

# **Monthly Report**

Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network April 2016

Acres Treated: 3.5 Volunteers: 0
Acres Surveyed: 12.75 Volunteer Hours: 0

Active Contacts: 108 Passive Contacts: 21,200 +web

## **Meetings/Presentations:**

• 4/4 - Hosted Go Beyond Beauty Spring Meeting - 23 attendees

- 4/12 Attended & updated at Frankfort Tree Board mtg (~8 present)
- 4/15 Presented Habitat Matters to MSUE Pesticide Training Workshop (76 present)
- 4/22 Met with Harbor Village representative regarding invasive species management
- 4/26 Met with Paperworks Studios re: paper partnership (2 contacted)

## **Other Accomplishments:**

- Fields Ratliff, Miriam Owsley, and Dan Watt started!
   We're very excited to welcome them to our Team
- EPA GLRI grant paperwork completed! Grant is now active
- 4/12 Attended NRCS Conservation Partnership mtg (~20 present)
- 4/19-4/20 ISN Team Training (messaging, grants, workplans, etc.)
- 4/21 Met with The Nature Conservancy regarding upcoming grant coordination/brainstorming
- Interviewed by Manistee News Advocate (circulation 3,200)
- Created & shared GM disposal poster
- OAPP-tested GPS units
- Interviewed by Record Eagle (circulation 18,000); article here
- Submitted Feb & Mar reimbursement for MISGPI
- Submitted MISGPI Progress Report #2
- Brainstormed for future grants

#### **Survey/Treatment:**

- Surveyed 10 acres in Manistee County (Magoon Cr, Tippy Dam, Harbor Village, Manmade Lk)
- Surveyed 2.75 acres (7 sites) in Grand Traverse County
- Pulled garlic mustard on private property in Grand Traverse County (5 bags, 8 sites, 3.5 acres)

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Friday, May 6: Manistee County Garlic Mustard Workbee
- Saturday, May 7: Grand Traverse County Garlic Mustard Workbee
- Friday, May 13: Benzie County Garlic Mustard Workbee
- Saturday, May 14: Leelanau County Garlic Mustard Workbee
- Thursday, June 9: ISN Partner/AmeriCorps training
- Clean Boats, Clean Waters event #1 (Benzie County)
- August 6: Clean Boats, Clean Waters event #2 (Manistee County)

## **Ongoing Work:**

- Prepping for upcoming grants
- 6-12 Curriculum development
- Children's IS book development
- Managing ISN budget

- Updating/creating outreach resources
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Surveying in each county
- Education & outreach

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team July 11, 2017