



# Monthly Report—GT County

Northwest Michigan  
Invasive Species Network  
June 2017

**Active Contacts: 420**  
**Passive Contacts: 69,786 + website**  
**Volunteer Hours: 31**  
**Volunteers: 12**

**Acres Treated: 5.5**  
**Sites Treated: 13**  
**Acres Surveyed: 275.5**  
**Sites Surveyed: 41**

## Meetings/Presentations:

- 6/1 - Met with Cerulean Center (Paula McIntyre) re: partnerships & collaboration
- 6/2 - Held booth at LCD Native Plant Sale; 15 active, 25 passive contacts
- 6/2 - Participated in Expert Panel at native gardening film showing (Glen Lake); 50 attendees
- 6/3 - Hosted Japanese knotweed community training; 18 attendees
- 6/5 - Hosted Partner/AmeriCorps GPS/ID training; 15 attendees
- 6/6 - Hosted MISC Core Team Meeting; 14 present
- 6/6 - Presented at Frankfort Tree Board; 7 active contacts
- 6/13 - Presented at Crystal Lake Twp Mtg; 17 attendees
- 6/13 Met w/ Harbor Village- Upcoming JK treatments; 5 attendees
- 6/14 - Presented at Colfax Twp Mtg; 10 attendees
- 6/15 - Held booth at Elberta Farmer's market; 10 active, 20 passive contacts
- 6/15 - Gave GM papermaking lesson to Girl Scouts in Cadillac; 7 girl scouts, 4 adults
- 6/15 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to GT Kiwanis Club; 18 attendees
- 6/16 - Assisted at MCD native plant sale; 12 direct, 10 indirect
- 6/20 - Presentation and ID lesson to NMC students; 19 attendees
- 6/21 - Trained CSA volunteers on GPS use & survey techniques; 5 volunteers, 2 hours
- 6/22 - Presented at BCD Nuts-4-Nature Day Camp; 7 kids, 2 adults
- 6/22 - Presentation and ID/treatment lesson to NMC students; 18 attendees
- 6/24 - Presented survey follow-up to Little Platte Lake Association; 27 present
- 6/27 - Acted as stakeholder & presented at ISEA Teacher Day; ~30 attendees
- 6/27 - Betsie River Restoration Committee meeting (sent update); ~12 passive contacts
- 6/28 - "Attended" PCG Steering Committee conference call
- 6/29 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to GTCD summer camp; 21 campers
- 6/29 - Hosted ISN Steering Committee meeting

## Treatments and Surveys:

- 6/1 - Hosted baby's breath workbee (4 volunteers, 12 volunteer hours, 2 acres treated/surveyed, 1 site)
- 6/13 - Completed Barberry removal at Hensel property 1 volunteer, 3 volunteer hours, 3 acres
- 6/13 - Completed MCD Restoration project; ½ acre planted with little bluestem & lupine
- 6/17 - Hosted Baby's breath workbee at Elberta Beach; 2 volunteers, 6 volunteer hours
- 6/28 - Landowner site visit (Leelanau) for baby's breath and native plant ID; 2 contacts
- Restoration: planted 60 native willow stakes at Lautner Irrigation JK site (0.25 acre), 1,000 trees & shrubs at North Point Park & Glen Park (20 acres)
- Treated Japanese knotweed; Manistee: 10 sites, 3 acres. GT: 3 sites, 2 acres (1 at GT Commons), Benzie: 12 sites, 4 acres
- Veterans Oak Grove Drive (Manistee) JK treatment complete; 8 acres, 1.5 roadmiles
- Surveyed 39 sites in 4 counties; 275.5 acres, 15.5 mi inland lake shoreline, 165 mi roadside, 7 river miles
- Conducted JK site visits: 2 sites, 1 acre



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## Other Accomplishments:

- 5/4 - "Attended" robotics in ecology conference call
- Received 5 [donated shovels from Radius Garden](#) for baby's breath workbees
- **Submitted 3 proposals to MISGP**
- [Article on JK community training](#) in Manistee News Advocate (3,700 passive)
- [Article in TC Ticker on ECT restoration work](#); ISN contribution mention (~32,000 passive)
- Submitted [letter to the editor](#) (published 6/14) in response to a [letter to the editor from 6/9 re: knotweed treatments](#); 3,700 passive
- [Article on ISN](#) published in Manistee News Advocate 6/19; 3,700 passive
- Record Patriot [article](#) on ISN's work/background (June 20); 3,400 subscribers
- **Scheduled second JB Trade-up/Dumpster Day: July 29**
- Drafted 3 new door hangers and 1 new (JB) rack card
- Ordered 40 bootbrush stations
- Facebook reach: 23,123

## Ongoing Work:

- 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:

- 7/1, 12pm: Crystal Lake Landing Blitz
- 7/6, 9am: Baby's breath workbee at Elberta Beach
- 7/7: Lake Leelanau Landing Blitz
- 7/8: Bear Lake Days Clean Boats Clean Waters event
- 7/15, 9am: Baby's breath workbee at Elberta Beach
- 7/27, noon: JB pickup in Manistee County for Dumpster Day
- **7/29, 10am: JB Trade-Up/Dumpster Day**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team  
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