# Invasive Species Databases Can Guide Wetland Invasives Control Around Your Lake

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# Wetland Invasive Species & Lakes

- Wetland invaders cause problem for lakes
  - Reduce beach and shoreline use
  - Reduce land values
  - Alter ecosystem functions
  - Reduce species diversity
  - Reduce recreational & hunting opportunities







# **Invasive Species Databases**

- To help stop invasives, where are they found?
- Current online systems, many have millions of records:
  - GISIN (Global Invasive Species Information Network)
  - MISIN (Midwest Invasive Species Information Network)
  - EDDMapS (Early Detection Distribution Mapping System)
  - GLEDN (Great Lakes Early Detection Network)
  - WDNR's SWIMS (Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System)

# **Invasive Species Databases**

- These databases are mostly repositories
  - Display Coordinates, Dates, Observers ...
- Records aren't used in an ecological context
  - Data typically identified by State or County
  - SWIMS identifies affected waterbodies
  - None identify threats to wetlands, woodlands, or other areas
- Using ArcGIS and available data from the WDNR, it is possible to identify invasive species in a more explicit sense.

### **Process**

#### How do we identify potential threats?

- 1. Assemble invasive species records
- 2. Intersect the data against other spatial data to place the records in context
- 3. Create ecological models using ArcGIS tools and export data
- 4. Combine with Priority Areas for Invasive Species Management Model (PAISM)

## **Assembling Invasive Species Records**

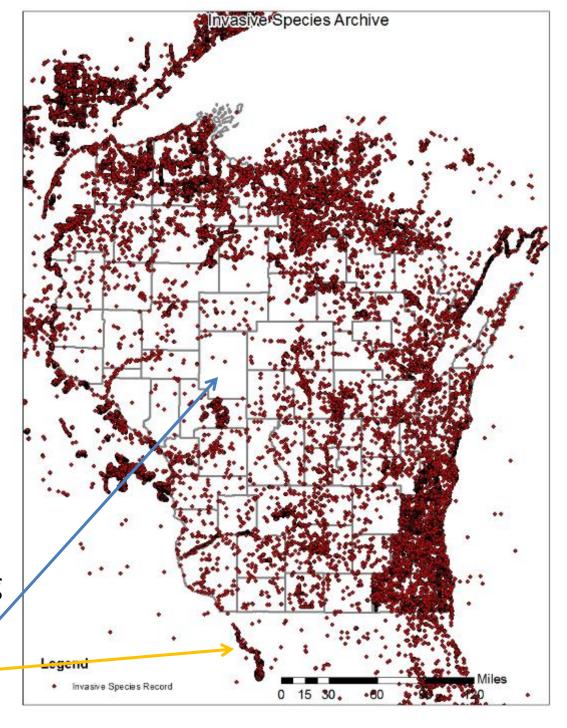
- The WDNR is developing a system to collect invasive species records from multiple source and combine them together
  - Called the "Invasive Species Archive"
- Although the idea isn't new, we are using it to help at statewide and regional levels.
- We download available data, reformat, and recombine it using ArcGIS.

# Invasive Species Archive

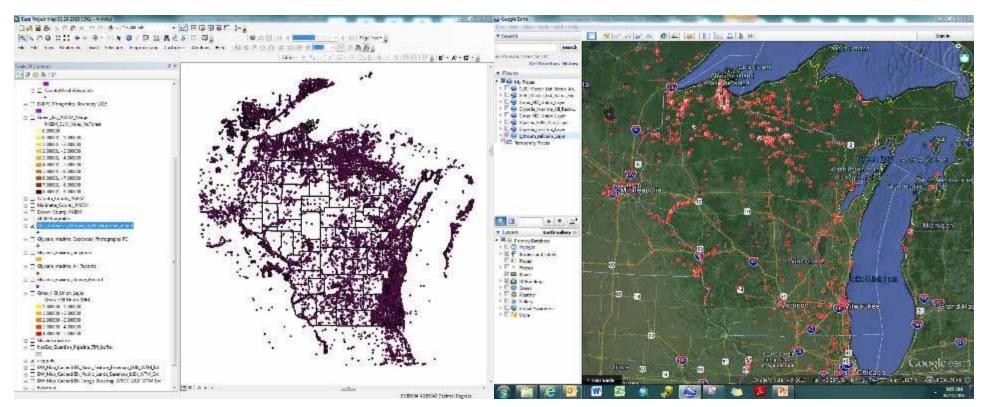
Currently at 114,000 records

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- Generate regional & site analysis
  - Multiple species
     within counties or
     defined areas
  - Species records
  - Find gaps in reporting (Example: Clark Co.)
  - External threats



## How to use Invasive Species Archive?



If you have access to ArcGIS, we can share a unified Layer Package via email.

