



# Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan  
Invasive Species Network  
July 2016

**Acres Treated: 234.5**

**Sites Treated: 10**

**Surveyed:** 310 acres + 68 mi road +8.5+ mi shoreline +11.5 rivermiles

**Sites Surveyed: 85**

**Volunteers: 12**

**Volunteer Hours: 30**

**Active Contacts: 322**

**Passive Contacts: 27,845 +website**

## Meetings/Presentations:

- 7/2 - Hosted Landing Blitz/Clean Boats Clean Waters, Crystal Lake (30 contacts, 6 volunteers, 18 volunteer hours)
- 7/5 - Attended Manistee City Council meeting; introduced self during public comment; 30 attendees (passive)
- 7/7 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to Lower Herring Lake; 95 attendees (active)
- 7/12 - Attended DNR Forestry Openhouse; 5 contacted
- 7/12 - Attended NMEAC meeting; 10 attendees
- 7/13 - Attended & presented at Manistee County Road Commission Board Meeting re: permissions at Veterans Drive; ~15 attendees
- 7/16 - Manistee County (Shingle Mill Lk) site visit & presentation; 30 attendees
- 7/19 - Presented to Manistee City Council re: Veteran's Drive permissions (30 attendees)
- 7/19 - Met with ISEA regarding Grand Traverse Stewardship Initiative partnership
- 7/20 - Hosted Elberta beach BB workbee; 8 volunteers, 16 volunteer hours, 2 acres treated
- 7/21 - Completed Oak Wilt Training; 20 present
- 7/21 - Completed Manistee site visit with contractors (Request for Bids [RFB])
- 7/22 - Participated in AmeriCorps mid-term review
- 7/23 - Attended & held booth at Manistee Farmer's Market, 30 people contacted
- 7/27 - Presented *Habitat Matters* at BCD Shoreline Workshop, 15 attendees
- 7/28 - Presented *Habitat Matters* at CSA Volunteer Monitoring presentation and training, 17 volunteers/attendees

## Treatments and Surveys:

- Treated knotweed in Leelanau county; 1 site, <0.5 acres
- Treated thistles on Leelanau Conservancy properties; 3 sites, 26 acres (&survey)
- Treated thistles & *Phragmites* at Brown Bridge Quiet Area; 1 site, 37 acres (&survey)
- Treated baby's breath at CS Mott, Elberta Beach, and Elberta Dunes; 88 acres surveyed, 63 acres treated, 2 sites
- Treated invasive shrubs with Congregational Summer Assembly; 1 site, 10 acres
- Treated invasive shrubs with Leelanau Conservation District; 2 sites, 98.3 acres
- 7/21 - Manistee County site visit (1 acre, 1 contact)
- Surveyed & treated EDR species in Manistee County (giant hogweed); 2 sites, <0.5 acre
- Surveyed Canfield Lk (Manistee County) for *Phragmites*, 1 site, 30 acres
- Surveyed private property in Benzie County (Barley; Wallaker & Joyfield rds); 1 site, 5 acres
- Surveyed in 4 counties: 27 sites, 14 acres, 32 road miles, 6.5 river miles
- Surveyed in 4 counties: 25 sites, 8.5 mi Great Lakes Shoreline, and 24 roadmiles
- Surveyed in 4 counties: 18 sites, 5 rivermiles, 12 roadmiles



**Other Accomplishments:**

- Interviewed by Record Eagle re: [New Zealand mudsnail](#) (~18k circulation)
- Interviewed by TC Ticker
- Articles on JK treatment in Manistee News Advocate (3,700 circulation); [one](#), [two](#)
- Sent permissions to treat Manistee and Betsie phragmites source populations (51 passive contacts)

**Ongoing Work:**

- Handling permissions and other treatment aspects
- 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

**Upcoming Events:**

- Aug. 1 – Baby's Breath workbee (Elberta beach)
- Aug. 2 – Blue Lyme Grass workbee (Harbor Village, Manistee)
- Aug. 6 – Clean Boats, Clean Waters (Manistee)
- Aug. 9 – Japanese barberry workbee (Manistee neighborhood)
- Aug. 13 – Port Oneida Fair booth

Respectfully Submitted,  
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