### Timberland Invasives Partnership

# Coordinator's Report Fall 2022

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

November 2022

This fall, TIP welcomed a new coordinator, Abby Vogt. Abby began in October and has hit the ground running. TIP hired two seasonal technicians and had a very successful field season.

- Outreach in October: 284 people
- TIP Coordinator attended the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC) in Green Bay along with WHIP, FLOW AIS, WYFP, and Lumberjack RC&D.

## **Education & Outreach**

TIP has had limited education completed throughout the summer due to the coordinator position remaining open. However, TIP plans to focus on education and outreach in the coming months. Previous coordinator, Alix, and technicians, Baylie and Alex, attended the Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Day in May.

In October, TIP Coordinator presented about invasive species to the sixth graders from Antigo Middle School, at the Noboken School Forest. Despite the snow, students had a blast learning about invasive species, identifying invasives in the forest, and playing invasive species related games.

Looking ahead, TIP Coordinator is working to plan three virtual invasive species workshops for landowners in Menominee, Oconto, and Shawano counties. TIP coordinator is beginning to plan the TIP annual meeting that will take place early next year. TIP coordinator will also increase outreach to area schools through invasive species presentations. More details on these events to come.

Do you have an interesting invasive species story? Contact us and we would love to share it! timberlandinvasives@outlook.com

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## **Inventory & Control**

Throughout the summer and fall, TIP maximized efforts for control and monitoring. Technicians, Baylie and Alex, completed field work in all four counties. Alex has continued to stay on into November to complete as much field work as possible. This field season, 60 acres were inventoried and 100 acres were controlled.

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

## Funding and Organizational Development

TIP recently requested and received a second extension for the WNDR Weed Management Area 2020 grant. This grant will extend to 9/30/2023. This extension was requested due to the inability to complete all four landowner workshops. Therefore, work towards completing this grant will be of high priority this coming winter and spring. Breakdown of current funding sources are shown in the table.

### **Organizational Development**

The coordinator is working to develop 3 invasive plant identification workshops for Menominee, Oconto, and Shawano counties.

Funding Source	Current Balance (October 5, 2022)
USFS GLRI CWMA 2021	\$20,864.74
USFS GLRI Template 7a	\$11,406.95
WDNR WMA-Japanese Wisteria	\$959.37
USFS GLRI CWMA 2020	\$0
WDNR WMA FY 2020	\$3,537.07
Oconto Contract	\$2,790.50
Oconto Butterfly Dock	\$2,334.49
Lumberjack Coordinator Support	\$0
TIP Residual	\$791.88

These workshops will provide information on invasive species identification, management, and the opportunity for a landowner survey completed by TIP Coordinator. More information on dates and times to come.

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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## 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.

#### **Stay Informed**

Follow us on Facebook, visit our website, or sign up for TIP's email list.

#### Check out TIP's calendar online at www.timberlandinvasives.org for events!

## **Looking Forward**

### **Coordinator's Focus**

The coordinator will be focused on grant reporting for the grants ending this year. Planning preparations are beginning for the 2023 TIP Annual Meeting which will be held early next year.

### **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 as usual.



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