



Coordinator's Report

Spring 2024

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

Field season is starting to pick up after a mild winter in the TIP area. We are excited to get into the busy field season. Due to the mild winter, the coordinator has been able to continue control work throughout the winter. Control and outreach will continue throughout field season.

- Outreach from January-April: 3,440 individuals
- Invasives controlled: 11.1 acres
- The TIP Annual Meeting was held in February, 32 people were in attendance.

Education & Outreach

The TIP Annual Meeting was held on February 22nd, 2024. We had a great turnout with guest speakers Stephen Kaufman of the Wisconsin Department of Nature Resources, Trish Dawson and Gail Sarnwick of Wolf River Wild Ones, and Grace Eide and Chantelle Prien of Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties.

The coordinator was invited to be on a guest panel for the Wolf River Wild Ones Spring Seminar. Over 100 people were in attendance to hear Neil Diboll, from Prairie Nursery, speak about prairie gardens and meadows. The coordinator was able to provide advice and resources about invasive species identification and control to attendees.



Grace and Chantelle of WAMSCO showing attendees the mobile education classroom.

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

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Inventory & Control

Due to the mild weather, the coordinator has been able to continue control work throughout the winter. Black locust was controlled within the Oconto County Forest. Additionally, buckthorn and exotic bush honeysuckle was controlled at Maple Hills Recreation Area.

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.



Control at Maple Hills with the help of Shawano LCD.

Invasive Species Spotlight

Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*)

Multiflora rose is a thorny shrub that can reach up to 15 feet tall and often spreads out widely. Leaves are alternate and pinnately compound with toothed edges. The underside of leaves are paler and have short hairs. Flowers are white and fragrant, blooming mid to late spring. In the summer, bright red rose hips form and turn brownish-red in the fall and winter.

Multiflora rose often invades forest edges and grows well in full and partial sun. It often creates thickets that many native plants cannot survive. Seeds are prolific and can be viable in the soil for over a decade.

If you spot multiflora rose on your property, contact TIP for resources on the ways to remove this invasive species.



Multiflora Rose

Photo: invasive.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 recently submitted an application for the DNR Weed Management Area 2024/2025 grant cycle. Recently, TIP was awarded a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant of over ninety-three thousand dollars. This is the largest grant ever awarded to TIP. The coordinator is always looking for additional funding sources and preparing for future grant cycles. The organization is funded through 2023, with a breakdown of funding sources in the table.

Funding Source	Current Balance (October 17, 2023)
USFS GLRI Template 7	\$706.92
TIP Residual	\$1395.35
USFS GLRI CWMA FY-23	\$24,219.26
Lumberjack Coordinator Support	\$3,338.17
DNR WMA FY-23	\$477.82
USFS GLRI CWMA FY-24 (awaiting agreement)	\$93,744.00

Organizational Development

The coordinator is working to develop opportunities for volunteers and education, specifically in the form of offering invasive species identification workshops as well as community invasive removal events.

Looking Forward

Coordinator's Focus

The coordinator's focus will transition to field season. Inventory, monitoring, and control throughout the field season. Education and outreach development will continue throughout field season.

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

May 2024

1: Spring CISMA Meeting, Stevens Point at 10 a.m.

9: Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Day

27: Memorial Day, Coordinator Out of Office

29: Fairview Education Day

June 2024

19: Juneteenth, Coordinator Out of Office

July 2024

4: Independence Day, Coordinator Out of Office

9: Shawano Women's Club Presentation, Smally Park at 10 a.m.

13: Oconto Terrestrial Invasive Species Day, Location & Time TBA

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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