



# Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan  
Invasive Species Network  
September 2018

**Public Inquiry Responses: 40**

**Active Contacts: 174**

**Passive Contacts: 5,837 +>200,000** (AP & NPR reporting)

**Volunteer Hours: 0**

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**Acres Surveyed: 95.25**

**Sites Surveyed: 40**

**Acres Treated: 42.75**

**Sites Treated: 36**

## Meetings/Presentations:

- 9/1 – Presented *Habitat Matters* to Bear Lake Community; 26 attendees
- 9/5 – Hosted ISN Steering Committee Meeting
- 9/11 - "Attended" MISC annual meeting planning call
- 9/11 - Attended & updated at Frankfort Tree Board Meeting
- 9/13 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to Arcadia Township; 48 attendees
- 9/17 – Attended & elected Chair at MISC Core Team meeting
- 9/18 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to PEO Club in Onkama (18 attendees)
- 9/18 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to Bear Lake Township (11 attendees)
- 9/19 - "Attended" WIGL landscape alternatives conference call
- 9/24 - "Attended" & updated on CISMA Coordinator call
- 9/25 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to Whitewater Township; 17 attendees
- 9/25 - "Attended" Play Clean Go Advisory Committee meeting call
- 9/26 - "Attended" MISC annual meeting call

## Treatments, Restoration, and Surveys:

- Knotweed treatments: 2 sites, 0.25 acres
- Phragmites treatments: 20 sites, 39.5 acres
- EDR treatments: kudzu; 1 site, giant hogweed 1 site (both re-treatments)
- Other treatments: 12 sites, 3 acres
- Site visits/surveys: 4 sites, 71.5 acres

## Other Accomplishments:

- 9/4 - WCMU interview on swallow-wort (see below)
- 9/6 - Interviewed for Leelanau Enterprise article
- 9/14 - Submitted Rotary Systems Change Accelerator grant
- 9/14 - USFS Landscape Scale Restoration grant sent on for review
  - Approved & supported by State Forester for full submission!
- 9/18 - Submitted Williams Endowment Community Foundation grant
- 9/28 - Finalized & submitted MISGP grant: *Invasive Species Leadership in Northwest Lower Michigan*
- 9/28 - Finalized & submitted MISGP grant: *ISN Mission Fulfillment*
- Swallow-wort press release picked up by the AP and NPR, leading to reporting in [The Daily News](#), [The Detroit News](#), [Detroit Free Press](#), [WLNS](#), [Fox66](#), [Michigan Radio](#), [WNMU](#), [WKAR](#), [WCMU](#) (and other NPR stations), and Connecticut's [The Hour](#); estimated reach estimated >200,000
- Surveyed *Go Beyond Beauty* participants regarding possible sterile barberry cultivar; results [on website](#)
- Added [ISN in the News](#) and [Nature Change videos](#) pages to website
- Facebook reach: 3,509
- Website reach: 3,719
- Instagram reach: 1,027

## Upcoming Events:

- Fall partner meeting Wednesday, November 7, 1-4pm, Boardman River Nature Center

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team  
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