If you don't have ArcGIS, download GoogleEarth and WDNR will email KMZ files.

- GoogleEarth is free
- Has easy Drag & Drop interface

### What can we do with the data?

### How can the public use this data?

- Create lists for education & outreach
- Mobile application

### How is the WDNR using this data?

- Analyze spatial patterns
  - Find invasion fronts
  - Find isolated populations
- Focus search areas with Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) Models.
- Visual comparison to aerial imagery.
- Integrate with Priority Areas for Invasive Species Management (PAISM) model.

### NR 40 Lists

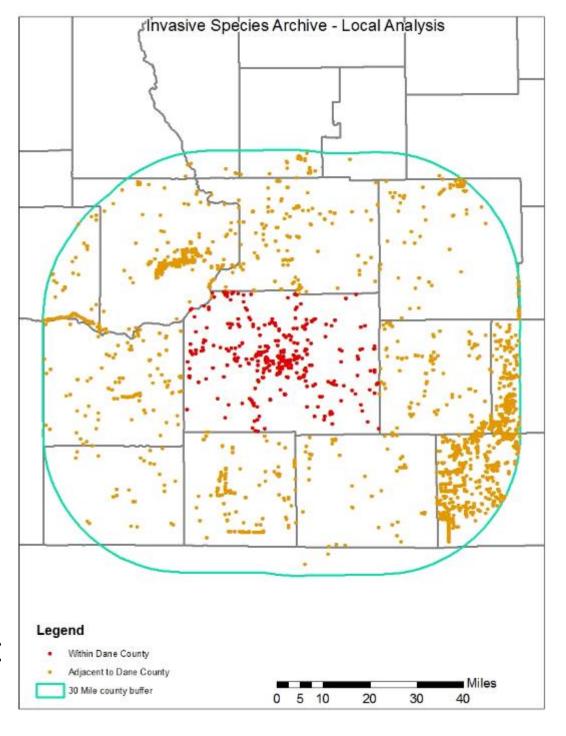
- We have outreach materials covering invasive species in NR 40
  - Invasive SpeciesControl Rule
- We can customize these lists for each county for aquatic, wetland, and terrestrial species.



## Short List of IS

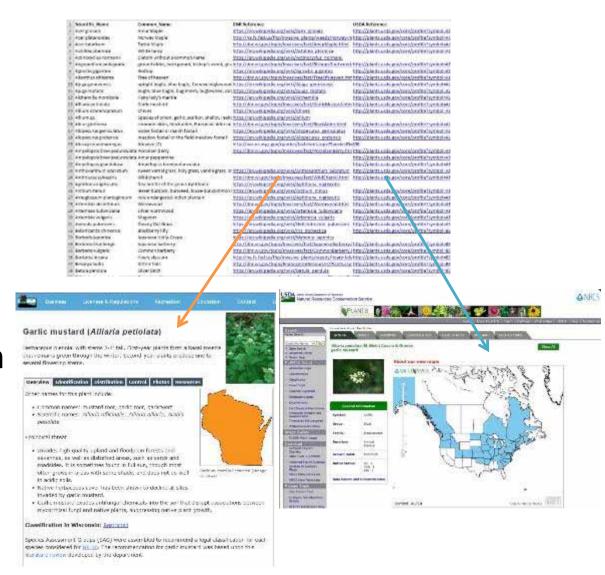
- Using the Archive, we can find records of species within & adjacent to counties
- Easier to teach
   citizens what species
   they should expect to
   find
- List for ALL invasive species is available now as a spreadsheet

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# Short List of IS: The Spreadsheet "Species List" tab

- Species List gives common names and links for more information
  - WDNR & USDA
  - Also shows if a species is found in wetlands (OBL, FACW, FAC, FACU, UPL)



# Short List of IS: The Spreadsheet "Regional Analysis" tab

- Regional Analysis shows what is within and adjacent to your county
  - Acts as an index for which Google Earth files to use.

