

Fifth Annual Northern Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference: The Dry, the Wet and the Ugly



November 4, 2014
Northern Michigan University – University Center

9:00 am Coffee and networking (*Cadillac/Brule Room*)

9:15 am Welcome (*Cadillac/Brule Room*)

9:30 am Status of Invasive Plant Management in Michigan's Upper Peninsula – Are We Making an Impact?
Marilyn Shy, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
Emily Anderson, Wild Rivers CWMA (Cadillac/Brule Room)

10:15 am Break

Morning Concurrent Sessions

10:30 am I. Environmental DNA Monitoring of Aquatic Invasives (*Marquette/Nicolet Room*)
Maggie Kronlein, Michigan State University

or II. Facilitated Strategy Session on Garlic Mustard – Long-Term Management Strategies for the U.P.
Marilyn Shy, Natural Resources Conservation Service (Cadillac/Brule Room)

11:15 am I. Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting of Aquatic Invasives (*Marquette/Nicolet Room*)
Barb Gajewski, Many Waters LLC

or II. Facilitated Strategy Session on Japanese Knotweed – Exploring U.P.-Wide Management
Marilyn Shy, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Colleen Matula, Wisconsin DNR (Cadillac/Brule Room)

12:00 pm Lunch and Networking

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

- 1:00 pm I. Aquatic Invasive Species Program: Recent Efforts in Moving Michigan Forward in the Battle Against AIS (**Marquette/Nicolet Room**)
Jen Johnson, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- or II. Panel Discussion: Potential Species Making their Way to the U.P. (**Cadillac/Brule Room**)
Colleen Matula, Wisconsin DNR
Phyllis Higman, Michigan Natural Features Inventory
- 1:45 pm I. Identification of Aquatic Invasives (**Cadillac/Brule Room**)
Kile Kucher, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division
- or II. Funding Invasive Species Management - Panel Discussion (**Marquette/Nicolet Room**)
Sue Tangora, Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Katie Grzesiak, Grand Traverse Conservation District
Lisha Ramsdell, Huron Pines
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Habitat Matters – How Can We Use Positive Messaging in the U.P.? (**Cadillac/Brule Room**)
Katie Grzesiak, Grand Traverse Conservation District
- 3:30 pm Adjourn – Please drive safely!

Following the conference, speaker presentations will be available on the UP RC&D Council website at:
<http://www.uprcd.org/conference.asp>



RRIP-IT-UP (Rapid Response Invasive Plant Intervention Team for the Upper Peninsula) is a project of the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council working with conservation districts & other organizations to increase collaboration among partners in dealing with invasive plant issues. This conference is supported in part by a Pulling Together Grant to the UP RC&D Council from the National Fish and Wildlife