



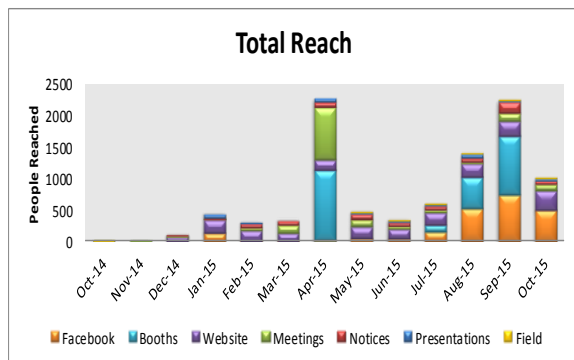
Coordinator's Monthly Report: October 2015

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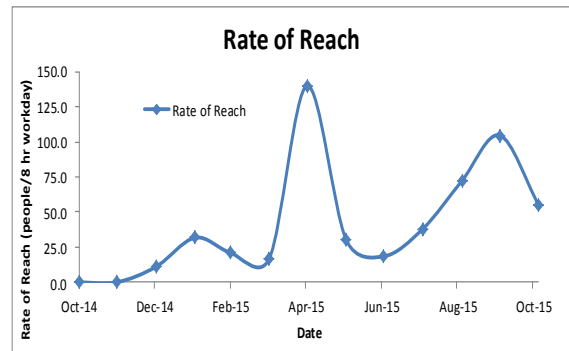
Summary

Despite things slowing down in October, TIP attended five events and meetings; reaching approximately 1004 people over 18.3 8 hr. workdays; treated 22.6 acres for invasive species; learned of 28 new populations (and the successful elimination of 21 populations) of invasive species and reached a record number of people via the TIP Website. As TIP's Coordinator I am looking forward to the next few months as an opportunity to plan our 2016 work efforts and ensure our future success.

Overall Reach Charts



This chart shows TIP's total number of people reached each month.



This chart shows TIP's "rate of reach" or the average number of people reached in an 8-hour workday.

Education & Outreach

Event of the Month: Ray Rine Land Tour

On October 6th, TIP was invited to accompany the Langlade County Land Conservation Committee as they toured local lifetime lumberjack Ray Rine's property. Ray talked a lot about his commitment to having a healthy forest, and even sent some flowers to Brigid Hanke, and Marie Graupner of Langlade County's Land Conservation Department thanking them for their on-going commitment and efforts.



Brigid Hanke (Left) and Marie Graupner (right) with there bouquets of flowers. —Chris Arrowood

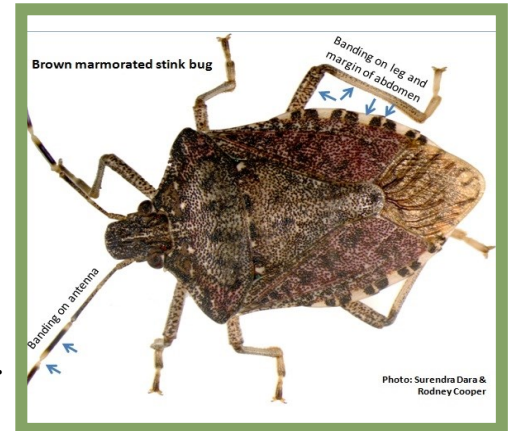
Inventory

New Invasive Species to Look For

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has announced that the invasive, fruit-devouring brown marmorated stink bugs have been found in Dane County. You are most likely to encounter this invasive species as it tries to enter your home to overwinter, much like the more familiar box elder bug.

Brown marmorated stink bugs look very similar to native stink bugs. They are shield shaped, a half inch to three-quarters inch long, and are marbled ("marmorated") with different shades of brown. Their antennae have light and dark bands, which distinguishes them from other stink bug species. They have scent glands that are the source of their name.

Anyone who finds a suspect bug can email a photo to pliesch@wisc.edu. You can also send a sample to the Insect Diagnostic Laboratory, 1630 Linden Drive, 240 Russell Labs, Madison, WI 53706. For instructions for preparing samples, go to labs.russell.wisc.edu/insectlab/samples/.



Brown marmorated stink bug. -Photo by S. Dara & R. Cooper

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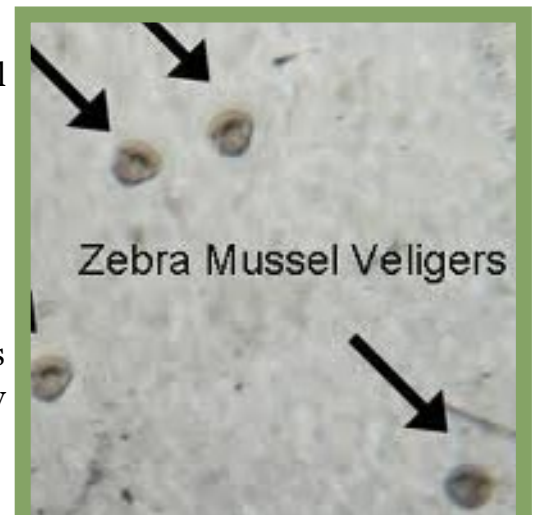
Jack Lake Ski Trails

TIP again paired up with Brigid Hanke of the Langlade County Land Conservation Department to manage invasive species. This time we covered approximately 14.4 miles (22.6 acres) of the Jack Lake Ski Trail system. While on the trail system we mapped and spot sprayed any invasive garlic mustard we discovered.

