



Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan
Invasive Species Network
September 2016

Acres Treated: 180

Sites Treated: 3

Surveyed: 187 acres, 5 mi shoreline

Sites Surveyed: 7

Volunteers: 15

Volunteer Hours: 30

Active Contacts: 217

Passive Contacts: 7,411 + website

Meetings/Presentations:

- 9/1 – Met with Consumers Mike Friend (for permission to access prop. to survey/treat phrag)
- 9/6 – Attended MISC Core Team meeting (Lansing)
- 9/7 – Participated in Fulton Park site visit
- 9/8 – Presented Leadership Grand Traverse "Deep Dive; 6 attendees
- 9/8 – Hosted ISN Steering Committee meeting
- 9/16 – Attended Sleeping Bear BioBlitz; 5 active contacts
- 9/19 – Attended & discussed ISN at Boardman River Game Dinner; 10 active contacts
- 9/20 – Attended & reported at Betsie River Restoration Committee meeting; ~7 active contacts
- 9/21 – Met with TART regarding invasive species management on Leelanau Trail; 1 contact
- 9/22 – Presented on invasive species to students at Leelanau Field Day; ~130 students
- 9/29 – Hosted DNR FRD training; 6 attendees
- 9/29 – Met with Kingsley teachers re: IS in classroom/field
- 9/30 – Sat on panel at *The Future of Nature* event; ~75 attendees (passive)

Treatments and Surveys:

- 9/9 – Manistee County Woody Workbee (Lake Bluff Audubon); 3 volunteers, 6 volunteer hours, 5 acres treated & surveyed
- 9/10 – Grand Traverse Landowner Training & Woody Workbee (GTCD/NER); 8 volunteers, 16 volunteer hours, 1 acre treated & surveyed
- 9/23 – Hosted Leelanau woody workbee; 4 volunteers, 8 volunteer hours, 1 acre treated/surveyed
- 9/24 – Hosted Benzie Workshop and Workbee; no attendees
- Completed permissions, permitting, and bidding for *Phragmites* treatments on roadsides, inland lakes, and large-scale projects (Manistee/Betsie)
- Treated ~160 acres of *Phragmites* at Manistee River delta
- Treated ~20 acres *Phragmites* at Betsie

Other Accomplishments:

- 9/15 - Submitted full MISGP3 proposal
- Posted informational sign at Elberta Beach (regarding tarped baby's breath)
- Updated *Go Beyond Beauty* branding & eNews template
- Mailed more information to prospective *Go Beyond Beauty* participants; 20 passive contacts
- September eNews: 272 reached
- Facebook: 7,049 reached

Ongoing Work:

- Finishing up *Phragmites* treatments
- Managing ISN budget
- Updating ISN website, Facebook page, and resources
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Surveying for priority species in each county
- Education & outreach
- Creating & sharing materials with partners

Upcoming Events:

- ISN Partner Meeting—early November, date TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

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