



MADELINE ISLAND WILDERNESS PRESERVE 2021  
REPORT TO MEMBERS

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# MADLINE ISLAND WILDERNESS PRESERVE

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# Invasive Plant Control

## “The Buck(thorn) Stops Here”



### Buckthorn and Barberry

- Aggressive non-native woody plants
- Most abundant near Town (where first introduced)
- Have been gradually spreading outward

Our Goal: Stop the spread and turn woody invasives from major ecological threat to manageable nuisance

# Invasive Plant Control

## Our Approach

- A systematic 7-year program (now in year-3)
- Established 6 treatment zones (1 per year)
- Targeted herbicide application (minimal impact on native plants)
- MIWP, Town, and Private lands (by permission)

## Our Professional Partners: Bay Area Environmental Consulting

Michael Sinclair (L) and Nile Merton (R) of  
Bay Area Environmental Consulting with  
recently treated buckthorn



# Invasive Plant Control

## Activities in 2021

- Initial treatment: Zone 3
- Evaluate and Re-treat Zone 1 for new seedlings and missed plants



Cooperating  
Land Owners:  
Thank You!

# MIWP TRAILS AND LAND 2021

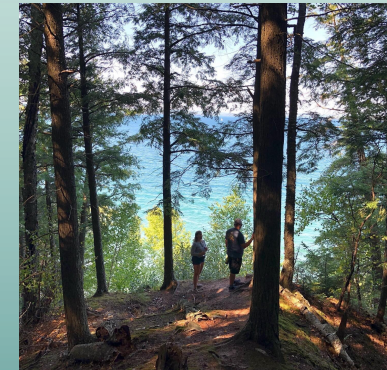
## IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED IN 2021:

- Built and installed 40 “duck boards” on Burroughs Trail to aid hikers crossing wet areas
- Resurfaced Burroughs parking area
- Replaced 16 foot span bridge on north end trail
- Created and installed new trailhead signs for north end trails
- Created crossover on North End Trail to create new hiking loop
- Posted our trails on the all trails app



## IMPROVEMENTS COMING IN 2021-22:

- Updated trail maps - easier to read with new notations
- Off street parking at Schoolhouse Road trailhead **completed!**



## MIWP PARTNERS WITH MADELINE ISLAND TRAILS ORGANIZATION

- The MIWP has partnered with the another Island non-profit, the Madeline Island Trails, Inc. (MIT), to help us maintain our trails.
- Volunteers from MIT have been tracking some of our trails for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter, and have lent a hand on other trail improvements, such as new bridges and duckboard placement.
- The cooperation with MIT creates more community involvement by promoting a healthy recreational use of our lands. MIT helps us clear our trails of deadfall and groom the trails for Islanders and visitors to get out on our lands.
- A big thanks to all of our volunteers! Look for MIT's new logo out on our trails.



# MIWP SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2021



- Initiated Summer Forest Classroom Series:
- Mushroom Foraging, Book Club, Guided Trail Walks, Painting and Journaling
- Successfully moved our education program outside for the health and enjoyment of all



## MIWP Financial Highlights 2020

Total Expenses	\$ 37,126
Operations (taxes, accounting, mailings ...)	\$ 11,508
Invasive Species Initiative	8,275
Trail Maintenance	1,088
Education, Web, Social Media	4,225
Land Stewardship Fund	12,000
Total Contributions	\$ 37,196

# MIWP Financial Projections 2021

Annual Budget: \$39,500

Donation to Emergency Services Building Landscaping	\$ 5,000
Invasive species initiative	11,500
Trail improvements	8,000
Education programming	2,000
Web and Social Media	5,000
Community environmental project	5,000
General operations	3,000



## TO OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS THANK YOU!!

The past year has been an especially challenging time for all of us. We were disappointed to not be able to gather with our members and friends this fall for our annual reception event.

Hopefully, many of you have been able to attend some of our Forest Classroom events, hike our trails, or just visit our amazing website, [MIWP.ORG](http://MIWP.ORG).

We are staying committed to our mission of preserving and protecting some of Madeline Island's most beautiful lands and providing environmental education to our community.

Thanks for your continuing support!  
With Appreciation,

Steven Mueller  
President, Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve