



Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan
Invasive Species Network
July 2019

Public Inquiry Responses: 56
Active Contacts: 249
Passive Contacts: 18,531
Volunteer Hours: 38
Volunteers: 19
Acres Restored: 0

Acres Surveyed: 1,135
Sites Surveyed: 77
Acres Treated: 627.5
Sites Treated: 59 +3 PL beetle sites
Sites Restored: 0

Meetings/Presentations:

- 7/9 - Hosted Leelanau knotweed training; 3 attendees
- 7/10 - Hosted Manistee knotweed training; 7 attendees
- 7/10 - Held booth at Invasive Mussel Cooperative open house; 10 direct contacts
- 7/11 - "Attended" & reported at PCG update call
- 7/12 - Held booth at Periwinkle Garden Club Garden Tour; 28 direct contacts
- 7/16 - Presented *Habitat Matters* at Spirit of the Woods Conservation Camp kids camp; 32 kids
- 7/16 - "Attended" MISGP webinars, Parts 1 & 2
- 7/17 - "Attended" NAISMA webinar
- 7/18 - Presented garlic mustard papermaking at GTCD Summer Camp; 30 kids
- 7/18 - Participated in MISC Annual Meeting conference call
- 7/23 - Presented on ISN/knotweed/GIS; 7 attendees
- 7/24 - Presented brief ISN overview to International Joint Commission; 25 people
- 7/26 - Presented *Habitat Matters* at CSA Ecology Fun camp; 13 attendees

Treatments, Restoration, and Surveys:

- 7/2 – Release purple loosestrife beetles at Little Traverse Lake (Leelanau), Spider Lake (GT), and Honor (Benzie)
- 7/8 - Conducted GT site visit (Arbutus Park #5); 2 acres, 2 contacts
- 7/13 - Hosted baby's breath workbee (Elberta beach); 11 volunteers, 2 acres
- 7/25 - Hosted Elberta Beach Baby's Breath Workbee; 8 volunteers, 16 hours, 10 acres
- Surveyed North Manitou Island for HWA; 276 acres
- Surveyed Lake Bluff preserve; 20 acres
- Surveyed inland lakes for Phragmites; 11 sites, 21 acres
- Visited East Middle School native gardens; 0.25 acres, 1 contacts
- Completed PAMF monitoring; 1 acre
- **Early Detection Response: Chinese yam confirmed** (GT County); further surveys next
- "New" species finally officially reported to Herbarium: common teasel
- Pulled/sprayed swallow-wort: 14 sites, 12 acres
- Conducted landowner site visits: 1 sites, 1 acres, 2 contacts
- Conducted knotweed site visits: 1 sites, 1.5 acres
- Conducted Phragmites site visits: 1 site, 0.25 acres
- Treated knotweed: 24 sites, 5 acres
- Sprayed 56 acres, 2 sites of baby's breath
- Pulled 374 acres, 4 sites of baby's breath (including SLBE/GTRLC crew work)
- Treated 1 site, 2 acres bittersweet
- Controlled other invasives: 10 sites, 156.5 acres
- Contract treatments: 1 site, 5 acres



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Other Accomplishments:

- 7/1-7/5 – AIS Awareness Week (online participation)
- Submitted USFS CWMA Semi Annual Report
- Finished Prioritization Assessment
- Designed flyer for Seed Libraries
- Continued work on permitting
- Continued work on survey permissions
- Continued outreach & education work
- Facebook reach: 8,286
- Website reach: 6,836
- Instagram reach: 2,996
- June 2019 eNews: 595 opens

Upcoming Events:

- Autumn Olive Landowner Workshop August 21
- Additional ISN events scheduled: www.habitatmatters.org/eventsworkbees

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team
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