

HEDGE PARSLEY: SHARING IDEAS, LOOKING FOR ANSWERS. Anne M. Helsley¹ and Daniel J. Wallace^{1,2}, ¹Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Land Stewardship Volunteer and ²Brooklyn Wildlife Area Segment Manager, Dane County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail

Hedge parsley (*Torilis japonica*) has been known in the Brooklyn State Wildlife Area (southern Dane and northern Green counties, south central Wisconsin) for approximately 4 years, and we have been removing it off and on for about 3 years. This year, as it became a geographically more widespread problem and we have come to understand it better, we have spent considerably more time and effort on its control. This is not an impossible task, but there are serious factors to overcome, including the high mobility potential of the seeds and the plant's ability to thrive in many different environments. Although it appears to prefer moister soils, and it is considered to be a woodland invasive, hedge parsley grows in many different environments, including woods, woodland/prairie boundaries, and open prairies. In order to control the spread of hedge parsley there needs to be a dedicated and comprehensive plan to deal with it. Since hedge parsley is a relatively unknown and new invasive, as land stewards we will first need to educate ourselves concerning the plant's physiology and invasive behavior and also share our knowledge with others. We will present the approaches we have used in the control of this newer invasive and our understanding of the plant, and in this session we will encourage others to share additional ideas.