

Conservation Congress 2014

The Results

Wildlife Management: A Look Ahead

Recommendations:

1. **Website to Assist Landowners**

Building off of the Wildlife Division's objective 3.9 (Wildlife Customers) – Develop a website that will assist landowners with developing and managing wildlife on their property.

- a. Talk of including restoration.
- b. Suggestion that maybe this should be expanded to all resource divisions (i.e., Forestry, Natural Heritage, Fisheries).
- c. Suggestion to have a meeting about restoration and management support, including tracking progress so that coordination could be achieved among the various efforts currently underway (e.g., DNR Wildlife, Vital Lands, other Divisions, etc.).

2. **Dwindling Habitat**

Effort/programs to address the problem of dwindling habitat, encourage landowners to provide habitat for wildlife on their lands. Possible program to support development of wildlife habitat on landowner's property. Fits broadly under Goal 2 of the Wildlife Division: Wildlife Habitats.

3. **Natural Plantings**

- a. Encourage natural planting along roadsides, continue/expand programs that might support that (i.e. Forestry Nurseries).
- b. Work with and/or encourage IDOT to address problem invasives, in particular Autumn Olive and Teasel.

4. **Wildlife Communication Strategies**

Develop a series of communications strategies to obtain public support, appreciations and engagement with wildlife programs. Emphasize social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.). Objective 3.17 from the Wildlife Divisions Goals and Objectives.

5. **Local Seed Sources**

Address the issue of the availability of local seed sources for restoration and management; consider the IDNR state nurseries as possible source for some of this.