With temperatures falling, this will likely be TIP's last control event of the year. Next month we will do a brief review of all of TIP's control efforts this year.

Bass Lake Tests Negative for Zebra Mussels

On October 13th TIP received an email from Gina LaLiberte of the WDNR stating that she found no zebra mussel veliger's in water samples from Bass Lake in Oconto County. This may just be a false negative however, as the lake did test positive in 2014.



Zebra Mussel Veligers. Photo from *Outdoor Report*.

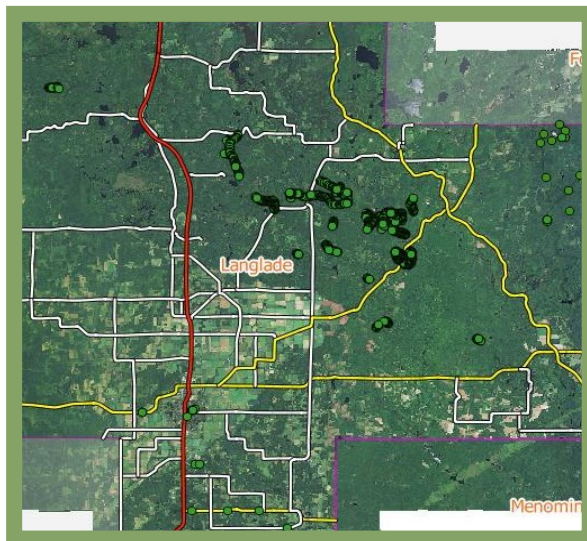
Organizational Development

Planning with Partners

In the later days of October, we have begun to work on several plans for use in 2016 (and beyond). These included an invasive species management plan for the Langlade County Forestry Department and a right-of-way invasive species management plan for highway departments.

Newsletter Development

As time has progressed we have been continually working on this *Coordinator's Monthly Report* newsletter. As discussed previously, this document is targeted at TIP Partners, Steering Committee Members, and individuals interested in receiving updates on some of our activities. It will be sent out with our typical monthly emails with general invasive species updates.



Known Populations of garlic mustard in Langlade County.

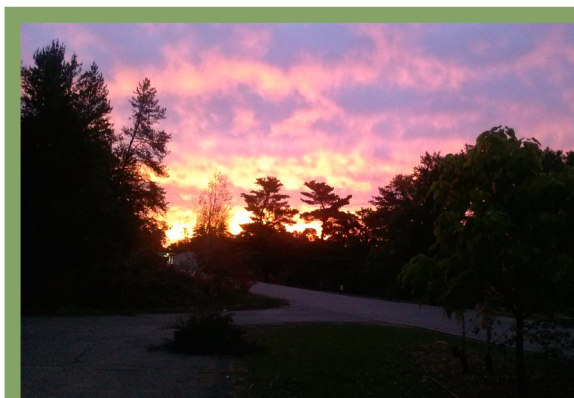
Funding

Lumberjack RC&D 2015 Grant

As of October 29th TIP's Lumberjack RC&D 2015 grant proposal for \$9,000 has received its first approval from the Lumberjack RC&D Council. The second (and final) approval will come in January 2016.

TIP Budgeted in Menominee County

In an effort to further support their commitment to TIP, Jeremy Johnson, the Director of the Menominee County Conservation, Forestry and Zoning Office was able to budget in \$2,500 for TIP-related expenses. The budget will receive its final formal approval later this year.



October sunrise as seen from the Menominee County Conservation office. By Chris Arrowood



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Upcoming Events

November

10: TIP Invasive Species Management Action Team Meeting. 8:30 AM in Antigo, WI. Main topic of discussion will be the development of an invasive species management plan for the Langlade County Forestry Department. Contact the TIP Coordinator to find out how you can join in.

17: TIP Steering Committee Meeting. 1:00 PM Keshena, WI. Agenda includes amendments to the TIP Bylaws and updates from around the region. Contact the TIP Coordinator for more details.

December

16: TIP Executive Committee Meeting. 11:00 AM via conference call. Contact the TIP Coordinator for more details.

How Can You Get Involved?

Action Team

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 fairly regularly.

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

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Tracy Beckman at (715)369-9886

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