

Hidden Beach News

Hine's Emerald Dragonfly Project Report



Working with the project leaders, 103 volunteers spent 625 volunteer hours in August and September identifying, mapping and treating invasive plant species that may harm the Hines emerald dragonfly, a federally listed insect in Negwegon State Park.

The volunteers ranged in age from 8-80 proving you are never too young nor too old to love and care for our natural world.

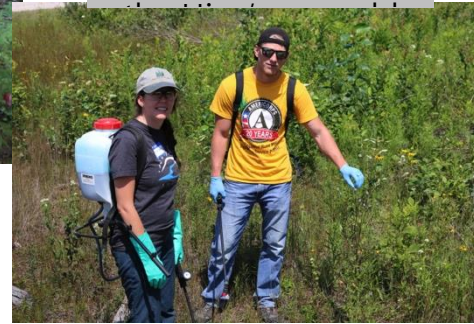
Each volunteer trained to become a "Citizen Scientist" by learning to identify specific invasive plant species and the Hine's emerald dragonfly's habitat. Daria Hyde, Phyllis Higman, and David Cuthrell, all scientists from Michigan Natural Features Inventory, conducted the training and served as project directors.

Volunteers included GLSI Project's Alcona 8th graders from Christie Thomas' 8th grade class, ACC Field Biology Class, and Alcona 4-H Environmental Science Club.

Alpena Community College Field Biology students



Huron Pines Americorp volunteers treat invasive plants during



GLSI TRIP: Each spring and fall students from Alpena Schools visit the park and Friends of Negwegon volunteers are there to help. In September Christie Thomas' 8th grade students participated in the Hine's Emerald Dragonfly project.



4-H Science Club Volunteer.

Community Service Award

Hine's Emerald Dragonfly Project, the GLSI Student Community Based Education Interpretive Sign Project and the Adopt-A-Trail Project led to the Community Service Award nomination of Friends of Negwegon.

Anna Sylvester, DNR Chief, Northern Field Operations and Eric Ostrander, DNR Negwegon State Park Supervisor were instrumental in nominating Friends of Negwegon State Park for the MRPA Community Service Award.

The award was accepted on behalf of all the hardworking volunteers who preserve and protect Negwegon.



We thank all our hardworking partners!

Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, Alpena Schools, Huron Pines, MSU



GLSI Presentation

Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative conference was held in Grand Rapids in November. The yearly conference focuses on successful “place-based education” projects in Michigan schools and beyond.

Friends of Negwegon President Sue Keller, along with Hine’s emerald dragonfly project leaders Daria Hyde and Phyllis Higman, Christie Thomas, Alcona teacher, and Brandon Schroeder Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative Educator presented the summer volunteer stewardship project.

The group explained how volunteers were trained to identify, map, and control invasive plant species and to identify the Hine’s emerald dragonfly habitat within Negwegon.

It was an honor to participate.



FONSP Website

Visit Friends of Negwegon State Park website. Just type in <http://www.fonsp.org/>

Check out projects, information, and volunteer opportunities.

You will find a membership form that allows you to type in your information before you print and mail it.

There is a link to our website on the DNR Negwegon State Park website:

Membership

Join, renew or update your contact information on the enclosed membership form. Be an active volunteer or support the park by being an informed friend of Negwegon State Park.

Lifetime Members

Thank you for your long-term support of Friends of Negwegon. Having a stable membership base helps to build a pool of informed park friends.

Because, as a lifetime member, you do not pay a membership fee each year, we rely on you to donate any amount to the organization from time to time. And you do! Thank You.

