

Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network June 2016

Acres Treated: 34 Volunteers: 53

Sites Treated: 72 Volunteer Hours: 100
Surveyed: 207 acres + 74 mi road+ 47 mi river
Active Contacts: 251

Sites Surveyed: 216 Passive Contacts: 125,905 + website hits

Meetings/Presentations:

- 6/2, 6/3 Hosted herbicide application training/apanese knotweed (ISN crew & TNC crew)
- 6/7 Manistee Make-A-Difference Day GM workbee; 43 students, 4 adults, 94 volunteer hours, 36 bags, 1 acre
- 6/9 Hosted ISN Partner/AmeriCorps training (ID/GPS/treatment); 28 attendees, 6 hours
- 6/14 Attended & updated at Frankfort Tree Board Meeting
- 6/16 Participated in AIS Landing Blitz Conference Call prep for July 2nd event
- 6/16 Attended & reported at MCD meeting
- 6/20 Hosted & participated in AmeriCorps Site review
- 6/21 Impromptu presentation to NMC class (19 contacts)
- 6/22 Presented Habitat Matters at Nuts 4 Nature Daycamp (9 attendees)
- 6/22 Volunteer meeting (1 contact)
- 6/23 Hosted GT Bay/Leelanau County Phragmites meeting (8 non-ISN attendees)
- 6/29 Hosted volunteer training for Landing Blitz (6 active contacts)

Treatments and Surveys:

- 6/22 EDRR Giant hogweed report investigation; negative (cow parsnip); 3 acres surveyed
- 6/30 EDRR Giant hogweed former site revisit; positive (hogweed present)—set for treatment.
- 12.5 acres garlic mustard surveyed & treated in Manistee and Grand Traverse (5 sites, 34 bags)
- Completed spring knotweed treatment: surveyed and treated 72 sites in 4 counties (>5 acres)
- Treated & surveyed 5 acres (1 site) baby's breath at SLBE
- Treated & surveyed 6 acres (1 site) baby's breath at Zetterburg
- Surveyed 207 acres, 74 mi road, and 47 mi river (216 sites) in 4 counties

Other Accomplishments:

- 6/10 Submitted 2016 MISGP3 Pre-Proposal
- Developed plan for municipality outreach
- Interviewed by 9&10 News re: Landing Blitz (120k FB likes on their page)
- Interviewed by Record Eagle re: New Zealand mudsnail/aquatic species prevention
- Facebook: 5,285 passive contacts

Ongoing Work:

- Working on permissions & bidding for large-scale knotweed and Phragmites treatments
- 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