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Invasive Species in Our Community *Identifying and Treating Invasive Plants in and Around Bear Lake, Michigan*

Manistee, MI – Emily Cook, Outreach Specialist for the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network (ISN) will be presenting on “Invasives in Our Community” on Saturday, September 1st, at 9:00AM at the Bear Lake Methodist Church. (7861 Main St., Bear Lake). Emily will be highlighting invasive plant species specific to land in Manistee County and the Bear Lake area including identification information, treatment suggestions, and guidance for reporting outbreaks.

Join ISN and partners for a brief video presentation on local invasive species, including Japanese knotweed and Japanese barberry found in Manistee. Following this viewing, Cook will provide additional information about these species and many others, leaving time at the end for a Q&A with the audience. Plant information and additional resources will be available to take home as well.

The presentation is being sponsored by Bear Lake’s Property Owners Association, Watershed Alliance, and Lake Improvement Board, as well as the Manistee Conservation District.

This event is free and open to everyone. For more information, please contact Emily Cook at (231)941-0960 x20 or email ecook@gtcd.org. Questions regarding this event can be directed to Don Raiff at (480)650-8688.

About the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network

The Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network (ISN) is a collaboration of over 40 highly motivated and respected organizations in the region. ISN’s mission is to *protect, enhance, and promote northwest Michigan’s natural communities through terrestrial invasive plant management and outreach*. Its service area includes Manistee, Benzie, Leelanau, and Grand Traverse counties. More information can be found at HabitatMatters.org.