

LISS HRI Workgroup meeting minutes

11/19/2008

HRI projects

Database:

- YPG will import CT data from CT DEP's database and have the final version on the website
- YPG is working on an issue with the searching capabilities,
- Should be ready by end of December for Workgroup members to test before the product goes live and coordinators will be able to add data at that time.
- Coordinators will be able to add records, and general workgroup members will be able to access a higher level of information than the general public. General public won't be able to see all fields that are in the database, which will store more information than needs to be made public.
- Harry will draft a few paragraphs on the databases' purpose, capabilities, etc...

RMC- Rich Orson might be writing- Harry will follow up

2005 report should be available online as soon as it is double checked; 2006 annual summary will be done by March- Harry will work on it.

Website- needs to be discussed when Robert is available.

Paper map- the need for a paper map was re-discussed after confusion at a management committee meeting as to the workgroups decision. NY's points were updated for the March 2008 meeting, CT is working on updating HR points. The group discussed a three-part "solution" – (a) extract the list of potential restoration sites; (b) make sure we can offer "printable" web pages; (c) hand off the question of the need for (and development of) a paper map to the communications team.

The workplan went before the Management Committee and priorities were voted on, the Implementation team will further hone priorities.

TNC Initiatives- Jon Kachmar, new director of TNC's Long Island Sound Program:

Summary of TNC's Salt Marsh Symposium

Concentrated on Nassau and Suffolk County, invited experts were brought in to discuss the issues; including vector control being touted as a restoration plan. There were discussions on marsh health, restoration and vector control techniques with a coast-wide perspective.

LIS team is now in place. Working on Conservation Action plan. New staff are spending half their time on Sound efforts.

- Climate adaptation- purchasing uplands for TW migration
- Watershed planning
- Targets include habitat and biodiversity of resources

Nissequogue River Action Plan-

Press event will be November 24, this is the inaugural NY stewardship area to have a completed action plan

Heather gave a brief update on the status of the Sunken Meadow State Park project.

Habitat Restoration Guidelines

- Discussions on whether sea-run brown trout and brook trout should both be on the list of target species, given that brookies are native but sea run brown trout are not.
- Louise will also see if Lynn Dwyer sees additional need to amend the guidelines.

Attendees:

Sarah Deonarine

Jon Kachmar

Harry Yamalis

Tom Halavik

Larissa Graham

Heather Young

Louise Harrison

Lisa Cavallaro*

Jim Turek*

* joined by phone