



Overview

As usual, June was a great month for fieldwork despite some pretty big storms. The big highlights from this month are:

- TIP's reach rate has nearly doubled from this time last year.
- TIP is preparing for "fair season."
- We would like you to keep an eye out for Japanese Knotweed, Garden Valerian, Spotted Knapweed, and Phragmites in July.
- 19.0 ac of invasive species were treated by TIP & our partners, let us know if you'd like to get involved.
- Menominee County passed a resolution to support TIP.
- Our finances are looking strong for 2016.



Traxel's Point Lane Revisited by Chris A.

Education & Outreach

Reach Update

Despite having a very busy field season this year, TIP was still able to reach over 629 people using 138.5 Coordinator hours. This equates to 4.5 people per coordinated hour. That is nearly double the 2.3 of June 2015. At this rate, we are well on our way to reaching our goal of a 50% increase in total reach from 2015.

A Fair Season Reminder

As we approach "fair season" TIP would like to remind everyone to be aware of invasive species! Last year, we saw several invasive plants in flower bouquets. Since then, TIP has better educated some of the youngsters, but just like weeds, there's always one we missed. If you do spot an invasive, snap a picture and email it to TIP's Coordinator (timberlandinvasives@outlook.com)*.





Blue Ribbon Tansy at the Langlade County Fair - Chris Arrowood

*REMEMBER: These kids have worked very hard on their projects, so please leave it to the professionals to correct any mistakes.

Inventory

Area Phenology Update

As we head into July 2016 please keep your eyes open for these species.

Japanese Knotweed	Garden Valerian	Spotted Knapweed	Phragmites
What to look for:	What to look for:	What to look for:	What to look for:
			
<p>Japanese Knotweed is typically described as a 10ft tall bamboo with big leaves and white flowers.</p>	<p>Garden Valerian looks like a carrot flower, but with wider compound leaves.</p>	<p>Spotted Knapweed is often described as a “spineless thistle.”</p>	<p>Commonly over 10ft tall, Phragmites is easy to spot, but can be a challenge to identify properly, so contact TIP.</p>
<p>Where to look: Streambanks, lakesides, and the neighbor’s hedges.</p>	<p>Where to look: In the TIP area, we have seen Garden Valerian mostly at the edge of forests.</p>	<p>Where to look: Spotted Knapweed loves sunny and sandy conditions such as roadsides, gravel pits, and prairies.</p>	<p>Where to look: Wet and sunny spots. Roadsides & beaches.</p>

Control

Nabbing Knapweed

Working with our partners, TIP helped to treat approximately 19 acres of land for invasive plants. A large portion of these efforts included hand pulling Spotted Knapweed with Menominee County Conservation Assistant, April Arrowood. Unlike most counties, in



Knapweed Nabbed!

Menominee Spotted Knapweed is well contained, and most populations are small enough to hand pull. As we continue to pull this erosion-causing invasive we will also restore treated sites with native Wild Lupine seeds to expand the endangered Karner Blue Butterfly’s habitat.

If anyone is interested in going out to pull Spotted Knapweed with April, give her or Jeremy Johnson a call at

715-799-5710. There is plenty to go around.



April “Nabbing Knapweed”



Spotted Knapweed In Bloom

Organizational Development

Resolution to Support TIP

After the May Menominee County Land Conservation Committee Meeting, Committee Chairperson Tony Waupochick asked if something more could be done to support TIP. Jeremy Johnson, TIP's Steering Committee Chair, suggested drafting and adopting a resolution to support TIP. This resolution has since been adopted by the Menominee County Board of Supervisors and authorizes the Conservation/Forestry/Zoning Department to re-direct carryover funding to, and/or budget funds for working with TIP when appropriate and available. This resolution is a big step forward in developing our four-county Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area because it helps to acknowledge the need for local financial support.

Presently, a slightly modified version of this same resolution is also in the process of being adopted for Langlade County. We hope to someday see a similar resolution for Shawano and Oconto counties. If you would like a copy of this resolution, please contact Chris Arrowood, TIP Coordinator.

Funding

June Overview

June has been a very busy month for TIP, with a lot of time being spent in the field. Fortunately, most of that time in the field has been paired with other partner efforts meaning there was little expense for TIP outside of Coordinator wages. On the income side of things, we did hear from the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin that their proposal for the use of some Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funds was approved. In that proposal, they budgeted \$5,000 to work with TIP.

Summary of TIP's Finances

We are continuing to seek more projects and funding from all avenues. We believe we have acquired enough funding and projects at this point to keep a full-time Coordinator around for over one year, which is our primary goal. If we are able to acquire more funding from partners and grants, we hope to be able to continue the Coordinator position for as long as possible, but will also be looking at hiring interns or LTE's to supplement our partner's efforts.



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Upcoming Events

July

9: Kid's Fishing Day. 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Mill's Fleet Farm, Antigo, WI. Bring your kids out for a fun and educational event focused on fishing. TIP will be sharing a booth on invasive species with the Tri-County AIS Coordinator, John Preuss.

15: Snail & Mussel Workshop. 9:30 AM—12:00 PM in Elton, WI. DNR experts presenting on both native and invasive snails and mussels in Wisconsin waters. The workshop will cover topics such as life histories, identification, historical uses, and invasive species impacts. We will also visit an area stream or lake and get hands on experience with monitoring and identification. The best part is this opportunity is free to the public.

27-31: Langlade County Fair. Antigo, WI. Come checkout the shared TIP/Langlade County Land Conservation Department Booth at the Langlade County Fair! While supplies last, we will have native plant seeds for you to take home with you.

28: Lumberjack RC&D Meeting. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. The July meeting is being held at the Roadhouse at 3322 State Hwy 139 in Long Lake, WI. Please register by contacting Tracy Beckman at 715-369-9886. Breakfast is \$5, Lunch & Breakfast \$20 per person.

Check out the TIP Calendar Online at 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.

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