DCIST
Door County Invasive Species Team

Weed Needs

Early Detection; Rapid Response!

One of the most effective ways to stop the spread of invasive species is to find and control new populations before they become established. Researchers from UW-Madison, Colorado State University, and USGS have worked together to develop early detection maps for the state of Wisconsin. These maps can help any land manager prioritize their invasive species monitoring and control efforts to use their limited resources in the most effective way. You can be a part of this research project by lending your time to this project that seeks to ground truth these early detection maps.
Come and join us at one of these workshops:

Tuesday June 28th 9am, The Ridges SanctuaryTuesday
June 28th 2pm, Washington Island Arts and Nature Center
Wednesday June 29th, 12:30pm, at LaSalle County Park

Contact Marne for more information: 920-839-2802, or marne@ridgessanctuary.org

July: Restoration Month

The Door County Invasive Species Team is promoting July 2011as "restoration month" on the Door Peninsula. Activities will include:

- Follow-up with landowners having phragmites treated in 2010. If you have previously treated phragmites and want to know the next step to preserving the biodiversity on your shoreline, contact DCIST: 920-746-5955, or dcist1@gmail.com

- As part of the Thursday night "Lake Lessons", restoration ecologist Nancy Aten will discuss projects areas in Milwaukee and Door County. The presentation is open to the public: July 21st, 7pm at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall. Contact The Ridges Sanctuary for more information.

- A restoration workshop will be held July 18th, 6:30pm at The Ridges Sanctuary. The workshop will address chemical mixing, dilutions/formulations, potential collateral damage, application timing, best management practices for targeted species, and some field work. We encourage contractors and volunteers working on invasive species in potentially sensitive habitat around the door peninsula to attend! Please let us know if you plan on attending. Contact Marne at 920-839-2802, or marne@ridgessanctuary.org

Wild Parsnip

Wild Parsnip is rapidly expanding in the right of ways in many parts of the county, especially in the township of Union. This bi-annual plant looks similar to dill, but is potentially hazardous to human health. If its sap comes in contact with your skin

Gibraltar Needs Your Help!

The Dames Rocket removal workday on June 15th was rained out. There is still a MAJOR problem with how prolific dames rocket is in Fish Creek Park. Please come and join our efforts **Sunday June 26th** at **1pm**. This time the rain date is set for Monday June 27th at 1pm.

Dames Rocket is often sold in wild flower mixes, and mistaken for Flox or Fire weed.

One plant is capable of releasing hundreds of seeds.

You may notice volunteers staffed around boat launches over the fourth of July weekend. The DNR is promoting their "Clean Boats, Clean Waters" program and placing volunteers at boat landings to remind those enjoying the sun and water to check their boats for hitchhikers. We are still looking for help; just a few hours to educate those on our local waters. If you would like to help out contact Matt Wykle at

Door County Soil and Water Conservation Dept. at 920-746-2484 or mwykle@co.door.wi.us

JUNE
Invasive Species Awareness Month

June is Invasive Species Awareness Month in Wisconsin. Let DCIST know what your concerns are, what new exotic plants you have noticed establishing in your neighborhood, or what you have been working on. We want to know how to better serve the "nature minded" community. Send us your volunteer form:
Volunteer Log Sheet

and is exposed to the sun, it will cause deep purple burns that can last up to 2 years.

DCIST is working with a contractor to remove the parsnip from the right of ways and has scheduled educational workshops to help landowners learn how to curb its spread.

Pleas e join us to learn about this problem plant:

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Saturday July 2nd, 10:30am, Ahnapee Trail (Cty J, Forestville)
Wednesday July 13th, 9:30am, LaSalle County Park (Cty U, Clay Banks)
Wednesday July 13th 6:30 pm, Sugar Creek (Cty DK next to the bait shop, Union)
Tuesday July 19th, 6:30pm, Kayes Creek (Cty K and Hilly Ridge Rd, Gardener)

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