Invasive Species Pull at the Newaygo Riverfront Park

Community Partners

- Mrs. Sarah Pregitzer, WMGLSI Field Coordinator
- Newaygo Invasive Plant Project, Mr. Randy Butters
- City of Newaygo, Mayor Jon Schneider

Newaygo Riverfront Park Clean-Up

Students in the Agriscience Program at the Newaygo County Career-Tech Center took on a service learning project in the spring of 2014 to continue their work on improving the Newaygo Riverfront Park along the Muskegon River in the city of Newaygo.

The students identified the invasive species in the park, learned how to remove each species, and developed a plan for removal.

Agriscience students removed more than 700 pounds of garlic mustard in April and May.

They then planted native trees in the park and other local parks.

Agriscience students spent 50 man hours working at the park. The Newaygo Invasive Plant Project provided information to the students in class and assisted at the project site.

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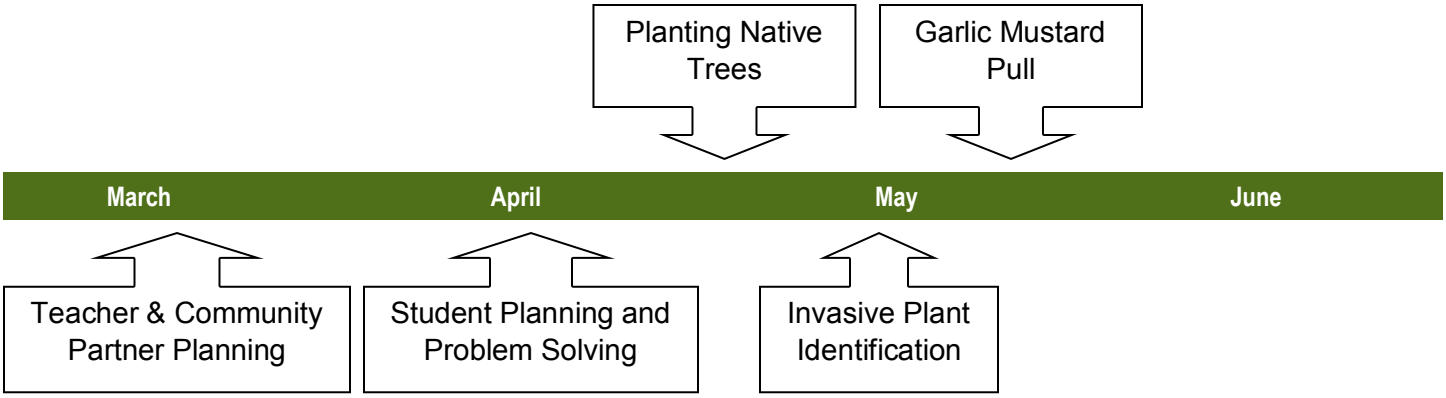
Skills Learned

- How to critically think about a problem in order to develop a solution
- How to remove invasive plant species based on plant physiology
- How to identify native and invasive plant species
- How to provide a service to the community
- How to collaborate with community groups and organizations with similar goals
- How to plan and implement a project from start to finish
- How to communicate with individuals of all ages
- How to properly transplant established trees

2014 Project Timeline