



# Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan  
Invasive Species Network  
March 2014

## Meetings/Presentations:

- 3/4—Met with Oryana Natural Foods Market on upcoming grant finals, workbees, and future collaborations
- 3/4—Presented *Habitat Matters* at MGANM's *Let's Get Growing!* Event (audience of ~25)
- 3/6—Hosted *Go Beyond Beauty* Workshop (10 attendees)
- 3/11—Attended & reported at Frankfort Tree Board Meeting (7 attendees)
- 3/19—Participated in Michigan Invasive Species Coalition (MISC) Core Team conference call (~15 participants)
- 3/20—Met with Bob Dompierre (Old Mission Associates, GBB participant) to discuss the GBB workshop & get feedback
- 3/24—Attended & reported at Benzie Parks & Rec Commission meeting (~15 attendees)
- 3/27—Met with Torey Fry (GTCD education intern) about program to get students thinking about invasive species (town hall simulation)
- 3/29—Hosted booth at Michigan Bluebird Festival (~15 members of public contacted)

## Other Accomplishments:

- **Cyman Gardens & Landscaping, Heritage Landscape Design, and Laurel Voran LLC signed up as *Go Beyond Beauty* participants!**
- Created new & updated existing *Go Beyond Beauty* participant resources
- Created Press Release and article for ISN presentation in Manistee County
- Hired ISN Technician—Chris Garrock, starts 5 May
- Interviewed prospective ISN Crew Members
- Drafted Phragmites and Oriental bittersweet doorhangers
- Planned ISN Partner Meeting (4/2)
- “Attended” webinars on invasive species communication in art (3/25, 3/28)

## Ongoing Work:

- Continue planning for garlic mustard events
- Hiring Crew Members
- Updating workplan
- Continue creating new resources (e.g. mower “cheatsheet”, others)
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Surveying for priority species in each county
- Education & outreach
- Sharing materials with partners

Respectfully Submitted,  
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