



# Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan  
Invasive Species Network  
May 2018

**Public Inquiry Responses: 62**  
**Active Contacts: 811**  
**Passive Contacts: 103,837**  
**Volunteer Hours: 79**  
**Volunteers: 33**

**Acres Surveyed: 101.5**  
**Sites Surveyed: 34**  
**Acres Treated: 69.25**  
**Sites Treated: 26**

## Meetings/Presentations:

- 5/3 - "Attended" Great Lakes Ornamental Woody Invasives conf call
- 5/3 - Met with Vogue Theatre re: Nature Change panel; 1 contact
- 5/5 - Held booth & presented at Pine Hill Nursery "Flower Festival"; 26 active, 45 passive
- 5/8 - Met with GBB participant Old Mission Associates
- 5/9 - Presented at Dickson Township; 10 attendees
- 5/14 - Presented to Leadership Grand Traverse (16 attendees)
- 5/14 - Met w/ AISPP re: MISGP brainstorming
- 5/14 - Presented "Backyard Birds and Native Plants" to GT County Senior Network; 31 present
- 5/21 - Met with GTCD board re: ISN fundraising (put on hold until after millage)
- 5/22 - Attended & updated at Betsie River Restoration Committee; 15 present
- 5/22 - Attended & updated at Portage Lk committee; 10 present
- 5/23 - "Attended" MISGP webinar
- 5/24 - Attended & updated at Benzie Watershed Coalition; 23 present
- 5/24 - Held booth at Leelanau Conservancy native plant sale; 62 contacts, ~100 passive
- 5/24 - JK training, Harbor Village; 4 attendees
- 5/30 - Participated in MISC prep call
- 5/31 - Participated in PCG conference call
- 5/31 - Participated in GLLA conference call

## Treatments, Restoration, and Surveys:

- 5/4 - Assisted with Camp Arcadia native planting; 6 volunteers, 14 hours, 141 trees planted!
- 5/7 - Crew started!
- 5/8 - GT site visit: 14th St storm drain w/ TWC *et al.* (5 contacts)
- 5/8 - GT site visit: private property (GBB); 1 contact, 1 acre
- 5/8 - Leelanau site visit: private property (OB); 20 acres, 1 contact
- 5/11 - Hosted Benzie County GM workbee
- 5/11 - Manistee site visit: Consumers; 5 acres
- 5/12 - Host GT County GM workbee
- 5/12 - Benzie site visit: BLUA phragmites; 3 acres, 1 contact
- 5/15 - GT site visit (private property) w/ GTRLC; 3 contacts, 11 acres
- 5/15 - Benzie site visit (private property) for JK; 1 acre, 2 contacts
- 5/15 - Presented *Habitat Matters* & GM Paper Making to Glen Lk Garden Club; 45 attendees
- 5/16 - Presented on workbees to Bear Lake Village; 9 present
- 5/16 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to First Presbyterian Church (TC); 5 attendees
- 5/16 - Site visits in Leelanau & GT; 1 acre, 2 sites
- 5/17 - Restoration site visit, GT; 1 site, 1 acre
- 5/18 - Hosted Manistee County GM workbee; 7 volunteers, 19 volunteer hours
- 5/19 - Hosted Leelanau County GM workbee; 10 volunteers, 26 volunteer hours
- 5/24 - Site visit at TC beach; 2 contacts, 1 acre surveyed
- 5/24 - Leelanau site visit (private property); 2 contacts, 2 acres surveyed



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- 5/31 - Hosted Crew & CAKE pesticide training; 9 trained (5 non-ISN)
- 5/31 - Hosted Elberta BB workbee; 3 volunteers, 6 hrs
- 6/1 - Conducted GT Site visit, Slabtown Beach; 2 acres surveyed
- Treated 0.25 acres knotweed in GT County
- Crew: pulled 25 sites and 69.25 acres of GM
- Crew: pulled 2 sites and 2 acres of other invasive species
- Restoration: 15 acres in GT County

### Other Accomplishments:

- Article published in the Manistee News Advocate re: [GM dumpster & events](#) (15,000 reach)
- [Record Patriot](#) article on workbees (4,000 circulation)
- [GM article in TC Record Eagle](#); 20,000 reach
- Manistee News Advocate [article on knotweed trainings](#); 15,000 reach
- Betsie Current [article on BB](#); 4,000 reach
- Manistee News Advocate [article on baby's breath](#); 15,000 reach
- Manistee News Advocate [article on JB trade-up](#); 15,000 reach
- GM fliers dispersed by the Centerville Township (80 reach)
- Mailed 140 knotweed letters
- Sent pre-treatment eNews (101 contacts)
- Prepping for knotweed treatments (calls etc.); 90 calls to/from landowners
- GPS units QAPP'd
- NPDES PDMP (permit) submitted & approved
- 5/23 - Completed pesticide cert exams
- Facebook reach: 5,246
- Website reach: 13,933

### Ongoing Work:

- Drafting MISGP pre-proposals (CISMA and project)
- Garlic Mustard dumpsters open in all 4 counties!
- Invasive Species & GBB site visits
- Managing ISN budget
- Updating ISN site, Facebook, & resources
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Education & outreach
- Creating & sharing materials with partners

### Upcoming Events:

- Baby's breath workbees May-August
- Knotweed community trainings June 9 (Manistee), 13 (Leelanau)
- Japanese barberry Trade-Up days June 15 (Manistee), 16 (Grand Traverse)

Respectfully Submitted,  
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