



Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan
Invasive Species Network
February 2017

Acres Treated: 0
Sites Treated: 0
Surveyed: 0
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Volunteers: 0
Volunteer Hours: 0
Active Contacts: 38
Passive Contacts: 16,433 + website

Meetings/Presentations:

- 2/1 - Baby's breath workbee planning meeting (3 attendees)
- 2/6 - Student interview
- 2/9 - Presented *Habitat Matters* with invasive ornamental focus to GT Wild Ones (9 present)
- 2/10 - Met with WWS re: permissions/liability
- 2/13 - Attended Michigan Dune Alliance meeting (~15 attendees, 10 direct contacts)
- 2/24 - met with prospective college student re: careers
- Participated in National Invasive Species Awareness Week

Treatments and Surveys:

- Preparation for field season

Other Accomplishments:

- **Communication Specialist Shelli DiFranco started work!**
- 2/15 - "Attended" webinar: Communicating Conservation
- Mailed GBB meeting invitations (130)
- Completed GBB participant signs, bumper stickers, and rack cards
- Hiring Survey Technicians for field season (application closes 3/3)
- NISAW blurb in Manistee News Advocate (3,700 circulation)
- NISAW blurb on IPR Almanac (>1,000 circulation)
- Registered for GT County Earth Day event (April 22)
- **Mentored 2 CISMAs regarding GBB (NEMI CISMA & SB CISMA)**

Ongoing Work:

- TART Leelanau Trail Invasive Species Management Plan work
- Began 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:

- 3/21, 1pm: Spring Partner Meeting (open to the public)
- 4/6, 2pm: *Go Beyond Beauty* Spring Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team
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