

Plans for Rain or Shine
Mark your Calendars!



Upcoming Workdays

Saturday May 7, 1:30pm, Phragmites Mapping at Little Sturgeon Bay. We *REALLY need dedicated helpers to complete this inventory!* Meet at the Stevenson Pier Mini-mart (Stevenson Pier Rd and Cty CC). Call Marne if you intend on joining us, 920-839-2802.

Monday May 9, 9-12pm, Treating Garlic Mustard at Newport State Park. Meet at the workshop. For more information call the park office, 920-854-2500.

Wednesday May 11, 3:30pm, Invasive Species ID training hosted by DCIST and Gibraltar Parks and Lands committee. Held at the Gibraltar Fire Station (3496 Cty Rd F). Call Renny Lea for more information, 920-868-9698.

Tuesday May 17th, 9am, The Barberry Pirates kick-off another season of weed wars at The Ridges Sanctuary. Contact Marne for more information.

Upcoming DCIST Meetings

May

Monday May 16th, 2pm
Baileys Harbor Town Hall
Citizen Lake Monitoring for Aquatic Invaders

This month's DCIST meeting moves north to try and accommodate northern Door volunteers. DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist Brenda Nordin will give an aquatic invasive species identification training. Join us to learn about the successful invasive species control and monitoring efforts on Clark and Kangaroo Lake.

June

Monday June 20th, 2pm at
Crossroads at Big Creek
Preventing the Spread While at Play

Much of the efforts of natural resource managers is now in *Early Detection and Rapid Response* to invasive species outbreaks on native landscapes. Door County's Courtney LeClair will present on Wisconsin's new approach in the best management practices for preventing the spread of invasive species by outdoor activities. Land managers and leaders of outdoor recreational special interest groups are encouraged to attend. Snacks and socializing afterwards, of course!

Spring Weed Equations for Land Owners Cold, Wet Day + Bored Property Owner = Great Planning Day

The wet, cold days make it hard to feel like working outside, but this is a great time to walk your property and plan for the rest of the year. Look for areas where the weeds got away from you last year and make a plan now for what to do later. Bring along some small stakes with flagging and a permeate marker to help mark those areas. Not able to walk about? Spend some time reading up and researching on invasive species. Talk with Marne Kaeske (DCIST Coordinator) and see if there's an approach that will fit your budget and time better this year. Also look for bare areas or places where the existing grass or landscaping is struggling. These are going to be prime places for weeds to get a foothold. Consider making some changes to how you maintain your grass or whether to replace plants or lawn with more site-appropriate vegetation. In really shady spots, lawns will always struggle, so maybe it's time to replace that patchy area under your trees with some shade-tolerant natives. Check out Wisconsin Native Plant Source online or talk to local nursery for suggestions.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/documents/nativeplants.pdf>

