

**CONTINENTAL DIALOGUE ON NON-NATIVE FOREST INSECTS & DISEASES**  
**FOURTH DIALOGUE MEETING**

Wednesday-Thursday, November 12-13, 2008

*JW Marriott Grand Rapids – Salon C and D*  
*235 Louis Street NW*  
*Grand Rapids, MI 49503*

**Proposed Agenda**

***Meeting Goals:***

- *Cultivate collaborations toward action to address the threat of non-native forest insects and diseases;*
- *Tie local-level challenges and solutions to national policies and strategies;*
- *Enlist communities in the battle against non-native insects and diseases impacting their trees; and*
- *Identify and agree on needed actions for Continental Dialogue to take in the upcoming year.*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

- 8:00 – 9:00     Registration and Breakfast Available in the Foyer
- 9:00 – 9:20     Introductions, Meeting Objectives, and Agenda Review
- Introductions
  - Overview of meeting objectives and agenda
  - Meeting ground rules
- 9:20 – 9:30     Welcome
- Opening remarks – *Pat Lockwood, Special Projects Coordinator, Michigan Department of Agriculture, Liaison to Governor Jennifer Granholm*
- 9:30 – 9:45     Orientation to the Continental Dialogue – *Frank Lowenstein, The Nature Conservancy*
- Overview of the Vision and Goals and Action Agenda Opportunities
  - Questions
- 9:45 – 10:30    Continental Dialogue’s Activities
- Activities since the December 2007 meeting and opportunities for 2009
    - Import Plants Not Pests: Changes to Q-37
    - Wooden Pallets: An Important Domestic Pathway
    - Money in the Bank: Finding Funds for Needed Actions
    - Addressing Issues Associated with Transport of Firewood
- 10:30 – 10:45    **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:15   Living with Invasive Species at the Local Level
- Eradicating ALB: Lessons learned on outreach, specific actions, obtaining funding, interagency coordination – *Joe McCarthy, Chicago, IL*

- Living with EAB: Lessons learned on education, approaching city government; restocking forests, engaging active community groups – *Paul Dykema, Lansing, MI and Bob Paasche, Grand Rapids, MI*
- Mapping the future for Emerald Ash Borer readiness and response planning – *David Sinyer, Milwaukee, WI*

12:15 – 1:15 **Lunch**

1:15 – 2:45 Resources and Approaches to Most Effectively Address the Problem

- Invasive Forest Pests in Time and Space – *Deb McCullough, Michigan State University*
- Surveying – *Mike Philip, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture*
- Emergency Response – *Jeff Coath, APHIS Illinois Field Office*
- Outreach – *Sharon Lucik, USDA*
- Biocontrols – *Leah Bauer, USFS Research Station, East Lansing, MI*

2:45 – 3:00 **Break [Prepare for Trip to the Frederik Meijer Gardens]**

3:00 – 4:00 Discussion: Addressing Local Invasive Species Challenges

- What has helped address local level challenges in your experience?
- How can the national efforts help address local level challenges?
- How can local experiences help promote national level prevention efforts?

4:00 – 7:15 Travel to Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park for Presentation and Reception

- Introduction to the Gardens
- Local efforts to educate the public about invasives – *Rebecca Finneran, Kent County Horticulture*
- Reception

7:15 **Return to Hotel (Dinner on Your Own)**

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008**

7:00 – 8:00 Registration and Breakfast Available in the Foyer

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome and Agenda Review

- *RESOLVE*

8:15 – 8:45 Continental Dialogue Transition Package

- Overview of Steering Committee package
- Discussion of proposed next steps
- Participant commitments to next steps

8:45 – 9:15 Overview of Workgroup Breakout Sessions

- Topics, approach, and desired outcomes

9:15 – 9:30 **Break – Transition to Breakout Sessions**

- 9:30 – 10:45 Workgroup Breakout Session I
- Increase USDA funding and authorize new federal action
  - Communicate and market key ideas about protecting forests
- 10:45 – 12:00 Workgroup Breakout Session II
- Firewood issues – website promotion and managing interstate movement
  - Engage private groups in forest protection
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch and Update on USDA Progress** – *David Kaplan, APHIS-PPQ, USDA*
- Overview of USDA rulemakings
  - Implications of the Farm Bill passage
  - Questions
- 1:00 – 2:45 Where Do We Go Next? – Timeline and Actions for 2009
- Brief overview of Breakout Session next steps
  - Identify other priority actions
  - Develop preliminary timeline for actions
- 2:45 – 3:00 Summary and Next Steps
- Acknowledgments
  - Steering Committee next steps
- 3:00 **Adjourn**