

Invasive Plant Removal and Early Detection in Muskegon Lake and Bear Lake Wetlands

West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission



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PHRAGMITES ALERT!

An Aggressive Invasive Species is Taking Over Coastal Wetlands Near You

15 foot tall aliens invade our lakeshore. Natives succumb to overwhelming onslaught. Local residents wonder what to do next!



"I can't get to my dock or see the lake and the waterfowl are gone!"

Lakeshore Resident



Image Courtesy Alice Ferguson Foundation

A "Growing" Problem



The Culprit

Phragmites is a perennial grass. It may grow to 12 feet or more in height and develop into dense stands that inhibit native species and degrade habitats by impacting the diversity of our riparian shorelines and wetlands. Phragmites is a tenacious plant. It adapts well to many locations and reproduces by seed, cuttings, or rhizomes. Rhizomes may be extensive and heavy infestations can even alter wetland hydrology. Phragmites stands also obscure viewscapes and hinder access for recreation.

Opportunities for Action

Education & Training, Monitoring, Treatment

Attend an Informational Meeting on Thursday,
May 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Laketon Township Hall,
2735 W. Giles Rd., Muskegon, Michigan

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