



Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan
Invasive Species Network
April 2017

Acres Treated: 4
Sites Treated: 5
Acres Surveyed: 6
Sites Surveyed: 7

Volunteers: 11
Volunteer Hours: 33
Active Contacts: 244
Passive Contacts: 18,805 + website

Meetings/Presentations:

- 4/4 - Conducted BB workbee planning meeting
- 4/6 - Hosted *Go Beyond Beauty* spring kick-off (25 attendees)
- 4/11 - Hosted GTBay Phragmites meeting (9 present)
- 4/12 - Assisted with Saving Birds Thru Habitat presentation at LCD (~30 passive, 5 active contacts)
- 4/12 - Attended & presented at the GTSI Community Connections dinner (~20 passive, 4 active contacts)
- 4/21 - Held ISN booth at MCD Seedling Sale; 10 active, 30 passive contacts
- 4/22 - Attended GT County Earth Day event; 60 active, 40 passive contacts
- 4/25 - Attended & updated at Landing Blitz mtg in Benzie County
- 4/25 - Attended & updated at Betsie River Restoration meeting (8 attendees)
- 4/27 - Attended & updated at Saving Birds Thru Habitat action meeting (5 attendees)
- 4/29 - Held table at Oryana openhouse (100 active, 600 passive contacts, 9 volunteer hours, 2 volunteers)

Treatments and Surveys:

- 4/14 - Japanese barberry filming & workbee (1 site, 1 acre treated, 3 acres surveyed, 6 volunteers, 12 hours)
- 4/17 - Site visit to Portage Lake (Glen Park & N Pt Park) for restoration
- 4/18 - Private land site visit (Grand Traverse County, Acme Twp); 1/2 acre surveyed
- 4/27 - Leelanau County site visit (2 contacts, 1 acre surveyed)
- 4/27 - Attended Boardman Lake phytoremediation site visit (2 acres, 5 contacts)
- Pulled garlic mustard (4 sites, 3 acres), Grand Traverse County; NER and East Bay Twp
- Submitted ROW permit for Benzie Roadsides
- Sending/receiving cost-share agreements for JK 2017 treatment
- Prepared mailing list for sending JK treatment request letters
- Collected live stakes for restoration projects (source: NER)
- Submitted 2017 DNR treatment permissions

Other Accomplishments:

- 4/10 - Met w/ MCD about restoration projects
- 4/12 - Met w/ MCD about outreach/events
- 4/17 - Met with GTRLC & TSN: field season planning
- 4/18 - Met with GTSI Coordinator
- 4/20 - Met w/ Derek Melville at TC Parks & Rec about 2017 treatment
- 4/20 - Sustainable funding meeting
- **4/24 - ISN Survey Technicians started! Welcome Sarah Green and Audrey Menninga!**
- 4/25 - Met with TWC re: PH & ISN



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- **Officially registered 6 new Go Beyond Beauty participants (5 landowners and 1 landscaper)**
- Sent municipality first-contact letters (46 total)
- Sent municipality second-contact letters (28 total)
- Re-started the ISN Instagram account
- Volunteer time: Created native seed packets for giveaway/prizes (2 volunteers, 12 hours)
- Created JB Trade up/Dumpster Day advertisements for TC Ticker and Northern Express
- Submitted MISGP Progress Report
- NatureChange [JB video](#) released (~500 passive contacts)
- Submitted Betsie Current article on baby's breath (Memorial Day issue)

Ongoing Work:

- TART Leelanau Trail Invasive Species Management Plan work
- Continued Municipality outreach work
- Continued field season prep 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:

- 5/12, 9am: Manistee County garlic mustard workbee & lunch
- 5/13, 9am: Grand Traverse County garlic mustard workbee & lunch
- 5/13, 10am: Japanese barberry Trade-Up/Dumpster Day
- 5/13, 1:30 pm: Invasive Species paper-making workshop
- 5/19, 9am: Benzie County garlic mustard workbee & lunch
- 5/20, 9am: Leelanau County garlic mustard workbee & lunch
- 5/25, 9am: Elberta baby's breath workbee
- 6/1, 9am: Elberta baby's breath workbee
- 6/3, 9am: Japanese Knotweed Community Workshop

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team
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