

It's Time to **RRIP-IT-UP!**

A Project to Slow the Spread of Invasive Plants



Garlic mustard in flower. Its rapid growth crowds out native plants in our forests.

RRIP-IT-UP is a grant-funded effort being carried out by the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development Council with the help of numerous partners. At least 100 volunteers will be recruited to be part of a network called “**Rapid Response Invasive Plant Intervention Team of the Upper Peninsula**” or RRIP-IT-UP. Local Rapid Response Teams will be established by Conservation Districts and partners throughout the UP. Members of these teams will be trained in the identification of the major invasive plants present, and will also be able to recognize those weeds having the potential to arrive in the area soon. When invasive plants are spotted, the members of the teams will know the appropriate action to take. Teams will be encouraged to pull single weeds, but if a larger infestation is found, they will be asked to call their local Conservation District.

Would you like to volunteer to be a part of RRIP-IT-UP? We hope you will say **YES!** To do so, call your local Conservation District (see the list on the back of this handout) or contact the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development office at (906) 226-7487, Ext. 4. Volunteering can be as simple as pulling a few invasive weeds when you see them or reporting larger infestations to your local Conservation District. If you have more time, you can join volunteer crews to help remove larger infestations. Either way, training sessions in invasive weed identification are absolutely free.

Our Partners include: Alger Conservation District – Baraga Conservation District – Bay Mills Indian Community - Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation District – Delta Conservation District – Dickinson Conservation District – Gogebic Conservation District- Hannahville Indian Community – Hiawatha National Forest - Houghton/Keweenaw Conservation District – Iron Conservation District – Keweenaw Bay Indian Community – Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians – Lake Superior State University - Luce/West Mackinac Conservation District – Marquette Conservation District – Menominee Conservation District – Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment – Michigan Department of Transportation – Michigan Natural Features Inventory – Michigan State University Extension – Natural Resources Conservation Service- Ottawa National Forest - Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore - The Nature Conservancy- Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development Council

Whether you spend time out-of-doors in your job, or in recreational pursuits....whether you hunt, fish, camp, or just like to spend time in nature hiking trails and taking photos....you can help us to make a difference.

Join one of our RRIP-IT-UP teams today!

To Volunteer, Call:

Alger County: **Alger Conservation District** - (906) 387-2222
Baraga County: **Baraga Conservation District** – (906) 353-8225 ext. 106
Chippewa County: **Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation District** (906) 635-1278
Delta County: **Delta Conservation District** – (906) 428-9469 ext. 3
Dickinson County: **Dickinson Conservation District** (906) 774-8441
Gogebic County: **Gogebic Conservation District** – (906) 663-4512
Houghton County: **Houghton/Keweenaw Conservation District** – (906) 482-0214
Iron County: **Iron Conservation District** – (906) 875-3765
Keweenaw County: **Houghton/Keweenaw Conservation District** – (906) 482-0214
Luce County: **Luce /West Mackinac Conservation District** – (906) 293-3419
Mackinac County (east half): **Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation District** – (906) 635-1278
Mackinac County (west half): **Luce/West Mackinac Conservation District** – (906) 293-3419
Marquette County: **Marquette Conservation District** – (906) 226-2461 ext 5
Menominee County: **Menominee Conservation District** – (906) 753-4663
Ontonagon or Schoolcraft Counties: **UP Resource Conservation & Development** – (906) 226-7487, Ext. 4.



Invasive buckthorn forms dense thickets which prevents tree seedling regeneration.

Your efforts will help improve native habitats across the Upper Peninsula. Call to volunteer your time now.

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