative)
- Identify new funding sources/ maintain list of funding sources
- Coordinate grant activities within membership
- Plan and conduct spring and fall membership meetings
- Coordinate elections
- Produce annual report flyer for spring meeting
- Review and Coordinate comments on NYANZA Restoration Plan

D. Education and Outreach subcommittee:

- Direct CISMA web site development to its final launch
- Enlist and organize web content from CISMA membership
- Oversee Highway training implementation
- Create informational packets for conservation commissions and natural resources depts.
- Make marketing materials, such as buttons, bumper stickers, etc.
- Create Dirty Dozen poster(s) for distribution

E. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant:

New England Wild Flower Society (NEWFS)-(\$26,000)

- Implement an ED/RR program watershed wide with help of coordinator
- Recruit volunteers- 150 (5 volunteers from 30 towns within watershed)
- Train volunteers in plant identification
- Identify infestations of early detection species
- Develop control plan and prioritize known infestations
- Control infestations
- Implement long term monitoring programs

F. River Stewardship Council Grant:

Education/ Outreach subcommittee -(\$5,000)

- Work with Bartlett interactive to design and launch website