

Overview

A new coordinator has stepped in and is hoping to fill Chris's shoes. Mitch Ives began as TIP's coordinator on May 22 and is hoping to continue to build upon what Chris has already built. Chris left a very detailed orientation guide which served as a major asset to the new coordinator while adjusting to the role.

May Highlights:

- TIP's new coordinator first day was May 22.
- Meeting with and getting to know the staff at the Langlade County Forestry Dept. and the Resource Center
- Identifying and controlling garlic mustard with the help of the Menominee County Forestry Dept. and the Legend Lake Property Owners Association.



Educational Outreach

May Reach Review

During the month of May the coordinator generated an educational brochure for area loggers and foresters which highlighted the threat invasives pose to the forest ecosystem. Since loggers and other forestry professionals spend a substantial amount of time in the forest they are the most likely to come into contact with invasives, particularly garlic mustard. The brochure also included some tips for how loggers and foresters can help slow the spread and mitigate the impact of invasives by implementing certain principles into their daily operations. General outreach was up slightly for the month of May with over 300 people reached over our Facebook page and 518 people reached over our website! However face to face outreach activities are down due to the transition to a new coordinator



TIP aided the Menominee County Forestry Dept. and the Legend Lake Property Owners Association in doing a few spot checks for Garlic Mustard in the Legend Lake area. TIP also aided in pulling a few plants which were missed in initial spraying. Also TIP began letting landowners who have granted permission to survey their properties along the Langlade County Recreational Trails when we would be conducting the surveys.

Invasive Species Spotlight: Silky Bush Clover

Be on the look out for Silky Bush Clover (*Sericea Lespedeza*), also known as Chinese Bush Clover. It is a Prohibited species in Wisconsin. *Sericea Lespedeza* can inhabit a variety of upland habitats ranging from forests to roadsides and prairie areas. Silky Bush Clover can be identified by its trifoliate alternate compound leaves with short petioles. The upper surface of these leaves is green, while the bottom has silky hairs. Later in the season it will bloom small creamy white colored flowers with a purple blotch at the base.

Silky Bush Clover has not been reported extensively in Wisconsin, so if you believe that you have it snap pictures of the leaves and flowers (if present) and end them in to either TIP or the DNR.



Partner Updates

Feed a Bee!

Jeremy Johnson of the Menominee County Forestry, Land Conservation, and Zoning Department was recently awarded a “Feed a Bee” forage grant from the Bayer chemical company for \$2,500. This grant program is intended to bolster bee populations by providing increased forage opportunities for them. Jeremy will use the grant to plant seeds of native forbs along Hwy VV in the town of Legend Lake. An added benefit of having a better established community of native plants will be greater resistance to infestation by invasives such as spotted knapweed! Congratulations Jeremy!

Do you have a mystery plant? Or a suspected invasive species?

The cost to coordinate TIP this May was below average. This is mostly due to turning over the coordinator position. TIP has an estimated \$39,000 in available funding for various 2017 and 2018 activities.

GLRI grants

In March TIP was selected for GLRI funding under Focus Area 2 – Invasive Species, Template 10 – Cooperative Weed Management Area Network for the TIP Rapid Response Team project. This grant will supply TIP with \$36,400 for field work to be used in the next two years. TIP, Lumberjack RC & D, and the USFS is currently working on the operating plan, financial plan, and agreement for this grant.

Looking Forward

Coordinator's Focus

Our new coordinator began on May 22nd. The coordinator hopes to continue to build upon the foundation which Chris has laid. The first steps have been focused on getting settled in, meeting all the partners, and wrapping up some TIP projects which are coming to a conclusion soon. Next the coordinator will be moving into field surveys for invasives on private property bordering the Langlade County Recreation Trail system.

Coordinator's Availability

The coordinator should be available most days with some notice. I will be beginning the Langlade County field surveys next month. Feel free to contact me, I'm eager to meet everyone!



22: New Coordinator's first day

June

3: Nature Fest at Copper Culture State Park

15: Shawano County Land Conservation Committee meeting, at 8:15 in Shawano. TIP will be in attendance to formally introduce the new coordinator to Shawano County.

22: Langlade County Waterways Association meeting at 10:00 AM in Antigo. TIP will be in attendance to introduce the new coordinator

September

16: Oconto County Fly-in

How Can You Get Involved?

Action Teams

Action teams are meetings to discuss invasive species issues and plan treatment relevant to the member's area of interest. Who is a member of an Action team? Anyone willing to attend the meetings.

Volunteering

Volunteers help in the manual removal of invasive species from public lands and ditches within the CISMA, and are most welcome! Scheduling is flexible so please contact TIP Coordinator at the information below to establish a date and time you would like to volunteer.

Donations

For monetary donations, please contact Tracy Beckman at (715)369-9886.

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