

# Timberland Invasives Partnership



## Coordinator's Report Fall 2020

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

October- December 2020

### Summary

Despite slowed control work early in 2020 due to COVID-19, our technician remaining with us later into the field season allowed us to catch up quite a bit this fall and early winter.

- 32.25 acres of invasives have been treated since October 1st.
- The Coordinator presented at the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC) with the coordinators of the Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership (WHIP) and the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC).
- An application for the USFS GLRI Cooperative Weed Management Area grant was submitted by the Coordinator.



Snowy scenery on Legend Lake during honeysuckle control.

### Education & Outreach

#### Fall Education and Outreach Summary

Due to COVID-19 being a continued presence, a majority of TIP's outreach has been virtual or limited throughout 2020. We did have several opportunities for outreach, however, including radio appearances on the BK Breakfast Club in Antigo, regular meetings, and a presentation at the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference.

The presentation at UMISC was done virtually in order to prevent large gathering. The TIP Coordinator, Rosie Page of Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership and Lindsay Peterson of the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition presented on their GLRI project that had wrapped up in 2018— the “Pathways of Prevention” project was a multi-CISMA effort that culminated in a handy booklet that detailed identification of, pathways of spread, and prevention of invasive species common to Wisconsin.



Do you have an interesting invasive species story? Contact us and we would love to share it!

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# Inventory & Control

## Fall Inventory & Control Summary

This fall was woody invasives galore! Our technician, Mason Schinderle, was able to stay on through November and part of December and take advantage of mild weather— this afforded our organization of about 6 weeks of valuable control efforts. In total, just over 32 acres were treated from the beginning of October through mid-December. 9.5 acres of exotic bush honeysuckle, 11.7 acres of buckthorn, and 10 acres of Japanese barberry were controlled, along with 0.77 acres of fall-treated garlic mustard and 0.28 acres of Japanese knotweed. The control these last few months has accounted for roughly 34% of our total acreage of invasives controlled this year— the extra time we had with a technician was truly helpful to wrap up the field season!

## Invasive Species Spotlight

### Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a very common invasive in the TIP area. The plant is biennial, meaning it will grow in a leafy rosette stage for one year before bolting and flowering the following year. This species produces chemical compounds that disrupt other species growth, so it tends to quickly take over the areas it is introduced in. The formation of large populations of these plants (monocultures) is highly detrimental to forest ecosystems. The leaves of garlic mustard are dark green, heart to kidney shaped, with scalloped edges and a wrinkly appearance. Garlic mustard remains green through winter, despite being hidden by snow. As the snow melts, it will be one of the first visible invasives. Getting a jump start on controlling garlic mustard before it flowers and produces seed can improve chances of eradicating a population, so make sure to be on the lookout for it and report it if found on your property or within one of our four counties.



Garlic mustard rosettes. Photo courtesy of Nisa Karimi (via DNR)

***Do you have a mystery plant or suspected invasive species?***

**TIP and our partners are more than happy to help identify any mystery plants you have. Just give the TIP Coordinator a call or email with your contact information!**

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# Funding and Organizational Development

## Summary

TIP's costs for October through December totaled \$12,714.22. The majority came from labor expenses, as our seasonal technician, Mason Schinderle, was able to remain on staff and continue working much later than techs have in previous years. The additional hours contributed many acres to our overall control efforts. Menominee County CFZ Department purchased supplies and equipment for TIP using their TIP-specified equipment budget totaling \$400.00.

Category	Cost
Labor	\$11,661.00
Mileage	\$653.22
Supplies	\$400.00
Total	\$12,714.22

## Organizational Development

The Coordinator has been finalized reporting for the completed GLRI Focus Area 2 grant and the 2018 GLRI CWMA grant. The Coordinator submitted an application for the USFS GLRI CWMA FY21 grant in the amount of \$49,000 for control operations and coordinator hours.

## Looking Forward

### Coordinator's Focus

Following a busy wrap-up to field season, the Coordinator is focusing on planning for the 2021 field season, getting ready for the 2021 TIP Annual Meeting, and completing grant reporting.

### Coordinator's Availability

Given the Coordinator's school schedule, she will be working remotely part of the time in coming months. Contact the coordinator via email anytime, or reach out via phone. Monday through Friday the Coordinator will usually be available from 8 AM-4PM. January 18th is an observed holiday and the Coordinator will be off that day.



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# Upcoming Events

## January

- 11:** Langlade County LCC Meeting. 9:00 AM Antigo, WI.  
**14:** Shawano County LCC Meeting. 3:00 PM Shawano, WI  
**14:** Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting. 9:00 AM Held Virtually  
**18:** Oconto County LCC Meeting. 9:30 AM Lena, WI.  
**18:** TIP Coordinator Out of Office

## February

- 23:** TIP 2021 Annual Meeting. 9:00 AM Held Virtually

Check out TIP's calendar online at [www.timberlandinvasives.org](http://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 the 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.

### Stay Informed

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