Final Report for Door County CISMA Strategic Plan Updates: DCIST Strategic Plan Update

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This document outlines the accomplishments of the Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department (SWCD) pertaining to the Surface Water Planning Grant for updating the Door County Invasive Species Team Strategic Plan. The document specifically addresses the deliverables outlined in the WDNR Surface Water Planning Grant AEPP64222.

Activity 1a. Meet with DCIST partners 8 times over the course of the two-year project period to incorporate partner's ideas and provide them with the opportunity for input during plan drafting.

Updates to the plan will include current practices, species lists, future goals, and highlight recent efforts and successes.

Door County SWCD as the DCIST coordinator hosted 9 partner meetings across the granting period. These meetings occurred on March 22, 2022; May 17, 2022; July 19, 2022; October 4, 2022; November 15, 2022; May 4, 2023; June 19, 2024; August 26, 2024; and December 19, 2024. These meeting were DCIST meeting and each meeting had at least 30 minutes of discussion pertaining to strategic plan updates. These included the partners submitting comments to updating DCISTs objectives, strategies, and making sure the plan was inclussive. Copies of the agendas can be found in Appendix A.

Activity 1b. Engage the public about plan updates through media outlets, public participation, and local municipalities.

Two public sessions were held on June 23 and June 24, 2022, to invite community feedback on DCIST's past initiatives and future goals. One session was held during the day but had no attendees, while the evening event was attended by two members of the public. These attendees expressed concerns about sustaining funding and preserving past efforts. They also emphasized the importance of invasive species prevention and early identification of potential issues. Both sessions were publicized in the Peninsula Pulse newspaper, and information about the meetings was shared with all municipalities. Appendix B includes a copy of the public notice flyer and the posting on the Door County Pulse website.

Additionally, a copy of the final draft has been uploaded to https://doorinvasives.org/ for public review and feedback. An announcement regarding the opportunity to provide feedback will be made through DCIST's social media accounts and by email to all DCIST newsletter subscribers.

Activity 1c. Print with final approvals a 2023-2028 DCIST strategic plan that has partner and community support. Provide copies for each partner organization in addition to sharing a copy of the plan in electronic form on public websites such as doorinvasives.org.

Following the final DNR review, an electronic copy of the DCIST strategic plan will be uploaded to the program's website at https://doorinvasives.org/. Additionally, copies will be shared with all partners, and a physical copy will be printed for the SWCD office files.