

# **Monthly Report**

Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network February 2016

Acres Treated: 0 Volunteers: I

Acres Surveyed: 0 Volunteer Hours: ~10

People Contacted: 132 People Reached (secondary): 18,000

## **Meetings/Presentations:**

• 2/I - Attended Steering Committee Meeting

• 2/5 - Attended ISEA shoreline event (15 reached)

- 2/11 Attended MCD's annual meeting (~10 contacted)
- 2/12 Held booth at Benzie Water Festival (~75 4-6th grade students, 5 teachers contacted)
- 2/15 Attended & updated at GTCD Board Meeting
- 2/17 Conference call with MISGP2 administrators re: execution
- 2/25 Presented *Habitat Matters* to Grand Traverse Audubon (10 present)

### **Other Accomplishments:**

- Posted job openings (6 seasonal, 2 year-round)
- 2/23 "Attended" EDRR webinar
- 2/25 "Attended" community engagement webinar
- Interviewed for Record Eagle article (18k circulation)
- Finalized & submitted revised budgets (GLRI, MISGP2, USFS)
- Scheduled spring GBB meeting & sent invites
- Scheduled partner meeting & sent invites
- Participated win National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) on Facebook
- Submitted Grant Agreements for MISGP2 and USFS grants
- Revised & submitted QAPP (quality assurance) for EPA GLRI grant

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- ISN Partner Meeting—March 9, I-4pm, Boardman River Nature Center
  - Open to the public!
- Go Beyond Beauty spring launch meeting, April 4
  - Open to the public!
- Interviews & hiring for seasonal & year-round positions

### **Ongoing Work:**

- Accepting & processing applications for ISN positions
- Planned NISAW participation for next year
- Managing ISN budget
- Updating ISN website, Facebook page, and resources
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Surveying for priority species in each county
- Education & outreach
- Creating & sharing materials with partners

Respectfully Submitted, Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team July 11, 2017