



## Overview

July seemed to fly by for TIP, however it was far from uneventful. Primarily TIP's efforts have focused on control operations, to capitalize on the relatively nice weather we have had. Also a number of notable grant application and outreach events have occurred. With the major highlights being the quarterly meeting of the Lumberjack RC and D Council and the Langlade County Fair. Ongoing efforts to form new partnerships and cooperative efforts have also taken some of their first steps, and the outlook for TIP looks bright going forward.

## Educational Outreach

### June Reach Review

The zenith of TIP reach efforts in July was undoubtedly the Langlade County Fair, over the course of five days several hundred people came through the booth shared between TIP and the Langlade County Shoreland Preservation Office. Also TIP presented at the Langlade County Waterways Association annual meeting, discussing common aquatic invasives, how they affect lake property owners and what they can do about them. Additionally TIP teamed up with former TIP Coordinator Chris Arrowood (now of the Langlade County Land Records and Regulations Department), the Oneida County AIS Program, and the Land and Water Conservation Departments of Oneida and Vilas to host the Invasive Species Roadshow. The event allowed concerned citizens the opportunity to bring their questions regarding suspected invasive species to us for clarification and confirmation whether or not what they have is harmful. It was a great even which TIP certainly plans on building on for next year.

If you have any interesting invasive species stories you wouldn't mind sharing, contact TIP and we'll see about sharing it!

## Inventory & Control

### July Review

July was a productive month for control work. TIP assisted the Langlade County Forestry Department in their continual battle against garlic mustard off of the Jack Lake Fire Lane. However inventory and control efforts shifted from primarily Garlic Mustard to Wild Parsnip in July. Working along side staff from the Shawano County Hwy Department TIP aided in the treatment of over 2.6 miles of roadside, equating to over 3.2 acres of dense Wild Parsnip infestation along Highways 186 and 29 in Shawano County. Also in collaboration with the Langlade County Land Records and Conservation Department TIP aided in the treatment of over 2 miles of collective ditch line in Langlade County. We plan to revisit these sites in August, as we have found that multiple treatments on Wild Parsnip does a lot to knock back the seed bank.

### Invasive Species Spotlight: Japanese Knotweed

Japanese Knotweed, also known as Mexican Bamboo and Japanese Bamboo poses significant risk to homeowners in particular. This plant is notorious for its ability to



break through concrete with its roots, ruining the foundations of buildings. Fragments of the stem and root can remain dormant and viable for over twenty years, making this plant a very aggressive invader. With incredible strength it has the ability to break through concrete up to 4 inches thick, and also grows up to three inches a day. For these qualities some people have even referred to it as the "Godzilla Plant." This plant can be so devastating that in the UK if this plant is on your



property you are often unable to sell your home as lenders will not give loans out to buy property with this plant on it due to the risk it poses to property value and the structural integrity of homes and barns. This plant is also quite prevalent in much of the TIP area. If you believe you have Japanese Knotweed on your property please contact TIP.

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

TIP and our partners are more than happy to help you identify any mystery plants you have. Just give the TIP Coordinator a call (715-799-5710 ext. 3) or email

## Funding & Organizational Development

### June Financial Review

The cost to maintain TIP has risen slightly. This is due to a significant amount of mileage being driven as well as some meeting expenses. The amount of miles driven will likely continue as the coordinator takes on new, and ongoing projects around the area.

Category	Costs
Labor	3,383
Mileage	76.68
Supplies/	25
Total	3484.68

### Upham

To the last of TIP's knowledge the Town of Upham is deciding on approving the agreement with TIP. Also TIP has been in the beginning stages of discussion with the Town of Rolling (also in Langlade County) about setting up a similar arrangement with them for next year.

## Looking Forward

### Coordinator's Focus

My focus has moved to primarily Wild Parsnip, but I have also received a lot of calls regarding Japanese Knotweed in the Shawano area so I will be working on that as well. I will be balancing field work with grant applications the next few weeks.

### Coordinator's Availability

I will be working out of the Langlade County office more frequently going forward. However I will still be available over phone and email. I will also continue to be in attendance of as many Land Conservation Committee meetings as possible as I present the proposal from TIP to Lumberjack RD & D for approval from the LCCs. However the 23rd I will not be available as I will be attending a leadership development conference with Lumberjack.



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# Important Dates

## September

16: Oconto County Fly-in

Check out the TIP Calendar Online at [www.timberlandinvasives.org](http://www.timberlandinvasives.org) for more events!

## 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.

### Stay informed

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