Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network
July 2026

Public Inquiry Responses: 50
Active Efforts: 227
Active Impressions: 536
Passive Efforts: 52
Passive Impressions: 9,976
***GBB*-specific active efforts: 25**
***GBB*-specific active impressions: 44**
***GBB*-specific passive efforts: 0**
***GBB*-specific passive impressions: 625**

Acres Surveyed: 610
Sites Surveyed: 31
Sites Monitored: 0
Acres Treated: 162
Sites Treated: 51
Acres Restored: 0
HWA Inches Treated: 12,287
Volunteer Hours: 32.5
Volunteers: 17

Meetings, Presentations, or Trainings:

- 7/7: Elberta Beach Baby's Breath Workbee - 10 attendees
- 7/9: ISN Board meetings
- 7/13-7/16: Our treatment crews went on an adventure with Sleeping Bear Dunes to North Manitou for invasive species treatments!
- 7/15: Meet with MDNR and MDARD re: *Go Beyond Beauty* brainstorming
- 7/15: Attend "Eleven Rain Gardens, One Yard" webinar
- 7/18: Co-host "Garlic Mustard Papermaking and Printmaking" with Grand Traverse Conservation District - 12 attendees
- 7/20: Site visit with Benzie Conservation District
- 7/21: Northern Lower CISMA Coordinator meeting
- 7/22: Attend "How to Talk to Your Neighbors (and Your HOA) About Your Garden" webinar
- 7/23: Co-host "Intro to Invasive Species" with Sleeping Bear Dunes - 15 attendees
- 7/25: Elberta Beach Baby's Breath Workbee - 5 attendees
- 7/6: Lead "Garden Walk and Talk" with Grand Traverse Conservation District - 15 attendees

Treatments, Restoration, and Surveys:

- Invasive Species Surveys
    - Sites: 31
    - Acres: 542
- Invasive Species Treatments
    - Manistee River State Game Area (phragmites and narrowleaf cattail cut-to-drown, woody invasive management)
        - Sites: 1
        - Acres: 20
    - Joint work with Sleeping Bear Dunes
        - Acres: 49
    - Japanese knotweed
        - Sites: 2
        - Acres: 1
    - Invasive bittersweet:

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    - Sites: 44
    - Acres: 55
- Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Delimitations:
    - Sites: 4
    - Inches: 2,906
- Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Treatments:
    - Sites: 5
    - Inches: 12,287

Stats, Other Accomplishments, and News:

- ISN website unique visits: 2,129
- YouTube: 455
- ISN IG reach: 436
- ISN FB reach: 1,850
- SaveMIHemlocks website hits: 4,700
- *GBB* FB reach: 142
- *GBB* IG reach: 33
- *GBB* website unique visits: 450
- Grant Updates:
    - No new updates!
- ISN in the news:
    - None this week!
- Upcoming events:
    - Our HWA crew is getting ready to start their Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Management Workshops!
        - Manistee County - Orchard Beach State Park - Thursday, August 20th - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
        - Leelanau County - Leelanau Government Building - Thursday, September 10th - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
        - Benzie County - Mills Community House - Thursday, September 17th - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
        - Grand Traverse County - Grand Traverse Conservation District - Thursday, September 24th - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
    - Our autumn olive workshops are open for registration!
        - Manistee County - Orchard Beach State Park - Thursday, August 27th - 5:30pm - 7:30pm
        - Leelanau County - Leelanau Government Building - Wednesday, September 2nd - 5:30pm - 7:30pm
    - Check out our website to see what we've got posted - we've been scheduling our yearly events left and right last month, so make sure to check it out!

Respectfully Submitted,
ISN Team
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