1		Analysis_focus	County_Name
1866	Acer platanoides	County	Dane_County
1867	Agrostis gigantea	County	Dane_County
1868	Agrostis gigantea	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1869	Ailanthus altissima	County	Dane_County
1870	Alliaria petiolata	County	Dane_County
1871	Alliaria petiolata	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1872	Alnus glutinosa	County	Dane_County
1873	Alnus glutinosa	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1874	Ampelopsis brevipedunculata	County	Dane_County
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1876	Ampelopsis brevipedunculata	County	Dane_County
1877	Ampelopsis glandulosa	County	Dane_County
1878	Anthriscus sylvestris	County	Dane_County
1879	Anthriscus sylvestris	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1880	Arnoglossum plantagineum	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1881	Berberis japonica	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1882	Berberis thunbergii	County	Dane_County
1883	Berberis thunbergii	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1884	Berberis vulgaris	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1885	Besseya bullii	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1886	Bithynia tentaculata	30 mile Buffer	Dane_County
1887	Bunias orientalis	30 mile Buffer	Dane County

## Mobile Use

- Download Google
   Maps app
- You can email the KMZ files to yourself on a smartphone or tablet.
- Blue dot is you, red dot is invasive species.

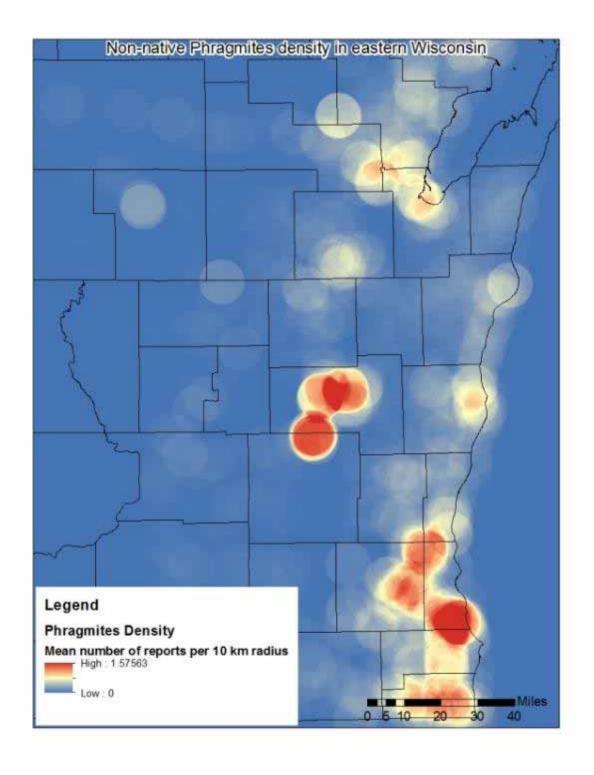




# Population Density

How abundant is a species in the landscape?

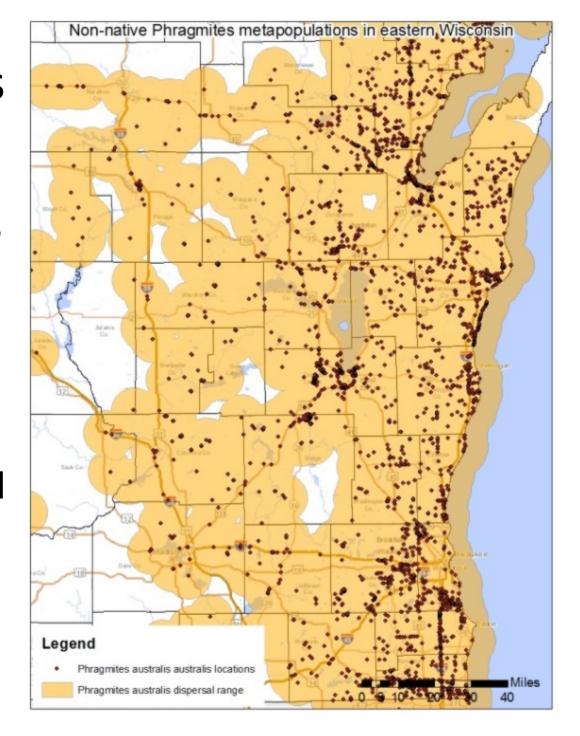
 Areas with regional high density and few reports suggests additional reconnaissance.



## Metapopulations

What is the network structure of a species?

