



Coordinator's Report

Spring 2025

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

As Spring has arrived, TIP will begin invasive species control efforts throughout the four-county area. After a cold January and a snowy February and March, we are excited to get in the field. Although control was not feasible this winter, TIP participated in many education events.

- Outreach from January-March: 7,733 individuals
- Invasives inventoried, monitored, and controlled: 17.2 acres
- TIP 10th Annual Meeting was held in February, 31 people were in attendance.



Emily Henrigillis presenting on rain gardens.

Education & Outreach

TIP attended many educational outreach events in the first part of 2025. TIP hosted the 10th Annual Meeting in February. Matt Wallrath from Wisconsin First Detector Network, Alex Forster from Menominee County Land Conservation, and Emily Henrigillis from The Plant Gal were the guest presenters during the meeting.

TIP participated in the St. Anthony's Education Day with FLOW AIS in Oconto Falls. TIP, FLOW AIS, and Langlade County Land Conservation also presented about TIS, AIS, and the Invasive Species Poster Contest to students and adults at Peace Lutheran School, a homeschool group, and at the Antigo library.

TIP was invited to present about invasive species to interested gardeners during the Qualheims Lawn and Garden Seminar and at Winterfest at Noboken School Forest.

In March, TIP offered invasive species advice to attendees of the Wolf River Wild Ones Spring Seminar.



Wolf River Wild Ones Spring Seminar

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 weather this winter, very little inventory and control has been completed. 14.5 acres have been inventoried between Oconto and Menominee Counties for woody invasives. One acre of garlic mustard has been monitored in Menominee County when snow melted in March. 1.7 acres of woody invasive species have been controlled in Oconto and Menominee Counties. As the weather warms up, more inventory, monitoring, and control efforts will take place.



Garlic mustard after snowmelt.

Invasive Species Spotlight

Amur cork tree (*Phellodendron amurense*)

Amur cork tree is a prohibited NR-40 species in Wisconsin. It has been reported in various areas in the state. Amur cork tree has thick or spongy outer bark and bright yellow inner bark. Leaves are opposite and pinnately compound. When the leaves are crushed they smell like citrus and turn yellow in the fall. The fruits start as a green color then turn black in the fall and will stay on the tree throughout the winter.

Amur cork tree can grow in a variety of light conditions from full sun to shade and it can adapt to different soil types, but it prefers moist, well-drained soils. It reproduces through seeds and resprouting from the stump. Due to its adaptability, it can grow well in urban areas.

If you think that you have seen amur cork tree, contact TIP to confirm the population.



Photo Credit: Missouri Botanical Garden

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 been working under the two Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant (GLRI CWMA) and two WI DNR Weed Management Area Grant (WMA) that were awarded this year. In addition to these grants, TIP has four contracts in place to do work with the DNR and the counties.

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 for more information.

The coordinator recently applied for a WI DNR WMA grant and is always looking for additional funding sources. The organization is funded through 2025.

Organizational Development

The coordinator is working to develop opportunities for education and creating 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. TIP recently wrote a new Invasive Species Management Plan that highlights best management practices, rapid response protocol, and TIP's priority invasive species.

Looking Forward

Coordinator's Focus

The coordinator's focus is on beginning field season activities. Inventory, monitoring, control, and educational outreach will be prioritized during this upcoming 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

April 2025

11: Cisma Meeting

24: Lumberjack Council Meeting

29: Spring Steering Committee Meeting. 1 PM. Zoom.

May 2025

7: Annual Springbrook Trail Garlic Mustard Pull. 9 AM. 2nd Ave, Antigo.

13: Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Day

26: Memorial Day. Coordinator Out of Office

29: Fairview Education Day

June 2025

14: TIS Identification Day. 9 AM. Post Lake Improvement Association Building

27: Sawyer Lake TIS and AIS Education Event

Check out TIP's calendar online at 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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