



# Coordinator's Report

## Fall 2024

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

As the weather gets colder, field season is beginning to wind down throughout the TIP area. Control of herbaceous invasives has been completed and woody invasive control will continue as long as the weather allows for it.

- Outreach from July-October: 2,133 individuals
- Invasives controlled this year: 105.85 acres
- TIP participated in three school education events at Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Days, Suamico Elementary School, and Gillett School District.



Gillett students learning about invasive worms

## Education & Outreach

In August, TIP and WHIP hosted a field trip with the Natural Resources Foundation at Maple Hills Recreation Area. Thirteen Wisconsin landowners attended the event to learn more about how to control invasives through foliar, basal bark, and cut-stump methods. TIP also participated in outreach events at the Shawano Farmer's Market and the Legend Lake Faire.

September was a very busy month for education and outreach. TIP attended the Wisconsin Trappers Association Annual Convention with Amber from Langlade County Conservation. We educated avid trappers about aquatic and terrestrial invasives. TIP presented at Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Days; over 200 5th graders from Shawano County Schools learned about natural resource topics/careers. TIP partnered with Suamico Elementary School to host an environmental education day for over 250 K-4th grade students. The students learned about the invasive species in their school forest. Finally, TIP participated in an education day with the Gillett School District teaching over 500 K-12th grade students about invasive worms.



NRF Field Trip at Maple Hills

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

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# Inventory & Control

Field Season is beginning to wind down. All herbaceous invasives have been controlled. Woody invasives like buckthorn, honeysuckle, and autumn olive are still being treated. Control is continuing on both public and private lands. Over 105 acres of control have been completed this year.

The coordinator has space available in her schedule for private landowners who want help identifying plants on their property, or consultation on how to remove invasives. Anyone who is interested in this should contact the coordinator to set up an appointment.



Buckthorn removal on a property in Langlade County.

# Invasive Species Spotlight

## Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*)

Japanese honeysuckle is a prohibited NR-40 species in Wisconsin. There are only a few reported populations of this species within the state. Japanese honeysuckle is a perennial vine that can grow up to 80 feet in length. Stems are brown or red when younger and turn woody and hollow as they age. Leaves are simple and oblong that may be covered in soft hairs. Flowers are tubular and white to pink in color. They typically bloom in early summer and in the fall dark purple berries form.

Japanese honeysuckle invades forests, prairies, and roadsides. The honeysuckle vines can girdle trees and shrubs by twisting tightly around trunks and stems.

Within TIP's four-county area, there is no known populations of Japanese honeysuckle. If you think that you have seen Japanese honeysuckle, contact TIP to confirm the population.



Ryan Armbrust, Kansas Forest Service, Bugwood.org

*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 & Organizational Development

TIP has also began working under the 2024 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant (GLRI CWMA) and 2025 WI DNR Weed Management Area Grant (WMA) that were awarded this year. In addition to these grants, TIP has completed a GLRI education grant.

Lumberjack, TIP, Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership, and Wisconsin Young Forest Partnership are continuing to collaborate on the US Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration Grant to reduce invasive species, manage forests and improve wildlife habitat. Visit [www.yourforests.com](http://www.yourforests.com) for more information.

The coordinator is always looking for additional funding sources and preparing for future grant cycles. The organization is funded through 2024.

## Organizational Development

The coordinator is working to develop opportunities for volunteers and education. TIP is also working to create maps of invasive species populations within each of the four-county area. These maps will help TIP and local managers better understand the current invasive species efforts.

# Looking Forward

## Coordinator's Focus

The coordinator's focus is on completing field season. Following field season, the coordinator's focus will shift to annual meeting planning, preparing for the 2025 field season, and completing reporting.

## Coordinator's Availability

The coordinator will be available at the normal hours of 8AM-4PM Monday through Friday. She will be available via phone or email and can accommodate most needs with some advanced warning and planning.



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# Upcoming Events & Meetings

## **November 2024**

5: TIP Steering Committee Meeting-10 am on Zoom.

11-14: Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference– Duluth, MN.

28: Thanksgiving– Coordinator Out of Office

## **December 2024**

25: Christmas Day–Coordinator Out of Office

## **January 2025**

1: New Year's Day– Coordinator Out of Office

Check out TIP's calendar online at [www.timberlandinvasives.org](http://www.timberlandinvasives.org) for more events!

## **How Can You Get Involved?**

### **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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