



Overview

February 2017 was definitely one for the record books! Warm temperatures had several invasive species popping up early, and we have the pictures to prove it! Here's TIP's February highlights:

- Outreach is down a little.
- TIP's Annual Meeting was a success.
- Wild Parsnip and Garlic Mustard have been spotted.
- The Tri-County AIS Coordinator position is gone.
- TIP's GLRI grant is looking good.
- TIP's coordinator should be available as we complete a number of tasks in March.



TIP's Annual Meeting Lunch

Educational Outreach

February Reach Review

Unfortunately, without Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding TIP's 2017 reach continued to lag behind 2016's reach in most categories. One notable exception to the trend was TIP's website, which continues to see more traffic (relative to the time of year) each month.

TIP's Annual Meeting

On February 28th, TIP held our second annual meeting, and according to all sources, it was a great success! Attendees enjoyed a breakfast provided by Lumberjack RC&D, presentations from TIP, Menominee, Shawano, and Langlade Counties, and a free lunch. We are happy to report that attendance for the meeting was up to 36 from 28 last year. Of those 36, 20 were 1st time attendees.



Kelly Kearns giving a presentation on invasive species

If you have any interesting invasive species stories you wouldn't mind sharing, contact TIP and we'll see about sharing it!

Inventory & Control

February Review

February's warm weather and snowmelt exposed invasive species much earlier than we have seen in the past. On February 23rd TIP spotted both Garlic Mustard and Wild Parsnip in previously inventoried locations, last year these plants were not visible until March 11th! Below are some pictures so you won't have to just take our word for it!



Garlic Mustard on Springbrook



Garlic Mustard close-up



Wild Parsnip greening up

This early emergence of invasive species is not good news. Among other competitive advantages, invasive species often have adaptations that allow them to get a "head start" on growth over native species. This head start means they benefit from a longer growing season, which in turn means more seed production. From there, more seeds become more plants.

Partner Updates

Tri-County AIS Coordinator Position Gone

Unfortunately for water enthusiasts in Langlade, Lincoln, and Forest County, the Tri-County AIS Coordinator Position filled by John Preuss has run out of funding. The position had been funded by a multi-year grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, but that grant has run out and attempts to secure more funding have been unsuccessful. Lumberjack RC&D Executive Director, Tracy Beckman hopes to continue to submit future grant proposals to address aquatic invasive species needs in the Lumberjack RC&D area, but for now many of the Tri-County projects will have to continue through volunteer efforts or be put on hold.

As both a professional courtesy and due to our mutual interest in managing invasive species, TIP will be monitoring a few of the Tri-County Coordinator's final projects in Langlade County to verify their success. These projects include Japanese Knotweed treatments and installation of boot brush stations at popular fishing locations.

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

February Financial Review

The cost to coordinate TIP this February were right around average. This is a little unexpected, because February is a shorter month, but is explained by the added workload from the coordinator being gone for part of January, and having a very complicated field season coming up. TIP has an estimated \$42,000 in available funding for various 2017 and 2018 activities.

Cost	February	Year-to-Date
Labor	\$2,641	\$4,913
Supplies	\$160	\$185
Mileage	\$0	\$0
Total*	\$2,801	\$5,098

* Includes overhead fees.

Update on GLRI

Rumor has it that there was more funding available for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative's Cooperative Weed Management Area grant program than was requested. This is a very encouraging sign that TIP will get the \$40,000 we applied for in January. This funding would be used by TIP to conduct treatments in Langlade, Menominee, Oconto, and Shawano Counties.

Partner Funding

In a survey at TIP's annual meeting 83% of responders felt that TIP did not have adequate partner/donated support. Following the meeting, TIP was contacted by one of our partners that said they will be exploring the possibility of including TIP in their budget. They would join Langlade and Menominee Counties and direct cash supporters of TIP.

Looking Forward

Coordinator's Focus

In March, several things will need to be addressed: TIP needs to secure landowner signatures for our 2016 WMA Grant, we need to begin work on our UWCC grant, and we need to secure contracts to work with our fellow area CWMA's on our GLRI Pathways Grant.

Coordinator's Availability

A lot of March's activities are the "hurry up and wait" sorts. This means that I should be available to address any concerns that arise either immediately or in short order, so feel free to contact me.



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Important Dates

March

9: Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership Annual Meeting. 1:00 PM at the Oneida County Courthouse.

10: Shawano County LCC Meeting. 8:15 AM at the Shawano County Courthouse.

14 & 15: Statewide CISMA Coordinator's Meeting. 9:00 AM at UW-Green Bay.

April

5-7: Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention. Stevens Point.

25: TIP Steering Committee Meeting. 9:30 AM, Menominee Tribal Forestry Center, Keshena.

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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