



Monthly Report

Northwest Michigan
Invasive Species Network
July 2014

Acres Treated: 175.5
Acres Surveyed: 172
Volunteer Hours: 0
People Contacted: 138

Meetings/Presentations:

- 6/30 - attended RCPP informational meeting; 35 reached
- 7/7 - Presented & led hike at Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club summer camp; 15 kids
- 7/8 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to Benzie Sunrise Rotary; audience of ~50
- 7/9 - Met with GTRLC on treatment & more; 4 attendees
- 7/10 - Attended GT PH planning meeting; 12 attendees
- 7/29 - "Attended" GLRI webinar
- 7/29 - Attended Professional Liability Insurance informational mtg.
- 7/30 - Hosted ISN/GLRI meeting; 12 attendees
- 7/31 - Presented *Habitat Matters* at Leelanau County invasives meeting; 10 attendees

Other Accomplishments:

- Worked with GTRLC to remove garlic mustard; 30 acres treated, 95 acres surveyed
- Worked with TNC to remove baby's breath (BB) & bladder campion (BC) on SLBE and TNC preserves; 37 acres
- Worked with TNC to treat spotted knapweed (SK); 25 acres treated
- Worked with USFS to spray Oriental bittersweet at Cooley Bridge; 1.5 acres (dense!)
- Worked with GTRLC to treat BB and BC at Arcadia Dunes; ~40 acres
- Worked with GTRLC to remove SK at Arcadia grasslands; ~30 acres
- Worked with GTRLC to remove SK and BC at Maple Bay; ~10 acres
- Finished treating Japanese & giant knotweed (JK/GK) in Leelanau; 6 sites, ~2 acres
- Removed GK stalks on private property in Leelanau County; 1 site
- Surveyed Orchard Beach State Park (Manistee County) for Top 20; ~40 acres
- Surveyed Grass Lake (Benzie County) for Top 20--*only native PH found!* ~4.5 miles or ~22 acres
- Surveyed Brown Bridge for Top 20 (Grand Traverse County); ~15 acres
- Finalized Regional Conservation Partnership Program match
- Submitted Pulling Together Initiative grant pre-proposal
- Began GLRI grant proposal
- Contacted landowners for late summer JK (Clearcast) spray

Ongoing Work:

- Began JK and PH permitting (state land/aquatic areas)
- Drafting Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant proposal
- Updating ISN website, Facebook page, and resources
- Updating and consolidating GIS data
- Surveying for priority species in each county
- Education & outreach
- Creating & sharing materials with partners

Respectfully Submitted,
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