TIP Coordinator's Report December 2016

Managing invasive species in Langlade, Menominee, Oconto, and Shawano counties

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Overview

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Invasives

The December Coordinator's Report is a little different from the usual monthly report. Instead of just looking at the month of December, I've summarized and reviewed ALL reported 2016 TIP activities/impacts.

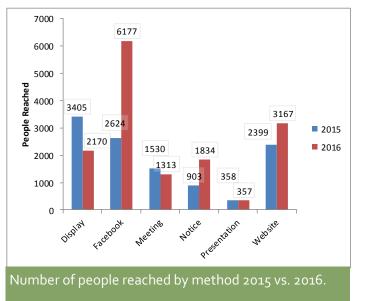
- Outreach is up 40% from last year.
- 157 new invasive species populations reported.
- 115.9 acres of invasive species treated.
- \$32,000 spent to operate TIP in 2016.
- Several milestones great and small met.
- A more divided focus expected in 2017.
- And...



Educational Outreach

2016 Summary

In 2016, there was a shift in coordinator focus towards control efforts and a 20% reduction in Coordinator hours from 2015. Ordinarily, this would result in reduced outreach, but thanks to fantastic involvement by TIP's partners, we actually participated in MORE events, meetings, and activities (132) than in 2015 (98). Also, thanks to increased use of the TIP Facebook page, website, and newsletter and a better knowledge of TIP's audiences we saw an over 40% increase in the number of people reached.



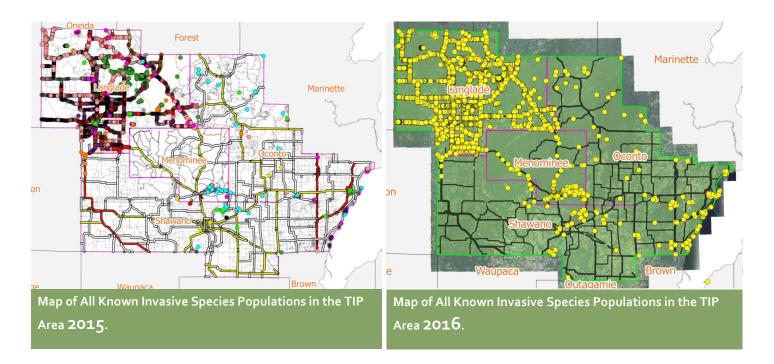


TIP's 2016 Annual Meeting taken by Jeremy Johnson

Inventory & Control

Inventory Summary

TIP applied a minimal effort this year towards inventorying any invasive species, but still managed to report 157 new populations of invasive species to the Midwest Invasives Species Information Network (MISIN) and the Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN). Combined with other information sources this brings the total number of invasive species populations reported in the TIP area to over 13, 885.



Control Summary

In 2016, TIP treated a total of 115.9 acres for invasive species, exceeding both last years total (93.1) and our goal of 100 acres. The main species treated was Garlic Mustard, Wild Parsnip, and Policeman's Helmet. The same number of acres (70.6) were sprayed with herbicide as in 2015, meaning the number of acres hand pulled in 2016 (45.3 ac) was over double 2015's (22.5 ac). Many sites show improvement over previous years, with a few being completely eradicated, but will clearly require many more years of control efforts.



Wild Parsnip Treatment Area

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 (timberlandinvasives@outlook.com) with your contact information.

Funding & Organizational Development

Financial Summary

TIP expenses in 2016 totaled approximately \$32,000, which was supplied via 11 different grants, contracts, and donations. This is in contrast to 2015 in which TIP used approximately \$29,600 supplied via 4 grants. In both years, TIP received an estimated \$14,100 of in-kind support donated by our partners. To help fund activities in 2017 & 2018 TIP also acquired 7 grants and contracts

,	Cost	2016	Change
,	Labor	\$27,400	\$700
)	Supplies	\$1,900	-\$400
	Mileage	\$800	\$800
5	Total*	\$32,000	\$2,100
5	* Includes overhead fees.		

for a total of approximately \$54,000. We also submitted two proposals seeking another \$44,000.

2016 Organizational Milestones

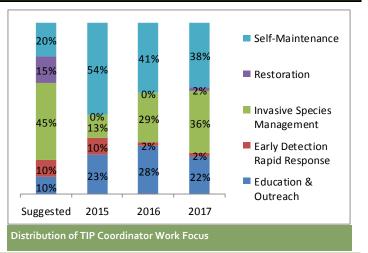
In a healthy young organization like TIP, every year there are multiple milestones we hit. I'd like to highlight the following as some of the most important of 2016:

- Held our first Annual Meeting.
- Began the first revision of our Strategic Management Plan.
- Passed \$100,000 worth of combined support received.
- Acquired over \$50,000 in support in a year.
- Received resolutions of support from the Menominee and Langlade County Boards.

Looking Forward

Coordinator's Focus & Availability

There are too many elements to consider when looking as to what TIP's Coordinator focus and availability will be in 2017. As always, I will work to include anything that is suggested by partners and the general public, but funding will be the determining factor. What we do know is that the TIP Coordinator will be around!





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Important Dates

<u>January</u>

12: Langlade County Forestry Meeting. 8:30 AM in Antigo. TIP will be giving the Langlade County Forestry Committee and update on all of our 2016 activities.

17: TIP Executive Committee Meeting. 1:00 PM via conference call. TIP will be finalizing the details of the upcoming annual meeting.

26: Lumberjack Council Meeting. 8:00 AM at Quinn's in Deerbrook. The final decision on TIP's 2016 grant proposal will be made.

28: TIP Annual Meeting Announced! TIP Coordinator will be getting all of the documents and information for the 2017 Annual Meeting Distributed!

February

28: Timberland Invasives Partnership Annual Meeting. 9:00 AM, Legend Lake Lodge, Keshena. We'll have door prizes, invasive species experts, and a FREE LUNCH!

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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