



Coordinator's Report

Summer 2024

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

Field season is in full swing throughout the TIP area. This year, TIP was able to hire a Seasonal Invasive Species Technician. TIP has been able to inventory acreage, control invasive species, and monitor previously controlled sites. Despite the very rainy summer control work is still being completed on schedule.

- Outreach from April-June: 13,847 individuals
- Invasives controlled: 33.65 acres
- 9 private properties were surveyed for invasives species, totaling 163.75 acres.
- TIP participated in three school education events at Fairview Elementary School, White Lake School District, and Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Days.

Education & Outreach

TIP participated in two school education events with Derek Thorn of FLOW AIS. We spoke with 23 students in 4th and 5th grade at the White Lake School in Langlade County and 106 students in 4-K, K, 1st, and 4th grade at Fairview Elementary School in Oconto County. Students learned about terrestrial and aquatic invasive species then participated in various activities including create your own invasive species, invasive species musical chairs, and invasive species field identification.

TIP also participated in Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Days in May at Wilson Creek Orchard. 200 students from schools in Western Shawano County and Keshena Primary School participated in the event. Students learned about terrestrial invasive species and participated in a pathways of prevention activity.

TIP hosted an Invasive Species Identification and Monitoring Workshop in July in Oconto County. This event taught individuals how to identify common invasive species and was followed up by a trip into the field to search for and report invasive species at highly trafficked recreation areas.

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 in full swing. Species controlled so far are garlic mustard, spotted knapweed, wild parsnip, bishop's goutweed, bull thistle, Japanese wisteria, Japanese knotweed, exotic bush honeysuckle, black locust, and buckthorn.

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.



Wild Parsnip population in Langlade County.

Invasive Species Spotlight

Japanese wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*)

Japanese wisteria is a prohibited NR-40 invasive species in Wisconsin. It is a woody invasive vine that has alternative, pinnately compound leaves. Leaves can grow up to one foot long and have slightly wavy margins. Lavender pea-like flowers form in large clusters. Japanese wisteria has large, deep roots that can also run horizontally.

Japanese wisteria can smother native understory plants and tree saplings. The vines also climb up trees and can often strangle and topple trees.

Within TIP's four-county area, there is one known population of Japanese wisteria. When originally discovered, the population densely covered a 1/10th of an acre. When last monitored and controlled only six plants remained.



Japanese wisteria climbing up a tree in Langlade County.

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 was recently awarded the DNR Weed Management Area 2024 grant to work with private landowners. TIP has also began working under the 2023 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant (GLRI CWMA) that was awarded this year. This is the largest grant ever awarded to TIP. In addition to these grants, TIP is completing a GLRI education grant this fall.

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 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, 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 is on completing field season. Inventory, monitoring, and control will continue throughout the field season. Education and outreach development will also 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

August 2024

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

9: Natural Resources Foundation Field Trip at Maple Hills Recreation Area– 10 am-12 pm *Sign up to attend through the NRF Field Trips

17: Shawano Farmers Market– Franklin Park, Shawano; Legend Lake Faire– Legend Lake Lodge, Keshena.

September 2024

2: Labor Day– Coordinator Out of Office

6-7: Wisconsin Trapper's Convention– Langlade County Fairgrounds, Antigo.

12: Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Days

19: Suamico Elementary Outdoor Education Day

26: Gillett School District Log-a-Load Event

27: Coordinator Out of Office

October 2024

14: Columbus Day– Coordinator Out of Office

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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