



Monthly Report—GT County

Northwest Michigan
Invasive Species Network
May 2017

Active Contacts: 338
Passive Contacts: 59,557 + website
Volunteer Hours: 242
Volunteers: 103
Bags of garlic mustard pulled: 107.5

Acres Treated: 31
Sites Treated: 16
Acres Surveyed: 63.5
Sites Surveyed: 27

Meetings/Presentations:

- 5/5 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to Leelanau Montessori at Palmer Woods (30 students)
- 5/8 - IAA forest ecology site visit w/ class (20 students)
- 5/9 - Met with Consumers re: JK treatments
- 5/13 - Japanese Barberry Dumpster Day; 102 plants collected (3 volunteers, 11 hours)—BRNC
- 5/13 - Invasive Species Paper-making (25 sign-ins + 5-10 missed [passive])—BRNC
- 5/16 - Attended Oak Wilt mtg.
- 5/19 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to 1st & 3rd graders at Mill Creek (Kim Ranger students); 48 students
- 5/24 - Hosted JK training for TNC crew (8 active)
- 5/25 - Met with Manistee Public Works (JK tx on City Property)
- 5/26 - Held booth at Leelanau Conservancy Native Plant Sale (70 active, ~100 passive)

Treatments and Surveys:

- 5/12 - Manistee County Garlic Mustard Workbee (6 volunteers, 12 volunteer hours, 1 acre, 5 bags)
- 5/13 - Grand Traverse County Garlic Mustard Workbee (2 acres, 20 bags, 17 volunteers, 51 volunteer hours)—NER
- 5/17 - JK site visit, Leelanau County; 2 acres surveyed
- 5/18 - JK and callery pear site visits, Benzie County; 4 sites, 2 acres
- 5/19 - Benzie County GM workbee (Tank Hill); 7 volunteers, 14 volunteer hours, 3 acres treated, 3 acres surveyed, 35 bags
- 5/19 - Leelanau 4-H workbee, 40 students, 80 volunteer hours, 7 acres treated
- 5/20 - Leelanau County GM workbee (Clay Cliffs); 16 volunteers, 40 volunteer hours, 5 acres treated, 10 acres surveyed, 20 bags
- 5/25 - Held Baby's breath workbee (9 volunteers, 27 hours, 2 acres)
- 5/26 - JK site visit, Garfield Twp
- Surveyed 14 sites in 4 counties; 181 acres, 108 road miles
- Pulled garlic mustard in 4 counties (2.5+2+0.5+5.5+ acres, 5+1+1+2 sites, 12+11.5+5+50 bags)
- Contractor treatment of GM; 20 acres in GT, 5 acres in Manistee County
- Sent JK Tx request letters; 112 passive contacts
- Knotweed treatments set to start June 5th

Other Accomplishments:

- 5/4 - "Attended" robotics in ecology conference call
- 5/9 - Paper making trial with [coverage by Record Eagle](#) (5/12, 20,000 passive)
- 5/23 - "Attended" MISGP webinar
- 5/24 - Attended & reported at Manistee Watersheds meeting



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- 5/25 - Attended & reported at Benzie Watershed Coalition Meeting
- **One new GBB participant: Friendly Garden Club (TC)**
- Shared GM paper-making information with Kalamazoo Nature Center
- Completed templates for invasive ordinance/native planting guide
- Preparation for paper making (2 volunteers, 4 volunteer hours)
- Article in Record Eagle on [ticks with JB trade-up mention](#) (5/4, 20,000 passive)
- Article in Manistee News Advocate on [workbee](#) (5/4, 3,700 passive)
- [GM workbee article](#) in Record Patriot; 3400 subscribers
- [Article on Japanese barberry/ticks](#) in Petoskey News (~10,000 circulation)
- Provided outreach materials for state-wide garden club meeting (200+ passive)

Ongoing Work:

- MISGP 2017 Pre-proposals
- TART Leelanau Trail Invasive Species Management Plan work
- Continued Municipality outreach work
- Managing ISN budget
- Updating ISN website, Facebook page, and resources
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Education & outreach
- Creating & sharing materials with partners

Upcoming Events:

- 6/1, 9am: Elberta baby's breath workbee
- 6/3, 9am: Japanese Knotweed Community Workshop
- 6/5, 9am: Invasives ID/GPS workshop
- 6/17, 9am: Elberta baby's breath workbee
- 7/1, 12pm: Crystal Lake Landing Blitz

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team
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