



Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan
Invasive Species Network
August 2017

Active Contacts: 248
Passive Contacts: 15,153 + website
Volunteer Hours: 12
Volunteers: 4

Acres Treated: 82.5
Sites Treated: 104
Acres Surveyed: 124.5 +misc
Sites Surveyed: 146

Meetings/Presentations:

- 8/1 - Presented invasive ID at CSA; 25 contacts
- 8/1 - Attended & reported at Frankfort Tree Board mtg; 12 attendees
- 8/2 - Met with GTBOI re: grants
- 8/3 - Attended Leelanau Conservancy Day (honored as Conservation Partner of the Year)-- canceled due to atrocious weather, but a beautiful event anyway! Photos coming soon
- 8/3 - Presented *Habitat Matters* at (Benzie) Lake Twp meeting; 11 attendees
- 8/11 - Held table at Port Oneida Fair; 46 active contacts, 64 passive contacts, 3 dogs
- 8/18 - Held table at Frankfort Art Fair; 28 active, 45 passive
- 8/21 - Did not look directly at the sun
- 8/24 - Participated in Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework (PAMF) site enrollment & data collection (Manistee Lake)
- 8/24 - Interviewed by Nature Change for VOGD treatment update
- 8/24 - Interviewed by Nature Change for barberry treatment update
- 8/24 - Brainstorming meeting with Brewery Terra Firma (seasonal housing & enrichment)
- 8/24 & 8/25 - Delivered Go Beyond Beauty materials to participants
- 8/29 - Met w/ Aquatic Pathways Project re: grants & organization
- 8/29 - Steering Committee meeting
- 8/29 - Conducted site visit (Leelanau County) re: treatment efficacy w/ NRCS; 2 contacts
- 8/29 - Led Invasive Species Hike at Upper Herring Lake Preserve; 27 participants
- 8/31 - Met w/ GTRLC re: GLRI2016 implementation
- 8/31 - Participated in Kingsley Library Monarch Release program; 38 participants

Treatments and Surveys:

- 8/3 - Hosted final Baby's breath workbee on Elberta Beach; 4 volunteers, 12 hrs, 1 acre treated
- Began PH source population treatments at Manistee Delta; ~60 acres treated
- Treated baby's breath at Sand Products; 6 acres treated & surveyed
- Treated JK in 4 counties: BC 16 sites, 1.5 acre; GT 29 sites, 3 acres; LC 23 sites, 1 acre; MC 32 sites, 3 acres; VOGD (MC) 6 acres
- Treated high-priority invasive species at Kid's Creek, 1 acre
- Surveyed 31 sites in four counties: 181 acres + **67.5 road miles + 120 miles inland lake shoreline + 14.5 miles GL shoreline + 185 river miles**
- Phragmites site visits in 4 counties: 9 sites, 10 acres, 1 new permission
- Treatment monitoring/follow-up at Kids Creek; 2 acres surveyed



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Other Accomplishments:

- Continued PH letters, 6 permission request letters sent, 4 email request- 2 new permissions received
- Kicked off Japanese Barberry Buyback - **9 businesses have already responded!**
- Mailed initial round of letters to regional businesses regarding JB Buyback program (100+ letters sent)
- Assisted Kalkaska CD with barberry event planning/brainstorming
- Provided ISN materials for Children's Garden Awards Night
- New print materials: Japanese barberry rack card and barberry, baby's breath, and swallow-wort door hangers
- **Welcomed three new GBB participants!**
- Facebook reach: 9,119 passive
- Japanese buyback article published in [Manistee News Advocate](#)

Ongoing Work:

- Continued work on MISGP grant full proposals
- Prepared updates to ISN's Strategic Plan for partner review
- TART Leelanau Trail Invasive Species Management Plan 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:

- ISN Partner Meeting: October 31, 1-4 pm, Boardman River Nature Center, Traverse City (public welcome!)

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team
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