

# Timberland Invasives Partnership



## Coordinator's Report Spring 2021

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

April 29, 2021

Everything is greening up quickly after a mild winter in the TIP area, and we are ready to get out and get some work done! Coordinator Alix Bjorklund has begun monitoring and setting field season 2021 plans into motion as the first hints of invasives begin to show.

- Outreach is fantastic this year, with over 1,600 individuals reached in the first 4 months of 2021.
- TIP held their first ever virtual Annual Meeting in February—despite the change of venue 20 participants joined us.
- New funding opportunities are coming soon.

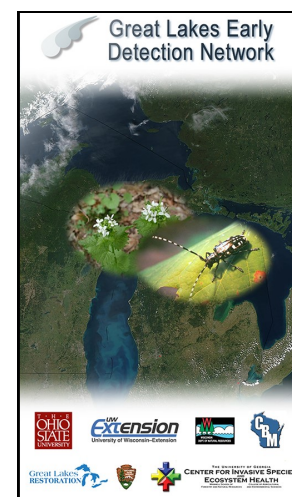


Invasive phragmites identified during monitoring in April.

## Education & Outreach

TIP has had limited education completed so far in 2021 due to COVID-19, but we expect more extensive outreach and education opportunities as the weather warms. We were able to host the 2021 Annual Meeting for TIP virtually, with guest speakers Amanda Smith of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Rosie Page of Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership. Despite some hiccups and technical difficulties, the event ended up having a solid turnout.

Coordinator Alix Bjorklund was interviewed on the BK Breakfast Club radio broadcast in early April to share hiring information for seasonal technicians and update the community on TIP's presence, and has been in contact with numerous landowners to get field appointments to scout for invasives. Looking ahead, the coordinator is working to plan a garlic mustard pull as well as educate volunteers on using the Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN) app for invasive species monitoring.



The Great Lakes Early Detection Network app—contact the coordinator to learn how to use it!

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

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# Inventory & Control

Inventory and control efforts are minimal at this point, as they usually are this time of year! TIP is still looking for a 2021 invasive species technician to help with efforts over the summer, and control in the field will begin in the coming weeks with garlic mustard rosette sprays. Monitoring has already been started, as has inventory of properties funded for control work under the 2020 Weed Management Area Private Forestry grant provided by the Wisconsin DNR, as well as 20 acres on private property already. Also scheduled for the spring is monitoring within the Machickanee Flowage area in Oconto County.

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.

## Invasive Species Spotlight

### Lesser Celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*)

Commonly mistaken for marsh marigold, a native species pictured below on the right, lesser celandine is an herbaceous invasive that grows low to the ground with bright yellow flowers and kidney-shaped leaves. Although this species prefers moist soils, it can be found in drier areas where it's native lookalike won't go. This species is NR-40 prohibited, so if you spot this species (or think you spot it!) let the DNR or TIP coordinator know right away, so we can prevent the population from spreading further.



Lesser Celandine



Lesser Celandine close-up



Marsh Marigold, a similar native

*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 and Organizational Development

A US Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) grant application made in late 2020 was applied for and recently denied. The organization is currently working under 2 of these field work-based grants and was able to speak with the Forest Service on how to strengthen future applications. The coordinator will be applying for the same opportunity again

Funding Source	Current Balance (April 27, 2021)
DNR EDRR (Shawano County Knotweed)	\$6,291.15
USFS GLRI CWMA FY-19	\$9,745.37
USFS GLRI CWMA FY-20	\$17,659.78
DNR Weed Management Area	\$6,225.00
Lumberjack Coordinator Support	\$6,694.65
DNR EDRR (Butterfly Dock)	\$4,233.78

in 2021, as a newly available timeframe for applications will be offered this year. The organization is funded through 2020, with a breakdown of funding sources in the table above.

## Organizational Development

The coordinator is working to develop opportunities for volunteers and education, specifically in the form of offering citizen-based monitoring opportunities as well as community invasive pulls. More information will be available soon!

## Looking Forward

### Coordinator's Focus

The coordinator will be focused on hiring a technician, as well as beginning field work. There is plenty to do to get well-situated for the field season and will include training a new hire, inventory of current treatment sites, and monitoring for new sites.

### Coordinator's Availability

The coordinator will be available at the normal hours of 8AM-4PM Monday through Friday following the end of the academic year beginning May 17th. She will be available via phone or email as usual until that date and following, and can accommodate most needs with some advanced warning and planning.



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# Upcoming Events

## **April 2021**

**28:** Lumberjack RC&D Council Meeting. 9:00 AM Oconto, WI.

## **May 2021**

**04:** TIP Steering Committee Meeting. 10:00 AM Call-In Only (contact Coordinator for details)

**07:** Coordinator Out of Office

**31:** Memorial 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?**

### **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.

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