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MINNESOTA PLANT MATERIALS ANNUAL PLAN - 2010

The State Plant Materials Committee met on December 15 - 16, 2009 and developed the Minnesota State Annual Plan for 2010.

State Committee members present:

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Ginger Kopp, Forester, NRCS, St. Paul	Burton Hendrickson, NRCS, Madison
Mark Oja, Biologist, NRCS, St. Paul	Jim Schafer, Renville Co. SWCD supervisor (MASWCD)
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The following are action items for the 2010 Plant Materials Program:

ACTION ITEM	WHO	START	END
1. Maintain partnerships and provide plant materials and assistance as requested on various projects. Highlight success stories.	Tober Kopp Martinek	Ongoing	
2. Keep field personnel informed on current developments in the plant materials program. Encourage area plant materials committees to maintain a high level of visibility and activity through regular meetings and activities sponsored by area committees. Promote inter-area training and technology transfer	Martinek Area Committees Tober	Ongoing	

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ACTION ITEM	WHO	START	END
3. Collect seed of cupplant and other species as determined by Plant Materials Specialist	Tober, Flynn Area Res. Cons	03/10	07/10
4. Provide technical assistance to grass seed growers and nurseries.	Tober	Ongoing	
5. Send 1 person per area to the Plant Materials Center Training in Bismarck, North Dakota.	Martinek Flynn Oja	05/10	09/10
6. Conduct annual winter planning meeting of the State Plant Materials Committee.	Flynn Martinek Tober	12/10	12/10
7. Provide plant materials information to all tribes.	Tober Wise Outreach Coordinator	Ongoing	
8. Continue to support the demonstration & educational plantings at the Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College including efforts towards Developing a tribal CSA farm. ID locally grown native Plants for use in community gardens.	Wise Tober	Ongoing	
9. Support the National Ash Seed Collection Initiative.	State Committee	Ongoing	
10. Disseminate updated information to field offices on biomass and cellulosic energy.	State Committee	Ongoing	
11. Promote the use of the cover crop practice by providing information through fact sheets, promoting attendance at field days and educational workshops.	Martinek State Committee	Ongoing	
12. Continue to encourage the use of diverse species in conservation tree planting practices.	Kopp	Ongoing	
13. Provide plant materials & technical support for biofuels Project at Central Lakes Agriculture Center.	Tober	Ongoing	
14. Partner with the Xerces Society to promote Plantings for pollinator habitat	State Committee	Ongoing	
15. Make recommendations for plants to be used On WRP sites on peat soils	Oja, Tober Area Committee Chai	1/10	12/10
16. Promote the use of low water use and energy efficient Landscaping and Community Gardens at NRCS field offices	State Committee	Ongoing	
17. Explore test sites for national priorities such as bioenergy And pollinators	State Committee	Ongoing	

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OFF CENTER EVALUATION PLANTINGS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has entered into cooperative agreements with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other state and federal agencies for evaluation of plant materials for conservation use at these locations:

Study 38I318K, Field Evaluation of Woody Plant Materials, University of Minnesota, West Central Research and Outreach Center, Morris, Minnesota – agreement has expired in 2008 and is not planned to be renewed. Final write-up to be completed by Tober.

Study 38I342K, Field Evaluation of Woody Plant Materials, University of Minnesota, North Central Research and Outreach Center, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Cooperative with Itasca County SWCD.

Study 38A347K, Field Evaluation of Woody Plant Materials, University of Minnesota, Becker Research Farm, Becker, Minnesota. In cooperation with the University of Minnesota and the Anoka Sand Plain Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

FIELD, SEED INCREASE, AND SPECIAL PLANTINGS

All requests for plant materials were reviewed in relation to the needs and priorities indicated in the Minnesota Long-Range Program.

All active field plantings will be evaluated in 2010 (see attached list of active plantings). In addition, high priority will be given to evaluate active plantings of species that have been scheduled to be released in the near future.

The district conservationist is responsible for recording the information requested and scheduling evaluations needed to secure data in a timely manner.

VARIETY RELEASE

Documentation will be completed for the formal release of American Black Currant.

PLANT SEED COLLECTION

Collect cup plant seeds and other species to be determined by the plant materials specialist.

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SCHEDULE OF PLANT MATERIALS ACTIVITIES - 2010

When	Who	Where	What
4/21		Red Lake, MN	Red Lake Propagation Workshop
5/4-6	FO Staff, Tober Kopp Martinek	Becker Cloquet	Spring Evaluation and Planting - woody OCEPs other plots
8/10-12	PMC Staff, Selected MN FO/AO/SO	Bismarck, ND	Plant Materials Center Training
8/17-20	FO Staff, Tober Kopp	Morris, Becker Grand Rapids	OCEP Evaluations, measure trees
8/24-25	State Cons., Flynn	Bismarck, ND	Tri-State Advisory Committee Meeting
12/14-15	Tober, ECS, State PM Committee	St. Cloud	State PM Committee Mtg.