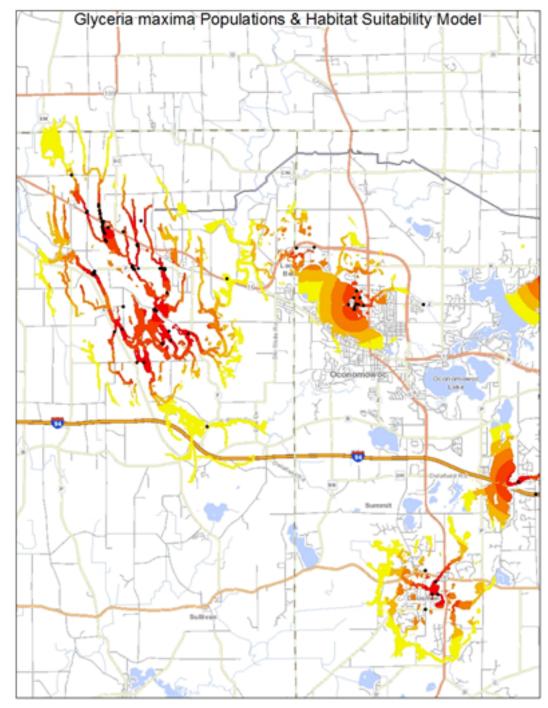
- "A population of populations"
- Finds invasion fronts
- When used with estimates of dispersal range, potential survey areas can be defined.



# Habitat Suitability

Where are the likely places to find a species?

- Develop a simple model from literature
  - Wisconsin Wetlands Inventory, select suitable wetlands.
  - WDNR 24k HYDRO for waterways
  - Survey envelope (2.5 km buffer)
- Helps identify what parcels need access permissions



# Aerial imagery

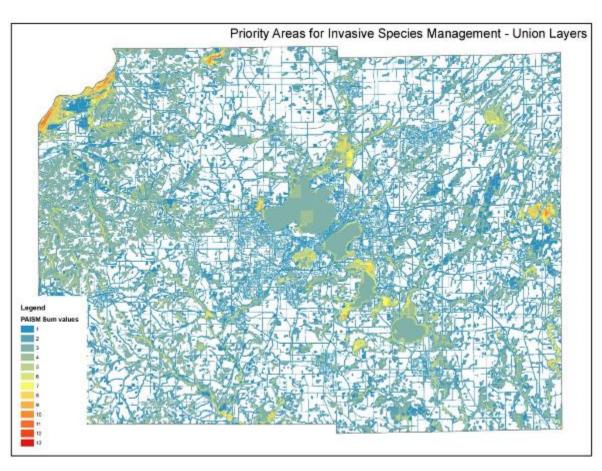
- With precise invasive species data, you can use it to interpret aerial imagery and find suspected sites.
- We used it for our GLRI *Phragmites* project



#### Combine Archive with PAISM

#### What does the species threaten?

- Priority Areas for Invasive Species Management
  - Ecological Importance
  - Invasive SpeciesSusceptibility
- Being developed by WDNR
  - 1. Longer-term effective restoration.
  - 2. Proactive over opportunistic planning.
  - 3. Strategic use of available management resources.



