

Annual Priority Actions

Aquatic Invasive Management Subcommittee:

Continue to implement goals and objectives of the Water Chestnut Management Guidance and 5 Year Management Plan for the SuAsCo Watershed

- Collaborate with DCR, SOLitude, and Towns for information on infestation, especially for smaller water bodies within watershed
- Continue to work on permitting issues for water chestnut, hoping for a general watershed permit
- Will continue to pursue mapping with drones as a more efficient mapping method

Early Detection and Control Subcommittee:

- Will be analyzing and implementing results of survey that was will be sent out in late 2018
- Hope to offer an EdMapps training
- Working on developing list of high priority ecological sites that are important for State listed plants and in need of management within the watershed
- Offer trainings for creating invasive species management plans

Education and Outreach Subcommittee:

Website maintenance and updating:

- Recover lost content from transition
- Implement input from membership on how to improve the website:
 - Add in visual calendar
 - Add in subcommittee presentations from fall meeting
- Create google sheet for CISMA members where we can house contractor list
- Create TripTik brochure/hand out to advertise CISMA

Policy and Permitting (New Subcommittee): APAs to be determined at first meeting but might include

- To address permitting issues regarding invasives?
- Water chestnut general permitting.
- Ease of regulations in regards to Land Trusts, would like to be able to apply herbicide as a land owner instead of having to have a pesticide applicators license and insurance. Insurance is the big hurdle. Makes herbicide a cost prohibitive management tool.
- New legislation currently drafted by State Senator Patricia Jehlen's office to create state coordinator and funding for invasive management

Administrative Subcommittee:

- Create annual report of accomplishments and send to signatories and SVT by end of Dec. 2019
- Develop metrics for invasive removal projects to be implemented in 2019 and used to report accomplishments for 2019
- Schedule/coordinate twice annual meetings open to all and quarterly steering committee meetings
- Administration of small grants projects