INVASIVE PHRAGMITES

Is it growing on your property?

Help restore your wetlands, shores and waterways

The Project

Glacierland Resource Conservation and Development Council, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance, and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. are collectively working to control invasive Phragmites on public and private lands across northeast and east-central Wisconsin. Our team has secured state and federal funding to perform mapping and annual control of this aggressive non-native species on participating parcels. Your participation in this program is critical to our success. Treatments will be performed by trained/certified professional restoration contractors or student interns using herbicide from July–October each year. Our mapping is continually updated with new information and each landowner with Phragmites will receive communication each year regarding the status of treatment on their property.

Act now to take advantage of this funding opportunity!

Visit **https://www.glacierlandrcd.org/phragmites-control-project** to learn more about this program, view invasive mapping data, obtain a permission form, or donated to our program.

This program is funded in part with Surface Water Grants provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

What is Phragmites?

Invasive Phragmites is a tall, colony-forming grass, introduced from Europe, that is invading our wetlands, shores, and waterways. It can form dense, impenetrable stands that choke wetlands streams, beaches, and shores.

- Forms large clones
- Bamboo-like stems up to 15 feet tall
- Leaves 1+ inch wide, up to 30 inches long
- Seed head is dense, purple in fall, and tan in winter

Phragmites in winter

Why control Phragmites?

- Phragmites displaces native plant communities and wildlife that depend on them
- Phragmites degrades wetlands, waterways, and shorelines, and reduces public access to these resources
- Phragmites reduces property values and impacts community health, safety, and economic vitality
- Large stands increase risk for destructive wildfires
- Control is achievable with immediate action
- Cost for control will only increase if left untreated

Phragmites treatment within roadside ditch

How can you help?

You can help make this program successful by:

- Identifying and reporting new populations, by contacting Stantec or by visiting the project website
- Enrolling your property by completing the required permission form

Since 2012, this program has treated thousands of Phragmites populations, but without multiple years of consecutive control Phragmites will re-establish. Our team has developed a cost-effective program to conduct retreatments, using college student interns who are supervised by Stantec professionals. Each year the cost to conduct retreatments is reduced, with eradication possible after multiple years of treatment. However, we need your support to continue control efforts! A strong collective Phragmites fund will ensure future generations will benefit from the investment of time and resources spent improving our local ecosystems.

To learn more about the program, contribute to the fund, view the public map and obtain a permission form, please visit **www.glacierlandrcd.org/phragmites-control-project**

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