**Annual Priority Actions 2020**

Early Detection and Control (EDC)

* Conduct spring management training workshop and provide follow-up support
* Host early detection species ID trainings
* Host management and invasive species ID walks

Aquatic Invasive Management (AIM)

* Continue to implement goals and objectives of the Water Chestnut Management Guidance and 5 Year Management Plan for the SuAsCo Watershed.
* Provide a biannual forum for municipalities, non-profits/grassroots organizations, DCR and others to share experiences, knowledge, observations of conditions, management techniques, and management plans for the coming season
* Continue to work on permitting issues for water chestnut, collaborating with the CISMA LAPS
* Pursue citizen science-based mapping approaches to engage the public and be affordable
* Look at shift from mechanical to chemical-based management techniques

Legislation and Policy (LAP)

* Continue to develop and file a general Notice of Intent to permit landowners to conduct small-scale terrestrial invasive species control projects
* Continue to investigate a streamlined process for Towns and Land Trust staff to obtain a pesticide applicator’s license
* Continue to follow and support state Coordinator legislation drafted by Senator Pat Jehlen

Administrative Duties of the Steering Committee

* Generate annual report for 2020
* Refine metrics of evaluating the accomplishments of the CISMA
* Schedule and coordinate twice annual meetings open to all members and the public
* Administer the small grant program
* Pursue additional funding through grants
* Coordinate the CISMA election

Education and Outreach

* Regularly add CISMA generated content and other relevant information to the CISMA website
* Meeting minutes, training opportunities, presentations, solicit CISMA member events to advertise, etc
  + Disperse CISMA brochure to all CISMA members if they have not received it already
  + Host at least one speaker series / training / educational event
  + Develop an active outreach network
* Regularly check in with members to identify any needs they might have related to invasive species and the community
* Reach out to groups that would benefit from CISMA information
* Offer a public hotline for invasive species information
  + Create a flyer to be advertised in public places (libraries, trailhead kiosks, town halls, etc)
  + Place flyers around watershed to solicit questions from the public
  + Possible method of recruiting volunteers