



### Overview

Early warm weather has us eager to get out into the field, but there was still a lot of planning, for this year and next. Here are the highlights from this month:

- TIP reached almost 3 times our targeted number of people for March 2016.
- Another successful opportunity to work on educate a 4-H group on invasive species identification.
- Warm conditions and early snowmelt have given Garlic Mustard an early start.
- Partners are gearing up for the fight against Garlic Mustard.
- TIP Strategic Management Plan received revisions from the Invasive Species Management Action Team.
- TIP has submitted a grant proposal to the US Forest Service for GLRI for creating an educational booklet.

### Photo of the Month



Eagle on Legend Lake, having breakfast during TIP's Annual Meeting by Jeremy Johnson.

## Education & Outreach

### Reach Update

For March 2016 it was TIP's goal to reach at least 343 people using 120 or less coordinator hours. As of March 31st we have greatly exceeded our goal by reaching over 1,012 people using just 117 coordinator hours. This success can be attributed to an above-average performance in five out of the six major reach categories. Our goal for March 2017 will be to reach 741 people using 120 or less coordinator hours.

### Elcho Explorers Presentation

On March 14th, TIP had the pleasure of giving a presentation to the Elcho Explorers 4-H Club on invasive plant identification. There were about 16 children and parents that showed up throughout the presentation, many of which had experiences with invasive species in the past. We are looking forward to continuing to work with this group in future years and I would like to thank Sandy Reynolds for reaching out to TIP and making this happen.

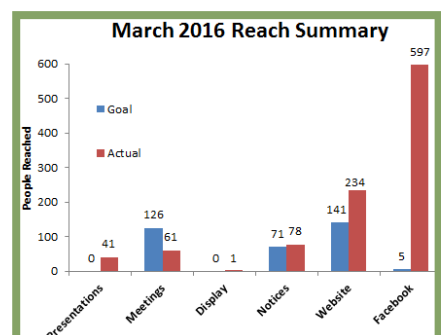


Figure 1. Comparison of TIP's goal & actual reach targets.

## Inventory

### Warm March, Early Garlic Mustard

The warm temperatures early this month were a pleasant relief from another Wisconsin winter for more than just humans. They also provided a boost to the growth of the shade-loving invasive herb Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), which is known to be present in many northern hardwood forests around the TIP area. Please keep your eyes peeled for Garlic Mustard as it is especially easy to spot before our native spring ephemerals bring green back to the forest!

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Garlic Mustard can germinate and grow at near-freezing temperatures.
- A single Garlic Mustard plant can produce thousands of seeds.
- You shouldn't compost Garlic Mustard, there is a good chance your compost pile won't get warm enough to kill the seeds.

For more information on Garlic Mustard, you can contact the TIP Coordinator, or visit the Wisconsin DNR's Website [www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/).



Garlic Mustard along Spring Brook on 3/11/2016.  
Photo by Chris Arrowood.

## Control

### Gearing For Garlic

With April just around the corner TIP and our partners are getting ready for the 2016 round of fight against Garlic Mustard. We are looking at ordering personal protection equipment such as safety vests, goggles, gloves and more. We hope to have extras gear on hand just in case we get any volunteers that would be interested in hand-pulling.

On the chemical side of the control spectrum, TIP's partners have been ordering supplies as well. Sprayers, bulk mixing tanks, glyphosate, and triclopyr. Menominee Tribal Enterprises even shared a map of known Garlic Mustard locations with Menominee County.

For those of you with questions on how to control Garlic Mustard mechanically, TIP recently acquired a great brochure from the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition. For any questions on chemical control of Garlic Mustard we recommend visiting the Midwest Invasive Plant Network's Control Database ([mipncontroldatabase.wisc.edu](http://mipncontroldatabase.wisc.edu)).



Midwest Invasive Plant Network Logo. Taken from MIPN Website.

## Organizational Development

### Updating TIP Strategic Management Plan

On March 22nd, the TIP Invasive Species Management Action Team met to discuss some initial changes to TIP's Strategic Management Plan. The current/original plan was approved on May 19th, 2015, and was designed to be functional for a 5-year time period. However, the TIP Steering Committee felt that revisions should continually occur as TIP develops as an organization.

The revised version should be available on the TIP website by April 8th. Over the next 9 months the coordinator will be working with TIP's partners and the public to develop these changes, and work to finalize them for the May 2017 Steering Committee meeting. If you have suggestions or edits please contact the TIP Coordinator with them at any time.



## Funding

### March Budget Update

TIP's finances continue to look strong for 2016. We have applied for a WMA Grant to conduct Garlic Mustard inventories along the public recreational trail systems of Langlade County. If awarded these funds would likely be used all or mostly in summer/fall 2016 with any remainder being used in early 2017. At this point in the budgeting process TIP's focus will be shifting away from finding additional funds for 2016 and into acquiring funds for 2017.

### GLRI Pathways Grant Application

TIP has submitted an application to the US Forest Service's GLRI grant program that proposes working with the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition, Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership, and the Lumberjack RC&D Tri-County AIS Coordinator to develop, promote, and distribute an educational booklet on invasive species identification, best management practices, and blocking invasion pathways. We have requested \$30,000 which would be used to cover expenses related to coordinator salaries and printing costs associated with the project. We hope to hear back from the Forest Service on the proposal over the next few months.



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# Upcoming Events

## April

**13:** Education & Outreach Action Team Meeting. 10:00 AM Conference Call. We will be discussing how to improve all aspects of TIP's reach. Date & time tentative and subject to change contact the coordinator for confirmation. Agenda to be posted to TIP Website on April 6th.

**15:** Envirothon. 8:00 AM—4:00 PM in Rosholt, WI. Teams of students will prove their knowledge on a variety of natural resources issues. This year's theme is "Invasive Species: A Challenge to the Environment, Economy, and Society." TIP Coordinator will be attending as a current issue judge.

**19:** TIP Executive Committee Meeting. 11:00 AM Via conference call.

**20:** Organizational Development Action Team Meeting. 10:00 AM Conference Call. We will be discussing several issues including the TIP Policy Manual, Logo, and working relationship with other CISMA's. Agenda to be posted by April 13 to TIP Website.

Spring AIS Coordinators Meeting. 9:30 AM at the Mead Wildlife Area.

**21:** Spring CISMA Coordinator's Meeting. 9:15 AM at the Mead Wildlife Area.

**28:** Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting. 8:00 AM. Visit the Lumberjack website for details.

## 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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