



# Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan  
Invasive Species Network  
September 2017

**Active Contacts: 101**  
**Passive Contacts: 11,723 +website**  
**Volunteer Hours: 0**  
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**Acres Surveyed: 334 +misc.**  
**Sites Surveyed: 28**  
**Acres Treated: 205**  
**Sites Treated: 8**

## Meetings/Presentations:

- 9/6 - "Attended" MISC Core Team conference call
- 9/12 - Met with Pathfinder school re: invasive species projects ("Leelanau Goes Native"); 4 attendees
- 9/14 - 7th Day Adventist Church informal invasive species presentation; 9 attendees
- 9/19 - Co-presented to GT Hiking Club w/ NC CISMA; 20 present
- 9/19 - Presented to Filer Township Planning Commission (ordinances etc.); 3 contacts
- 9/20 - "Attended" MISC Annual Meeting planning call
- 9/22 - Met with community partners regarding internship opportunities; 2 contacts
- 9/25 - "Attended" State-wide CISMA Coordinator call
- 9/26 - Attended Leelanau Goes Native meeting in Leland; 3 present
- 9/28 - Attended Leelanau Goes Native tour at Pathfinder School; determined invasive species projects for students

## Treatments and Surveys:

- Treated PH source populations in Manistee & Benzie counties; 200 acres
- 9/11 - OB site visit; 4 present, 1 acre surveyed
- Japanese barberry buy-back program launched; 14 participants, 42 plants removed & replaced
- JB buyback site visits: 9 sites, 6 acres
- Surveyed 11 sites in four counties: 176 acres + 314 road miles

## Other Accomplishments:

- **Completed & submitted 3 MI Invasive Species Grant Program full proposals**
- Record Patriot [article on JB Buyback](#); 4,000 circulation
- Interviewed by [Manistee News Advocate](#) regarding Japanese stiltgrass and managing early detection species; 3,700 circulation
- Working with Dave Barrons re: targeting Leelanau townships
- Submitted DEQ permit additions
- Completed & submitted TART's Leelanau Trail invasive species Management Plan
- Facebook reach: 3,995 passive

## Ongoing Work:

- Prepared updates to ISN's Strategic Plan for partner review
- Managing ISN budget
- Updating ISN website, Facebook page, and resources
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Education & outreach
- Creating & sharing materials with partners

## Upcoming Events:

- Japanese Barberry Remove & Replace Workbee: October 3, 9am-noon, Rotary Park, Frankfort
- 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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