



# Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan  
Invasive Species Network  
August 2016

**Acres Treated: 32.5**

**Sites Treated: 117**

**Surveyed: 128.5 acres, 46.5 mi road, 8 mi shoreline**

**Sites Surveyed: 123**

**Volunteers: 12**

**Volunteer Hours: 24**

**Active Contacts: 235**

**Passive Contacts: 88,679 + website**

## Meetings/Presentations:

- 8/1 - Hosted baby's breath workbee at Elberta Beach; 1 volunteer, 2 volunteer hours, 2 acres
- 8/2 - Hosted blue lyme grass workbee at Harbor Village (Manistee); 9 volunteers, 18 volunteer hours, 0.5 acres treated, 1 acre surveyed, 12 bags
- 8/4 - Met with Oak Grove Cemetery management regarding knotweed treatment
- 8/4 - Met with Bayview/Joslin Cove condos regarding *Phragmites* treatment
- 8/6 - Held booth at Manistee Farm Market; 20 active contacts, 100 passive contacts
- 8/6 - Hosted Clean Boats, Clean Waters event on Bear Lake, Manistee; 10 active contacts, 25 passive contacts
- 8/9 - Hosted Japanese barberry workbee, Manistee County; 2 volunteers, 4 volunteer hours, 5 acres
- 8/10 - Interviewed on Manistee Radio; ~1,000 reach
- 8/10 - Presented to Manistee Road Commission re: VOGD treatments; permission granted! 5 new active contacts
- 8/12-8/13 - Held booth at Port Oneida Fair; 40 active contacts, ~ 200 passive contacts
- 8/16 - Met with Detroit PTV staff regarding PBS feature on PH, JK, & GBB projects
- 8/18 - Assisted GTB with roadstream crossing native plant salvage (Haze Rd Benzie County)
- 8/24 - Presented *Habitat Matters* at GTCD Summer Camp; 23 students
- 8/24 - Presented *Habitat Matters* at Manistee Township Association meeting; 21 contacts
- 8/25 - Presented on habitat ties at Kingsley Library monarch release; 50 contacts
- 8/26 - Interviewed on WTCM regarding fall workbees/workshops; ~5,000 passive contacts
- 8/29 - Participated in Coastal Wetland Conference; 25 passive contacts

## Treatments and Surveys:

- Selected bid for Manistee Lake/River/Betsie River *Phragmites* treatments
- Treated Japanese knotweed in 4 counties; 54 sites, ~5 acres
- Surveyed 26 acres in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
- Treated knotweed on 33 sites in 4 counties
- Treated knotweed at Veterans Oak Grove Drive (VOGD); all but 2 properties (7 ownerships)
- Surveyed 15 acres + 20 roadmiles + 3 mi Great Lakes shoreline
- Treated knapweed (CS Mott) with GTRLC; \_\_\_ acres
- Treated buckthorn (Arcadia Marsh) with GTRLC; \_\_\_ acres
- Treated woody invasives in Frankfort; 4 acres, 2 sites
- Treated knotweed in 4 counties; 15 sites, 2 acres
- Treated shrubs at Lake Bluff Audubon; 4 acres
- Surveyed 19 roadmiles, 18 sites in 4 counties
- Sent GBB outreach letters; 30 passive contacts
- Surveyed 64.5 acres, 7.5 road miles in 4 counties
- 8/30 - Completed Hydrilla rake survey (Betsie Lake); 1 acre, none found
- 9/1 - Met with Consumers Mike Friend (for permission to access prop. to survey/treat phrag)

Respectfully Submitted,

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- Surveyed 1 acre, 5 shoreline miles
- Finalized/Received FTP/PAPs to treat Manistee/Betsie River State Game Areas for phrag

## Other Accomplishments:

- Ticker article published on [drones & invasive species](#) (32,000 circulation, 1 direct contact)
- NatureChange.org [Japanese knotweed VOGD](#) video published (~300 passive contacts)
- Artist for GM paper [interviewed on Michigan Radio](#) (~40,000 passive contacts)
- Sent GBB outreach letters; 30 passive contacts
- Posted informational sign at Elberta Beach (regarding tarped baby's breath)

## Ongoing Work:

- 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:

- 9/9, 10am: Manistee County Woody Invasives Workbee
- 9/10, 10am: Grand Traverse County Woody Invasives Workshop and Workbee
- 9/15: Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program full proposal DUE
- 9/23, 10am: Leelanau County Woody Invasives Workbee
- 9/24, 10am: Benzie County Woody Invasives Workshop and Workbee

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