



Overview

May started out hectic for TIP as we fought through the transition from office to field season. Fortunately, things smoothed out towards the end of the month. Here are the big highlights from this month:

- TIP's reach is continuing to grow.
- We worked on invasive species identification with Fairview Elementary School Students.
- The WDNR released their invasive species priority lists.
- 32.6 ac of Wild Parsnip were treated by TIP's Partners.
- TIP's logo will soon see some updates.
- TIP's GLRI Pathways grant proposal for creating an educational booklet was approved.



Eagle with Sucker by Sonny W.

Education & Outreach

Reach Update

May 2016 was yet another month where the total number of people reached far exceeded our target goals. Based on having 110.5 coordinator hours it was our goal to reach 712 people. Instead, we reached 1,685 people, a record high for the month of May.

Fairview Elementary Education Day

On May 25th, along with the Oconto County Conservation Department and other groups, TIP had the opportunity to visit Fairview Elementary School in Krakow, WI to teach the youngsters about a variety of agricultural, conservation, and natural resources issues. For our part, TIP gave a presentation on some familiar aquatic invasive species to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Then we played *The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly*, an invasive species identification game shared with us by Molly McKay of the Langlade County Land Conservation Department. As part of this game, the kids worked together to guess which species were invasive, and brushed up on their ID skills.



Fairview Elementary 4th Graders. Photo taken by Chris Arrowood

Inventory

WDNR Priority Invasive Species Lists

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has released the invasive species priority lists they have been working to develop. The lists are designed to help invasive species professionals determine which invasive species they should focus their efforts on. At this time, these lists are available online via a special link.

These lists are organized by the 5 DNR regions or the 72 Wisconsin counties, and were generated from years of data combined with several months of observation and testing. So far, these lists appear to be accurate, considering the available data. However, some species, such as Reed Canary Grass (pictured right) are highly under reported, and may not have made the list of priority invasive species if the true extent of their spread would have been documented.

In the TIP area, we can help to improve these lists by reporting any invasive species we find to TIP so we can verify the populations and get their information into the proper databases.



Reed Canary Grass. Photo from USFS.

Control

Parsnip Patrolling

Due to limited available funding, I have been working as the Langlade County Invasive Species Technician as well as TIP Coordinator. While working in Langlade County, over the past month I have treated 32.6 acres of Wild Parsnip. As one of TIP's partners, Langlade County is allowing TIP to claim any acreage treated on our grant reports.



Wild Parsnip Eradicated

So far, treatments have been limited to populations discovered in previous years. It looks like the 2015 treatments were highly effective overall (see pics). This year we have been using the same herbicide mix and rate as 2015, but we plan on making a late June visit to each population. The late June visit will allow us to catch any flowering plants that we may have missed spraying.



Wild Parsnip Surviving Treatment



Wild Parsnip Eradicated (close)

Organizational Development

TIP Logo Updates

After identifying several issues with the current TIP logo, Tabytha Arrowood, a graphic designer in Eau Claire, has volunteered to update TIP's logo. Tabytha will be working on addressing some of the issues she and TIP partners have identified and will be likely getting us some samples for the next Steering Committee Meeting. If you have any suggestions for Tabytha, please contact the TIP Coordinator with them and they will be forwarded.

Funding

May Overview

May 2016 had some pretty interesting TIP financial developments. First, we have now fully utilized the our GLRI funding for CISMA coordination which was awarded in 2014. This is the first time in TIP's history that we have a paid coordinator, without GLRI CISMA Coordination funding to support the position. Second, TIP applied for and received a grant from the UW Center for Cooperatives to help support the coordinator's hours on forestry-related topics. Finally, TIP is working with Langlade and Menominee Counties to author and submit resolutions directly addressing funding for regional invasive species issues in those two counties. These would be first-of-their-kind resolutions and we are very excited to see them being drafted.

GLRI Pathways Grant Awarded

May also brought some extremely pleasant news regarding TIP's GLRI *Pathways* grant proposal. Back in March, TIP submitted an application to the US Forest Service's GLRI grant program that proposed working with the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC), Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership (WHIP), 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. For this project we have been awarded \$30,000 which would be used to cover expenses related to coordinator salaries and printing costs associated with the project. (These funds are under a different category than the *CISMA Coordination* funds.)

We are very excited to be lead organization on a project that is an opportunity to work not just across county boundaries, but CISMA boundaries as well. Over the next few weeks we will be working with the Forest Service, Lumberjack RC&D, WRISC, and WHIP to develop our Operating and Financial plans and start developing contracts where needed.



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Upcoming Events

June

9: TIP Dropbox Training. 1:00 PM Keshena, WI. TIP Coordinator, Chris Arrowood will be training everyone on how to use Dropbox to access TIP's files. Everyone attending will also be shown briefly how to use some of TIP's more complicated documents.

14: Invasive Species ID Day. 1:00 PM—4:00 PM at the Antigo DNR Station. Tri-County AIS Coordinator, John Preuss and TIP Coordinator, Chris Arrowood will be hosting a booth at the Antigo WDNR Ranger Station where anyone can bring in any aquatic or terrestrial invasive species they want identified. If you are unsure if it is invasive or not, you can still swing by and we can let you know for sure!

21: TIP Executive Committee Meeting. 11:00 AM Via conference call. Contact the coordinator if you are interested in attending this meeting.

21: Invasive Species Identification & Control Training. 1:00 PM—3:00 PM Langlade, WI. The Timberland Invasives Partnership and some of our partners will be hosting a training on invasive species identification and management at the DNR Ranger Station in the Town of Langlade. This training will be targeted at Highway Department workers, anyone is invited to attend. (Tentative)

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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