



Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan
Invasive Species Network
February 2018

Public Inquiry Responses: >6
Active Contacts: 105
Passive Contacts: 16,019
Volunteer Hours: 0
Volunteers: 0

Acres Surveyed: 0
Sites Surveyed: 0
Acres Treated: 0
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Meetings/Presentations:

- 2/2 - ISN workplan/budget update mini-retreat
- 2/2 – Advised at NRCS/EQIP payment schedule brainstorming
- 2/8-2/9 - Attended DNR's Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively training; 5 new contacts
- 2/13 - Attended Baby's breath workbee meeting
- 2/16 - Great Lakes Leadership Academy interview
- 2/20 - "Attended" MISGP conference call re: new grant
- 2/20 - Hosted Nature Change brainstorming meeting
- 2/21 - Participated in Rotary Environmental Sector meeting; ~20 attendees
- 2/21 - Attended Northsky professional development: Better Stories by Design
- 2/25-3/3 – National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW)—Facebook outreach
- 2/26 - Hosted Steering Committee Meeting
- 2/27 - Met w/ TWC re: spring event; 1 contact
- 2/27 - Met w/ NatureChange re: Manistee screening event
- 2/28 - Met with SEEDS re: future work; 1 contact

Treatments and Surveys:

- None

Other Accomplishments:

- **New GBB Participants! Cre Woodland (Empire-based landscaper) and Dawn Garrock (homeowner)**
- **Hired ISN Seasonal workers!**
- Created JB flier for townships/municipalities
- Created Top 20 flier
- Mailed GBB meeting postcards; >60 + digital invites
- ISN Gear [available for purchase!](#)
- ISN coloring book [available on website](#) for free download!
- Completed ISN Business Plan draft for Steering Committee review
- Completed ISN FY18 budget amendment
- Submitted DNR Pesticide Application Permit for state lands treatment
- Completed & submitted USFS 2016 progress report
- Facebook reach: 8,061
- Website reach: 7,898



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Ongoing Work:

- EPA-GLRI 2015 Final Report
- Field Season prep
- Editing Funding Plan
- Managing ISN budget
- Updating ISN site, Facebook, & resources
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Education & outreach
- Creating & sharing materials with partners

Upcoming Events:

- April 4 – *Go Beyond Beauty* spring meeting
- **ISN Spring Partner Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 1-3pm, Boardman River Nature Center**
- Garlic Mustard Workbees (and more) in May! (Dates on our website)
- June 1 – Jane Kramer [Foreshadowing](#) Gallery Opening at Boardman River Nature Center
- June 2 – Garlic mustard paper making with Jane Kramer
- June 7 – ID and GPS training for seasonal crews & partners
- Baby's breath workbees May-August
- Knotweed community trainings in June

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team
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