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Hi again,

I just received another email from Lacey:

“As far as I can tell the knotweed has not spread to any nearby property. Most of the surrounding area is completely covered in concrete or asphalt and the only patch of exposed land nearby does not have any shoots visible.

We do own the property and the knowledge that knotweed can and will endanger our house's foundation is front of mind.

I appreciate the information and guidance!”

Scott

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Hi Shelby,

I hope you are doing well!

Here is a knotweed report about 50 feet from Lake Mendota in Madison. I have given them a contractors list so far, but that's it.

Here is Lacey's reply to my last email:

"Hi Scott,

Thank you so much for this information! I will have to discuss the options with my housemates and make a decision on whether or not we want to hire a service and what our budget for such services would be. If we decide to try to do the work ourselves, I will be in contact.

These are the coordinates of the knotweed closest to the lake.

**43°04'41.1"N 89°23'35.0"W**

(For reference, that would be the location of IMG\_0067.jpg I sent.)

For any reporting on the location of this invasive species/follow up, our address is 146 Langdon St, Madison, WI 53703. (AKA Nottingham Housing Cooperative).

Thanks again!  
Lacey Mehring"

If I get any more emails from her I will forward them on to you.

Thank you,

Scott

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**From:** Lacey Steinhoff Mehring <[laceymehring@gmail.com](mailto:laceymehring@gmail.com)>

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Hello,

I live in downtown Madison, Wisconsin. Our house has been dealing with a bout of invasive Japanese Knotweed for at least a few years (since before I moved in) and we are seeking advice on how to manage/eradicate the plant from our yard. Previous attempts at manual removal (digging up as much of the plant and roots as we can and burning what was pulled) have been attempted but the affected area only seems to be spreading. Our house is on the shore of Lake Mendota and while the area with knotweed is not directly adjacent to the water, I know that waterways can be a spreading point for knotweed and would like to do what we can to prevent spread on our property and to adjacent land.

I have read that glyphosate can be an effective way to kill the knotweed population but I am apprehensive to utilize such methods as the knotweed is close to our garden, our compost pile, as well as other small trees/shrubs that produce edible fruits.

I am wondering if the DNR is able to provide advice/consultation, material support, or able to assist us in any other way to treat this problem. I have attached a few pictures of our yard for reference.

Please forward this email and my contact information to any relevant peoples/departments.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,  
Lacey Mehring