

# The Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership: Cliff Notes

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Implementing the Forest Campaign Plan Using Cooperative Weed Management Areas  
CWMA Geographic Coverage



## NIIPP

- 18 counties in northeast Illinois
- Also work with River to River CWMA, Southeast Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium and Indiana Coastal CWMA
- Both terrestrial and aquatic species

# Our Focus

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**Control**

**Regulation**

**Education and Outreach**

- Early Detection and Rapid Response
- Prevention



# Control: Strike Teams

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- Continued control of stiltgrass in Will County
- Collaboration with Lake County Forest Preserve District for Lake Michigan Early Detection Strike Team
- 18 New Invaders in more than 400 populations across 5,400 acres
- Additional funding for other projects



# Communities and Strike Teams

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- Japanese knotweed in the Village of Downers Grove
- 21 homeowners
- Village of Downers Grove
- Downers Grove Park District
- DuPage County FPD
- Downers Grove Sanitary District



# Regulation

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## **Illinois Invasive Plant Species Council**

- Risk assessment and species proposal for regulation

# Education and Outreach

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## Early Detection/Rapid Response:

- Illinois Hydrilla Task Force
- New Invaders Watch Program

## Prevention:

- Green Industry Education and Outreach
- Clean Boats Crew



# EDRR: Illinois *Hydrilla* Hunt!

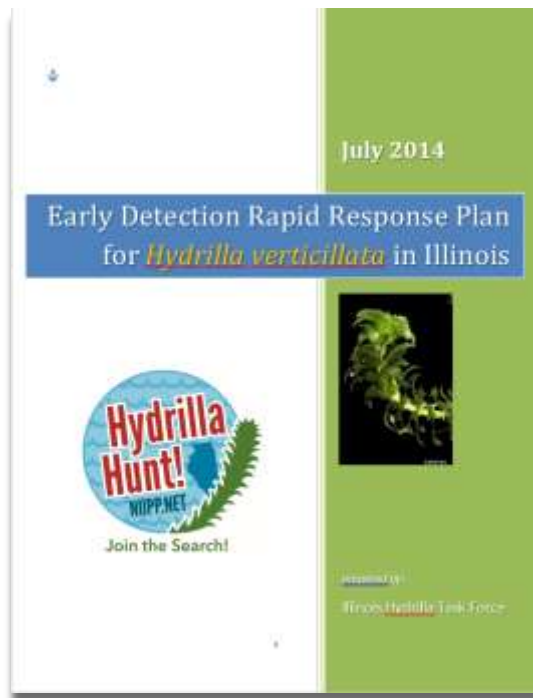


- Statewide program with test run in NE Illinois
- Education and outreach materials
- Website and email reporting
- Co-coordinators: Chicago Botanic Garden, Lake County Health Department, and NIIPP



# Illinois *Hydrilla* Task Force: EDRR

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- State wide Early Detection/Rapid Response Plan
- Memorandum of Understanding for Rapid Response Team

# EDRR: New Invaders Watch Program

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- offering a series of workshops for park districts, NGOs, and municipalities throughout Lake Michigan Watershed
- raising public awareness
- recruiting monitors
- providing informational support



# Prevention: Green Industry Education and Outreach

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- Workshops and presentations for Garden Clubs, Master Gardeners, and Master Naturalists
- Tables at iLandscape Show and Chicago Flower & Garden Show



# Prevention: Clean Boats Crew

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- Collaboration with IL-IN Sea Grant
- Multiple counties in Illinois and Indiana

**2011:** 874 exposures

**2012:** 2,546 exposures

**2013:** 1,925 exposures

**2014:** 3,519 exposures

**TOTAL:** 8,964 exposures

# Clean Boats Crew 2015

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## Lake County:

North Point Marina

Waukegan Harbor

Chain O' Lakes

## Cook County:

Belmont Harbor

Burnham Harbor

31<sup>st</sup> Street Harbor



# Convergence

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## Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act - Effective January 1, 2013

- Prohibits transport of aquatic plants and animals on recreational water vehicles and equipment
- Enforced by IDNR
- Fines involved



# Even more convergence

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Illinois Department of Natural  
Resources

Invasive Species Awareness  
Campaign



# Clean Boats Crew: Funding

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- GLRI funds 2011-2012
- IDNR funds 2013-2015
- 2016 and beyond ???





# Clean Boats Crew: Recruitment

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We need grass roots support-

Homeowners associations

Lake management associations

**We need you to volunteer for  
your lake!**

# Support for volunteer groups

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- ideally attend training session in May
- also have presentations available online
- program manual
- education and outreach materials-  
CBC brochures, Be A Hero stickers, watch cards, and fact sheets



# Resources: General Information



## Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership

[www.niipp.net](http://www.niipp.net)



## IL-IN Sea Grant

<http://www.iisgcp.org/>

# Resources: Reporting, etc.

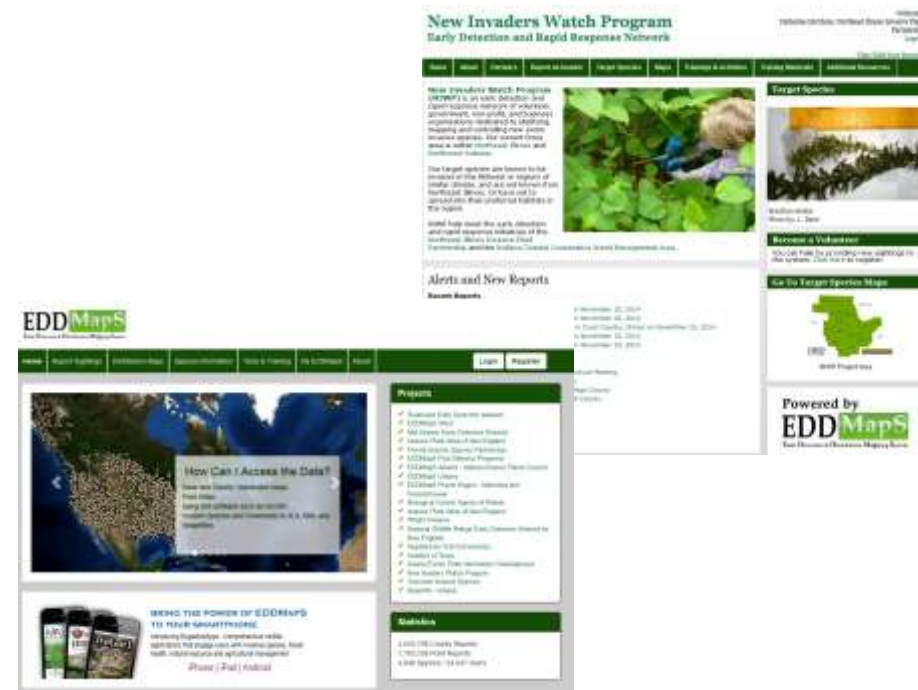
## New Invaders Watch Program

[www.newinvaders.org](http://www.newinvaders.org)

## Early Detection Distribution Mapping System

[www.eddmaps.org](http://www.eddmaps.org)

## Great Lakes Early Detection Network





**Thank you!**



# Contact Us

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