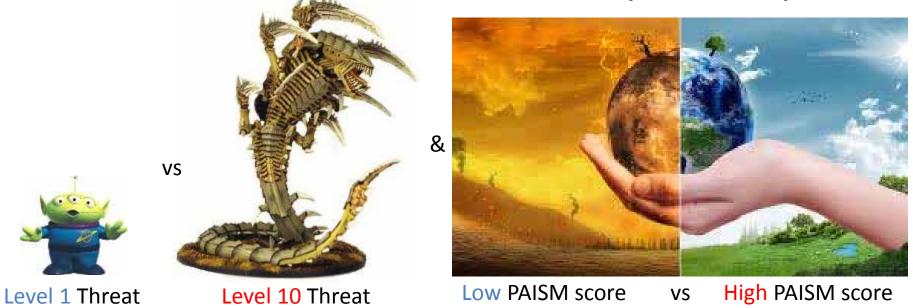
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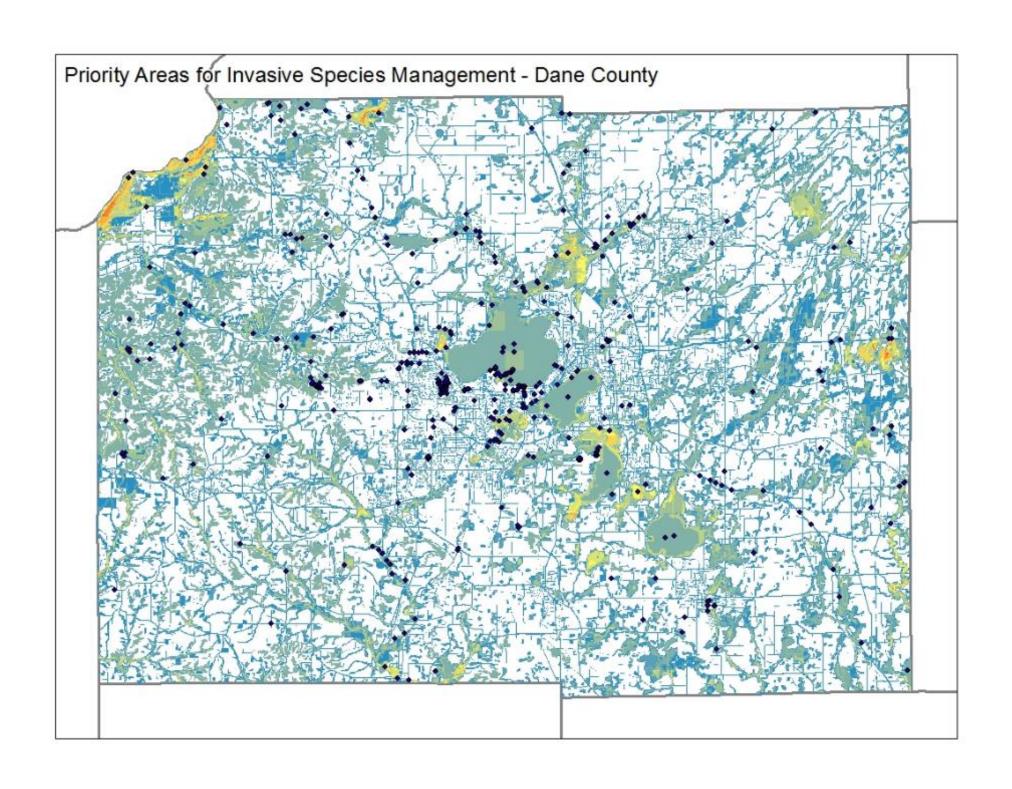
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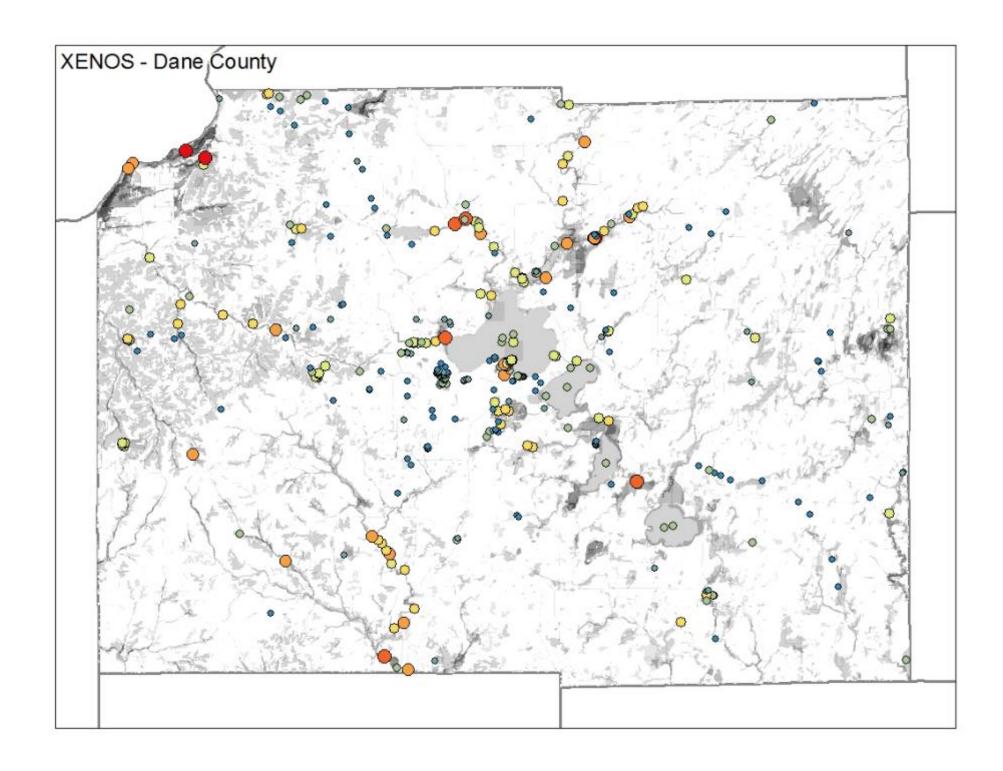
### XENOS model

- Xenos is Greek for "Stranger" or "Alien"
- New model combines Invasive Species Archive + NR40 Classification + Priority Areas for Invasive Species Management

Creates a Threat Score for Invasive Species reports







## Questions?

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