



## Overview

Although control work faced somewhat of a lull early this month, TIP has been staying busy wrapping up and beginning new projects throughout.

### Highlights:

- Lumberjack RC&D celebrated their 50th Anniversary in Rhinelander at the beautiful Cedric A. Vig Outdoor Classroom on August 16. Congratulations, Lumberjack!
- TIP has completed inventory of known Japanese knotweed populations.
- AIS Snapshot Day 2018 was a success! Langlade County and TIP hosted the event at White Lake, and plan to have the event again next year.
- The coordinator has been working on drawing up project estimates and specifics for the City of Antigo, control work within Rolling and Knotweed control in Shawano County.



## Education & Outreach

### August Reach Review

August had solid outreach, with a total of 427 people total. AIS Snapshot Day on August 18 needed volunteers, so TIP had numerous Facebook promotions and an interview on the BK Breakfast Club with Gary Hartl to aide in cultivating interest in the event. With six volunteers and a beautiful day, AIS Snapshot Day 2018 was a great success that TIP hopes to take part in next year.

Additionally, the coordinator attended various LCC meetings to gain support from partners for our 2019 Lumberjack Grant submission. At each one, she gave a TIP update on projects and a brief activity report.

Emma Gaither, from Langlade County Land Conservation samples vegetation with a rake at the AIS Snapshot Day event.



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

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# Inventory & Control

## August Review

Control efforts got off to a rough start this month— because of extensive effort during the months of June and July, TIP was without much to do the first week of the month. Once more operations became available, Alix and Dave picked up right where they had left off, and have completed 52 hours of survey and treatment work this month. These hours were spent primarily on wild parsnip pulling, however, hours were utilized for spotted knapweed as well.

As the month concluded, honeysuckle control has begun, with plenty of work to do in Menominee County, where Dave and Alix will be spending a good amount of time in the coming month.

Besides control and treatment on invasive populations, the coordinator has been inventorying known Japanese knotweed populations within Shawano County in order to get the ball rolling on a DNR Early Detection and Response grant. If this grant is awarded, TIP will be able to work in conjunction with Shawano County to eradicate this tough plant.



Dave Wiebelhaus spraying invasive honeysuckle stumps.

## Invasive Species Spotlight: Autumn Olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*)

Native to Southeast Asia, autumn olive is classified as a restricted species in Wisconsin. This shrubby plant can easily outcompete native neighbors, especially in poor soil conditions. Combined with the 200,000 seeds it can drop in one year, this plant can spell trouble for a community.

The plant has simple, alternate leaves, with a distinct silver-gray underside. Fruit becomes apparent right around this time of the year; they are egg-shaped and red in color. When controlling, cut stump treatment has been found effective, and if fruit are present, it's necessary to bag the trimmed branches to prevent further seed dispersal.



Above: Fruiting autumn olive, showing the silver undersides of leaves.



Elizabeth J. Czarapata



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Left to Right: Autumn olive flowers, a large autumn olive plant.

***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 Update

## August Financial Overview

TIP's costs are remaining low, up by less than \$300 from 2017, which can be explained by the addition of Dave Wiebelhaus as our technician. Expenses are at \$3,600 for the month, being comprised almost entirely of technician and coordinator hours. Spending is expected to increase somewhat next month, as the large amount of honeysuckle and buckthorn control will give TIP plenty to do. With ample funding from GLRI as well as various other sources, these expenses will not be a detriment to the organization.

## Contracts and Funding

TIP has now completed the final report for work done in Rolling this year. The coordinator has provided an estimate for control work within Rolling for the 2019 field season. The town board was eager to learn about invasives within their borders, and keen to get an estimate so TIP can get started on control operations early next year.

This month TIP has also discussed potential for work within Oconto County utilizing GLRI funding. TIP is hopeful that we can start more invasive removal in the eastern portion of our area by next year!

# Looking Forward

## Coordinator's Focus

TIP has gained one more participating landowner for our ATV trail surveying through the WMA grant. The coordinator will be attempting to find more landowners, so feel free to reach out if you know anyone in Langlade County that would like an invasive species survey done on their trails! TIP will also be focusing on getting a good start on extensive honeysuckle issues before tackling buckthorn in the coming months.

Moving forward and following meetings to discuss options, the coordinator hopes to have project plans in Oconto County by next year. Although nothing is certain yet, there are potential survey, control, and treatment operations that TIP is looking forward to potentially being a part of.

## Coordinator's Availability

I will be available anytime with some notice, so feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns! September is looking to be fairly busy, and the only coming absence will be October 4-8, as I will be out of town.



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# Important Dates

## September

**13:** Shawano County LCC Meeting. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Shawano, WI. TIP will be presenting our Lumberjack RC&D Grant Proposal

**15:** Oconto County Fly-In. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Oconto Airport, Oconto, WI. TIP will have a booth

**17:** Oconto County LCC Meeting. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Lena, WI.

## October

**15-18:** Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC) All Day, Rochester, MN.

## November

**1:** Lumberjack RC&D Meeting. 9:00 AM Florence, WI. TIP will be presenting our 2019 Lumberjack Grant Proposal

## 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.

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