

Notes from CSC Meeting
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TNC RI Offices, Providence

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Mark your Calendars: The next meeting will be on Monday 28 April 1:00 at DEM's Forest Environment HQ in North Scituate. Directions are at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/contact/fe.htm>

Priority List of Topics for CSC Workplan 2009

1. Portal web site (Champion PETE)
 - a. Unifying theme to draw in the community
 - b. Support sharing of information
2. Developing inventories and management plans (Baseline Documentation Reports (BDR)) (Champions LARRY/CATHY/KATHLEEN/RUPERT)
 - a. Preparing BDRs sometimes intimidates or confuses people
 - b. Should we build a web-based automated system?
 - c. We should build from Jen West's project
 - d. What are climate change impacts to BDR's and management plans
 - e. Monitoring element needs to be prominent
3. Public access and resulting issues (Champion CATHY)
 - a. Trails
 - i. Signage, trail placement, maintenance
 - b. Vandalism
 - i. ATVs, dumping
4. Maintain protected lands database at DEM (Champion JANET)
5. Legislative/systems initiatives (Champion RUPERT)
 - a. Repository for easement documentation
 - b. Monitoring report repository
6. Demonstration project of regional management planning (Champion LARRY)
7. Invasive species monitoring (Champion DAVID)
 - a. Train/engage nursery industry
 - b. Rekindle RI Invasive Species Council
 - c. Statewide mapping (e.g., Japanese Knotweed)

Other Topics Discussed

1. Monitoring
 - a. Keep managers viewing big picture
 - b. Perhaps with demonstration projects

- c. Water quality, especially nutrients
2. Collective purchasing
3. Needs among the big NGO's
 - a. Working with neighbors (USFWS)
 - b. DEM needs mapping and surveys for invasives
 - c. DEM needs forest stewardship planning
4. Public event on Earth Day
5. ASRI needs coordinated management agreements
 - a. Hard to do but worth it
 - b. Joint conservation goals
6. TNC needs
 - a. What are climate change impacts
 - b. Follow legislative process
 - c. Restoration goals
 - d. Staff intensive invasive control
 - e. Splitting interests in conservation easements

ACTION ITEMS

- If you are a Champion for a priority topic, your job is to think about the opportunities, constraints, costs, partners, and benefits of your theme. Prepare a 1 page summary of your thoughts for the next meeting.
- If you have a special interest in a topic, let the Champion know so you can be part of the discussion.