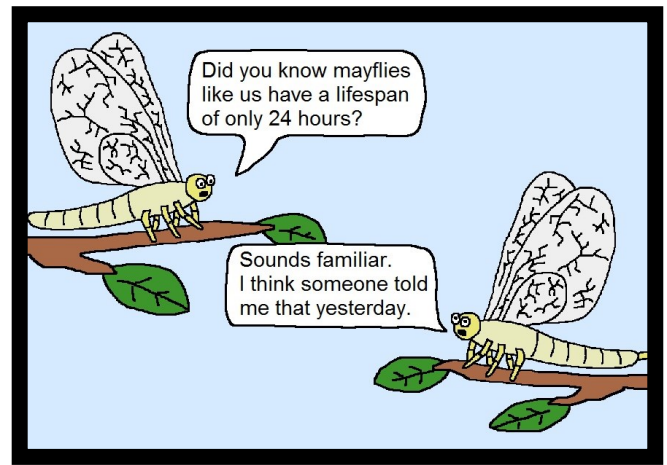




Overview

March 2017 was certainly interesting. We went from a warm to cold and back to warm, and saw half our normal amount for snow, so several invasives were poking their heads out. Here's TIP's March highlights:

- Outreach is down a little, except the website.
- IPAW is making some money available to CISMA's.
- TIP's working on a timeline of populations to treat early.
- Some familiar faces have new roles in the TIP Area.
- UWCC is accepting grant proposals.
- TIP's coordinator is moving on April 14th.



I thought this was too funny not to share.

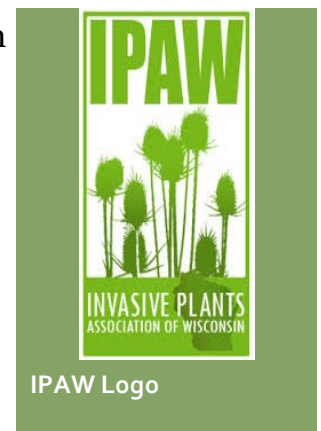
Educational Outreach

March Reach Review

Outreach in 2017 has thus far been significantly lower than in 2016. March was much closer than January and February, but still fell about 20 people short of 2016 reach numbers. One major bright spot has been increased traffic on TIP's website, which has nearly double the number of visitors from 1 year ago.

IPAW to Aid CISMA's

On March 15th, TIP representatives made their way down to the AIS Partnership/CISMA Meeting to represent the TIP area. At the meeting Diane Schauer shared that the Invasive Plant Association of Wisconsin (IPAW) is making \$200 available to each CISMA for booth space at events. Requirements from IPAW include: filling out an application, displaying IPAW's brochure & a map of Wisconsin CISMA's, and writing a brief summary of the event.



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

Inventory & Control

March Review

TIP did a lot of spot checks on Garlic Mustard in March 2017. Our goal is to establish a timeline of which treatment sites may be able to be treated earlier on in spring. This may help alleviate the pressures of the short treatment window for Garlic Mustard. As of right now, several populations may be treatable in early April, whereas others are still under snow.

Invasive Species Spotlight: Lesser Celandine

The Wisconsin DNR would like everyone to be on the lookout for Lesser Celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*). This low-growing wetland plant looks a lot like Marsh Marigold, but don't be fooled! Marsh Marigold likes to "have it's feet wet" whereas Lesser Celandine will grow up streambanks and lakeshores. If think you might have Lesser Celandine, snap pictures of the leaves, flowers, and the habitat its growing in and send them to TIP or the DNR.



Partner Updates

Familiar Faces, New Places

Langlade County (& TIP) are seeing some turn-over this spring. Molly McKay, the former Assistant Code Administrator/Conservation Technician has taken over as the Langlade County Conservationist after Marie Graupner's retirement in early February. Molly is also taking over Marie's roles within TIP as Vice-Chair.

On April 17th, Chris Arrowood (TIP Coordinator) will be filling Molly's former position. This will leave TIP without a Coordinator until at least May 2nd. Any interested parties are encouraged to apply for the position. Applications are due April 14th to Tracy Beckman.

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

March Financial Review

The cost to coordinate TIP this March were above average. This is mostly due to an increased work load as we try to finish projects before turning over the coordinator position. TIP has an estimated \$39,000 in available funding for various 2017 and 2018 activities.

Cost	March	Year-to-Date
Labor	\$2,943	\$7,856
Supplies	\$249	\$454
Mileage	\$85	\$85
Total*	\$3,277	\$8,395

* Includes overhead fees.

UWCC Grant Opportunity

The University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives (UWCC) has sent out their request for proposals for this year's round of projects. The program has many focus areas including forest products, forest policy development and working to develop and support forestry-based cooperatives. Last year TIP received \$5,000 from this program to work on education, and control projects in Menominee and Langlade Counties. This year we would like to submit another proposal, and are open to any suggestions that anyone may have. Proposals are due to UWCC on May 1st, so make sure to get your ideas together and contact us now!

Looking Forward

Coordinator's Focus

In April, I will be working to leave all of TIP's projects (and TIP itself) in the best possible position I can before leaving for my new role in Langlade County. These efforts will include finishing the Orientation Guide, completing the WMA FY2016 projects, writing several letters, updating TIP's calendar, Work Records, and Facebook, and making plans for the April 14th to May 1st gap, where TIP will have no coordinator.

Coordinator's Availability

Despite the long list of activities I have to work on, my availability will be high until April 14th. Due to the high turnover rates generally seen in CISMA Coordinator positions, I have been authoring much of this work "along the way" it just needs to be revised to maximize its relevance and clarity. Also I have spoken with my new supervisor, Duane Haakenson, and he has assured me that I will be able to remotely answer questions TIP Partners or the new Coordinator may have.



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Important Dates

April

4: TIP Executive Committee Meeting. 1:00 PM via call-in.

5: Breakfast Club Radio Appearance. 7:30 AM on Country 106.1 to discuss Garlic Mustard & the TIP GLRI Pathways Brochure.

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

9: Langlade County 4-H Presentaton. 4:00 PM at Spring Valley Elementary School. TIP will be talking about invasive species and goats.

14: TIP Coordinator applications due. 5:00 PM to Tracy Beckman.

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

May

1: Interviews for TIP Coordinator. (Scheduled)

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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