

Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network March 2018

Public Inquiry Responses: 30 Active Contacts: 132 Passive Contacts: 14,597 Volunteer Hours: 0 Volunteers: 0

Acres Surveyed: 22 Sites Surveyed: 3 Acres Treated: 17 Sites Treated: 2

Meetings/Presentations:

- 3/12 Presented Habitat Matters to Green Lk Township
- 3/13 Participated in TC West Middle School video interviews; 11 contacts
- 3/13 Attended Hemlock Woolly Adelgid training workshop (Grand Rapids); 12 contacts
- 3/13 Attended & updated at Frankfort Tree Board mtg; 10 attendees
- 3/13 Presented Habitat Matters and GBB at GTCD Seedling Sale Workshop (12 attendees)
- 3/14 Presented Habitat Matters to Benzonia Township; 13 attendees
- 3/16 Attended & updated at MCD Annual Meeting; 25 present, 3 contacts
- 3/19 Presented Habitat Matters & GBB to Riverview Apartments; 6 attendees
- 3/21 "Attended" CISMA conference call
- 3/21 "Attended" Approaches to Habitat Restoration webinar
- 3/27 Attended & updated at Portage Lake Watershed Forever Steering Committee meeting (10 present)
- 3/28 "Attended" webinar (Seed-based revegetation following phragmites control)
- 3/29 "Attended" webinar (Vital role of business in biodiversity)

Treatments and Surveys:

- 3/23 GT site visit (woody invasives info); 5 acres surveyed
- Treated 17 acres (2 sites) of barberry & multiflora rose at Lake Bluff Audubon & Onekama

Other Accomplishments:

- New GBB Participants! SEEDS
- Crew Leader started: Welcome (back) Audrey Menninga!
- Go Beyond Beauty/Partner Meeting article published in Manistee News Advocate (3,700 circulation)
- Japanese Barberry Trade-up Day registration is live!
- Submitted EPA GLRI 2015 final report
- Submitted DNR PAP for state lands treatments
- Finalized paperwork for MISGP2017 & USFS Outreach 2017 grants!
- Awarded USFS CWMA 2018 grant!
- Facebook reach: 6,689
- Website reach: 6,795

Ongoing Work:

- Field Season prep
- Managing ISN budget
- Updating ISN site, Facebook, & resources
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Education & outreach
- Creating & sharing materials with partners

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Upcoming Events:

- April 4 Go Beyond Beauty spring meeting
- ISN Spring Partner Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 1-3pm, Boardman River Nature Center
- Garlic Mustard Workbees (and more) in May! (Dates & details on our website)
- June I Jane Kramer *Foreshadowing* Gallery Opening at Boardman River Nature Center
- June 2 Garlic mustard paper making with Jane Kramer
- June 7 ID and GPS training for seasonal crews & partners
- Baby's breath workbees May-August
- Knotweed community trainings in June