

COORDINATOR'S REPORT



Spring 2026

Now that spring has (almost) sprung, TIP is gearing up for invasive control in our region. This past winter arrived early, bringing frigid temperatures and the historic Blizzard Elsa! Brianna will celebrate her first year with TIP, and we're excited to welcome our new seasonal technician, Jaylynn, also starts in May. We can't wait to be out in the field and get our hands dirty for the 2026 season!

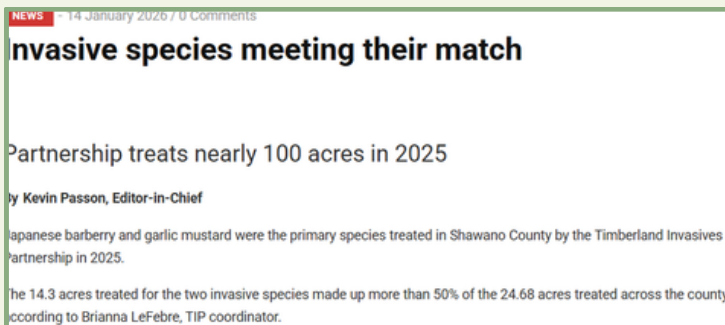
- Outreach (January – March): 39,733 individuals
- Invasives controlled, monitored, and inventoried: 7.1 acres
- TIP's Annual Meeting was held in February, with 31 attendees and guest speakers from Langlade Co Forestry, MITW Environmental Services, and Kretz Lumber Co
- TIP Participated in 2 education events: a Landowner Information webinar with UW-Extension Forestry, and an invasive species presentation at Peace Lutheran School with FLOW AIS and Langlade Co Land Conservation
- TIP's work was featured in the *Shawano Leader* and *Menominee Nation News*, reaching an estimated 10,000 individuals!



Peace Lutheran students playing invasive species musical chairs

Education & Outreach

TIP participated in two education and outreach events, reaching a total of 102 individuals and students. Brianna joined CISMA Coordinators Lindsay (WRISC) and Claire (NEWIP), and UW-Extension Forestry for an informational Q&A with various landowners from Northeast Wisconsin. We discussed various control methods, common misconceptions of invasive species, and prevention strategies. Brianna also attended an educational event with FLOW AIS Coordinator Derek Thorn and Langlade Co Conservation Specialist, Audrey Gossett, at Peace Lutheran School, Antigo presenting on terrestrial and aquatic invasive species and doing different activities.



Shawano Leader article covering TIP's 2025 Reivew



Inventory & Control



Field season is right around the corner! While limited control, monitoring, and inventory was done this past winter, TIP has already begun organizing the 2026 field plan, prioritizing invasive species control efforts in our region. This year, Japanese knotweed has been added as a top priority species for us. The coordinator currently has availability to assist private landowners with plant identification or invasive species removal advice. Contact Brianna to schedule an appointment.

Invasive Species Spotlight

Butterfly dock (*Petasites hybridus*)

Butterfly dock, also known as butterbur and bog rhubarb, is a prohibited NR-40 invasive species in Wisconsin. It is an herbaceous, perennial with large, broad, heart-shaped leaves that can grow several feet across. Pink flower clusters emerge in early spring before leaves fully develop, making it one of the first plants to appear in infested areas.

Butterfly dock invades wetlands, forests, and other moist, semi-shaded areas, where its aggressive growth and large leaves form dense patches that shade out native vegetation. It rapidly spreads through creeping rhizomes and root fragments.

There has been a previous report of butterfly dock in Oconto County in 2019, but no additional locations have been reported in TIP's four-county area.

If you believe to have spotted butterfly dock, please contact TIP or the WI DNR for confirmation.



Butterfly dock flowers and leaves
Photos: Minnesota Dept of
Agriculture

Did You Know?

Disturbed areas from winter plowing and road maintenance are prime spots for invasive species to establish in early spring. Keep an eye on roadsides and ditches near your property, and report any unfamiliar plants as they begin to emerge.

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Funding & Organizational Development

TIP has been actively working under the 2024 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant (GLRI CWMA), two WI DNR Weed Management Area Grants (WMA), a WI DNR Rapid Response grant, a Lumberjack RC&D Grant, and several fee-for-service agreements with county partners (Menominee, Oconto, and Shawano), the WI DNR, and Lake Sandia.

TIP continues to collaborate with Lumberjack RC&D, Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership, and the Wisconsin Young Forest Partnership under the U.S. Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration Grant. This effort aims to reduce invasive species, improve forest health, and enhance wildlife habitat. Learn more at www.yourforests.com.

Over the winter, the coordinator explored and prepared for additional funding opportunities, submitting applications for various grants. While GLRI funding was initially uncertain, we have recently learned that support may become available under specific project templates

The coordinator remains actively engaged in seeking additional funding to support and expand TIP's efforts and is developing new opportunities for volunteer involvement and educational outreach.



Nathan Loeffler presenting on Langlade Co Forestry

Looking Forward

Focus for the Season: The TIP Coordinator is prioritizing field season activities, inventorying, monitoring, and controlling invasive species across the TIP region. Education and outreach development will continue through the season, and we're working to build our volunteer base.

Coordinator's Availability: Brianna is available during regular hours: Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4PM. If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to plan a visit, she's reachable by phone or email. Advance notice is appreciated to help coordinate support and scheduling.



Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Serving Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas Counties in Northeast Wisconsin

Upcoming Events & Meetings

April 2026:

- 1: Invasive Species Presentation — 12:30pm, Antigo Library
- 10: Farm and Landowner Resources Workshop — 9-12:15pm, Langlade Co Resource Center
- 10: Forestry Day — 12:30pm Menominee Indian High School
- 23: Coordinator Out of Office
- 29: TIP Steering Committee Meeting — 9am via Zoom

May 2026:

- 7: Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Days — Wilson Creek Orchard
- 20: Springbrook Garlic Mustard Pull — 9am, Springbrook Trail
- 21: Menominee County LCC Meeting — 9am, Menominee Co Courthouse
- 25: Memorial Day, Coordinator Out of Office
- 29: Coordinator Out of Office

June 2026:

- 2: Fairview Education Day — Fairview Elementary
- 19: Juneteenth, Coordinator Out of Office
- 20: Terrestrial Invasive Species ID Day — 9am, Shawano County (Location TBD)

Get Involved!

Volunteer

TIP Volunteers help remove invasive species from public lands, roadsides, and ditches within the CISMA. Scheduling is flexible! *Reach out to the TIP Coordinator* for volunteer opportunities to set up a time that works for you. We'd love your help!

Keep up with the latest TIP news, volunteer events, and more!

Facebook:

Timberland Invasives Partnership

Website: <https://timberlandinvasives.org>

Email list: Contact us to be added!

For monetary donations, please contact Tracy Beckman at (715) 369-9886.

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