



# Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan  
Invasive Species Network  
August 2019

**Public Inquiry Responses: 51**

**Active Contacts: 440**

**Passive Contacts: 26,635**

**Volunteer Hours: 8**

**Volunteers: 4**

**Acres Restored: 0**

**Acres Surveyed: 115**

**Sites Surveyed: 132**

**Acres Treated: 104**

**Sites Treated: 131**

**Sites Restored: 0**

## Meetings/Presentations:

- 8/5 - Held Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (MISGP) brainstorming meeting
- 8/9 - Held booth at Port Oneida Fair; 100 direct, 50 passive contacts
- 8/10 - Presented on Phragmites treatment to Chief Lake Association; 32 present
- 8/13 - Attended & reported at Frankfort Tree Board; 5 attendees
- 8/13-14 - Attended & reported at Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area field trip (Sault Ste. Marie); 30 contacts
- 8/15 - Crew's last day & exit interviews
- 8/16 - Held booth at Frankfort Art Fair (partner with Frankfort Tree Board); 50 active, 30 passive impressions
- 8/19 - Held ISN Prioritization meeting; 9 attendees
- 8/19 - Fielded GTCD Board questions re: MISGP grants
- 8/20 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to Sweetwater Garden Club; 15 attendees
- 8/21 - Presented *Native Plants and Birds* to Fife Lake Senior Center; 26 attendees
- 8/21 - Held Autumn Olive Workshop (Manistee); 35 attendees
- 8/22 - Participated in Michigan Invasive Species Coalition Annual Meeting call
- 8/27 - Led Arcadia Marsh invasives/natives hike; 29 contacts
- 8/29 - Assisted with Kingsley Library monarch release; 26 contacts

## Treatments, Restoration, and Surveys:

- 8/1 - Hosted final baby's breath workbee; 4 volunteers, 5 acres
- 8/20 - East Middle School native garden site visit
- **Early Detection Response:** Treated giant hogweed: 1 site; 1 juvenile plant (down from ~10 last year), 0 adults (down from 3 in 2016)
- **Early Detection Response:** Treated black swallow-wort: 17 sites 3.5 acres
- Knotweed treatments: 107 sites, 39.25 acres
- Phragmites treatments: 5 sites, 55.5 acres

## Other Accomplishments:

- Drafted 3 Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program proposals:
  - Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA)-only: continuing function
  - Competitive Early Detection and Response: survey & control for 9 species
  - Competitive Prevention: expanding *Go Beyond Beauty* statewide
- [Manistee News Advocate article on autumn olive workshop](#); 15,000 reach
- 8/26 - Conducted site visit to SLBE for slender false brome ID & treatment lesson; also saw Himalayan blackberry & false spiraea
- Exploring biomass burning invasive species partnership
  - 8/30 - Delivered invasive species biomass samples for analysis; 3 contacts
- Continued work on permitting/contracts



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- Continued work on survey permissions
- Continued outreach & education work
- Facebook reach: 4,083
- Website reach: 5,144
- Instagram reach: 2,328
- July 2019 eNews: 532 opens

### Upcoming Events:

- Autumn Olive Landowner Workshops: September 19 (Leelanau), 30 (Manistee #2)
- Additional ISN events scheduled: [www.habitatmatters.org/eventsworkbees](http://www.habitatmatters.org/eventsworkbees)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie Grzesiak and the ISN Team  
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