

Natural Areas Subcommittee Notes
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We essentially have three documents outlining specific methodologies for control of Marcia Holmberg's species list.

Something wholly missing from our recommendation documents is the idea initial site preparation for restoration or reconstruction. For example, lakeshore restoration could be done by solarization/smothering to "start fresh." This will be added as another section to our list of recommendations, outside of the plant growth strategy organizational structure.

Mike presented a document from Connecticut breaks down IPM by level of infestation. We will apply that methodology to our own recommendation structure.

The current MPRB IPM plan lists percent thresholds, which is similar to the "level of infestation" breakdown, but could be explained better in order to improve clarity. That will be a recommendation of our group.

James has a document that will be merged with Mike's to combine the group's overall recommendations.

The group then went through James' document step by step to wordsmith recommendations, including the addition of language around transparency, staff training and professional development, updating the current IPM, and providing specific recommendations for control of different plant growth categories.

We also had a discussion about "least toxic" vs "most effective" in terms of risk analysis and discussed the use of EIQ.