

OIPC Board Meeting Summary

April 2008

OIPC Strategic Plan

- Final revisions are being made and the Board should have it approved and finalized before the next Board meeting in July. The Strategic Plan establishes the goals and focus of the Council for the next 5 years.

OIPC Educational Outreach

- OIPC coordinated this year's first workshop held at the Wolf Creek Environmental Center in the Medina County Park District. The workshop had day and evening sessions and was attended by over 60 people.
- Other workshops around the state are being planned for this fall, including southwest and southeast Ohio.
- OIPC and the OSU Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens are coordinating an outdoor display of invasive plants. The display will be located in the Learning Gardens and will be set up during the summer of 2008.

Gund Foundation Grant

- In order to complete OIPC's grant requirements, the Board approved an agreement to contract with Cory Skurdal (former Board member) as an independent contractor.
- Cory will primarily focus on OIPC educational activities, assisting with literature updates, workshop coordination, and developing the invasive plant display for the Chadwick Arboretum.

Fundraising

- Board members will be actively pursuing new funding opportunities for OIPC through various large foundations around the state.
- Our goal is to submit at least two proposals to the major city foundations by the year's end (e.g., Columbus, Cincinnati, Toledo).

OIPC Work Groups

- The Control and Research Work Groups are in need of leaders! If you are interested, please contact a Board Member.

Our Next OIPC Board of Directors meeting is July 17, 2008.