



Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan
Invasive Species Network
October 2017

Active Contacts: 505
Passive Contacts: 12,927 +website
Volunteer Hours: 40
Volunteers: 13

Acres Surveyed: 53
Sites Surveyed: 37
Acres Treated: 38.75
Sites Treated: 31

Meetings/Presentations:

- 10/3 - Attended Portage Lake Strategic Planning meeting
- 10/4 – Presented on invasive species to NMC class; 30 active contacts
- 10/5 – Kids Creek site visit w/ Master Gardeners
- 10/5 - Presented at Crystal Lake Walk-a-bout; 140 6th & 7th graders
- 10/9 - "Attended" MISC Annual Mtg planning call
- 10/10-11 – Attended Pollinator Conference; 8 active contacts
- 10/12 - "Attended" Aquatic decontamination webinar
- 10/12 – Held booth at Long Lake Elementary "Parents go to school" night; 5 active, 20 passive
- 10/13 - Presented at Leelanau 5th Grade Field Day; 72 students
- 10/16 – Presented at MI Nursery & Landscape Assoc. Pesticide Credit Clinic; 20 active
- 10/16 - "Attended" MISC Annual Meeting call
- 10/20 – Attended & held booth at Freshwater Summit; 10 active, 50 passive contacts
- 10/23-10/26 – Attended North American Invasive Species Managers Association conference in Reno; 5 active contacts
- 10/24 - Attended Benzie Watersheds Coalition Meeting; 5 active contacts
- 10/31 – Hosted ISN Partner Meeting; 30 active contacts

Treatments and Surveys:

- 10/3 - Hosted Japanese barberry workbee in Rotary Park; 12 volunteers, 30 volunteer hours, 26 barberries removed & replaced, 1 acre
- Buyback Program wrap-up: **144 barberry plants** removed from **13 sites** and replaced with non-invasives/natives; participation from 3 counties and 4 GBB landscapers
- PH treatments in 4 counties: 27 sites, 36 acres
- Treated OB in Grand Traverse Archie Park; 0.25 acres
- Site visits & Tx monitoring: 8 sites, 14 acres

Other Accomplishments:

- JB article (Rotary Park Workbee) [published in Record Patriot](#); 4,000 circulation
- Delivered bootbrush station materials to partners
- Reached out to municipalities regarding GM dumpsters in spring
- Distributed GBB participant signs & materials
- EPA GLRI Progress Reporting completed (2015 & 2016)
- Facebook reach: 8,905 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:

- Watch for Garlic Mustard Workbees in May!

Respectfully Submitted,
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