

Meeting Minutes

The Wicomico County Natural Resources Conservation Advisory Committee (NRCAC) met Tuesday May 14, 2019 at the Government Office Building at 3pm

Committee: Judith Stribling Matt Hurd John Groutt Aaron Cooper Alyssa Massey Jared Parks

County Staff: Tyler Walston, Environmental Planner

Guests: Will Dyer, MD Forest Service Tara Holste, LSLT

The group voted to approve the April minutes.

Invasive Species Initiative

Ms. Massey stated that she did not have much of an update on the City Park project. Mr. Dyer said he would contact Doug Draper to discuss how to make the spraying more effective at the City Park project.

Mr. Parks notified the group that the LSLT was having trouble getting representatives from other counties to the invasive initiative meeting on May 23rd. He asked that the NRCAC members reach out to other county representatives to get them at the meeting.

Ms. Holste advised that the MDA is eager to fund invasive species control on the lower shore.

Ms. Holste advised the group that they should focus on establishing a PRISM or Cooperative Weed Management Area. She voiced her concerns that MDA would only be interested in dealing with agricultural weed control.

The group discussed how to manage the invasive initiative once Ms. Holste's contract ends in June.

Ms. Holste asked about the updated map of the invasive wisteria at Pemberton. Mr. Walston advised the map would be forthcoming.

Ms. Holste said the next potential project could be the knotweed infestation at the Wicomico Visitor's center.

The group discussed other potential invasive removal sites.

Pirates Wharf

Ms. Stribling provided an update to the group on the progress of the Pirate's Wharf project. She stated that the workgroup had been working on the budget and the contractor provided an updated, more detailed budget.

The group discussed the County's interest in establishing an easement on the property. There appeared to be little interest in establishing an easement on the property at this time.