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Municipal Update: Green Bay Shoreline Enhancement Program

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Phragmites Phenology Update

Phragmites in the project area is mature and live stalks have developed seed heads (i.e., the tassels or feather dusters on the top). Despite the dry conditions, most plants are still very green and hearty. NOW is the best window for effective *Phragmites* treatment, when plants are storing energy to prepare for overwintering.

Dear municipal partners,

Thank you for working with us to control *Phragmites* in the Green Bay area! We send an e-newsletter out to landowners who provided their email address on the permission form (including the articles reprinted here). Anyone interested can sign up to receive the project e-news at: <http://tinyurl.com/BLRPC-Phrag-E-News>

At this time, **herbicide spraying is set to begin in late August and proceed through September**, possibly into early October.

- West Green Bay (north of STH 43 and east of STH 41)- spraying scheduled to begin on August 25
- East Green Bay, Scott, and Howard (south of STH 43 and east of STH 41) - spraying scheduled to begin on or about August 29
- Allouez, Ashwaubenon, Bellevue, and De Pere- spraying scheduled to begin on or about September 6 (after Labor Day)

Contractors have been selected (firms and project areas described in the article below), and will be provided with

Reminder: If you are located within the project area and have signed a permission form, **please refrain from mowing or cutting Phragmites to ensure that mature plants are ready for chemical treatment in late August-September 2016**. Cut plants cannot effectively take in the herbicide, and seed can be unintentionally spread during cutting.

Landowners who wish to cut, mow, and/or remove *Phragmites* debris along their shoreline properties should adhere to the relevant [aquatic plant management](#) regulations for invasive species. Consult the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources [beach maintenance website](#) for details about shoreline management activities.

Signing the permission form does not guarantee treatment, but does ensure that treatment can occur should your property be part of the treatment plan. For more information about the BLRPC *Phragmites* project, contact [Angela Kowalzek-Adrians](#) or [Amy Carrozzino-Lyon](#).

Additional Information

[Great Lakes Restoration Initiative](#)

[Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative](#)

[Wisconsin DNR Phragmites Fact Sheet](#)

[Invasive Plant Atlas of](#)

information regarding parcel permissions, prior contacts, access, etc. prior to beginning work.

Contractors will be applying an aquatic-approved formulation of the herbicide imazapyr - common trade names include Polaris and Habitat. More information about these herbicides, including safety data sheets and label information, can be found at: <http://www.cdms.net/Label-Database>

What can you do to help?

- - If you would like to include an article in an e-newsletter, website, social media, or other outlet in your municipality, you are welcome and encouraged to do so. We are glad to assist with content if you need additional information, photos, etc.
 - We are identifying locations for contractors to use as temporary staging/storage/parking areas for equipment overnight during the treatment effort. If you have a municipal facility that may be suitable and available for a period of time, preferably within the project area, please let us know.
 - We still have some landowners that we have been unable to reach for permission. If you have contact information or contacts at local businesses that you may be able to help facilitate contact, please let us know.
 - See the article to left regarding refraining from mowing. Please ensure that your parks, trails, etc. that may be included in the treatment plan follow this recommendation to the degree possible to ensure effective herbicide treatment and follow up mowing with our contractors.
 - If you have asked that contractors coordinate with you prior to treatment, please be responsive to their calls. We are working with a limited window to accomplish a large amount of work, so your cooperation is important to prevent any delays in progress.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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voice recording update on
planned management
activities.

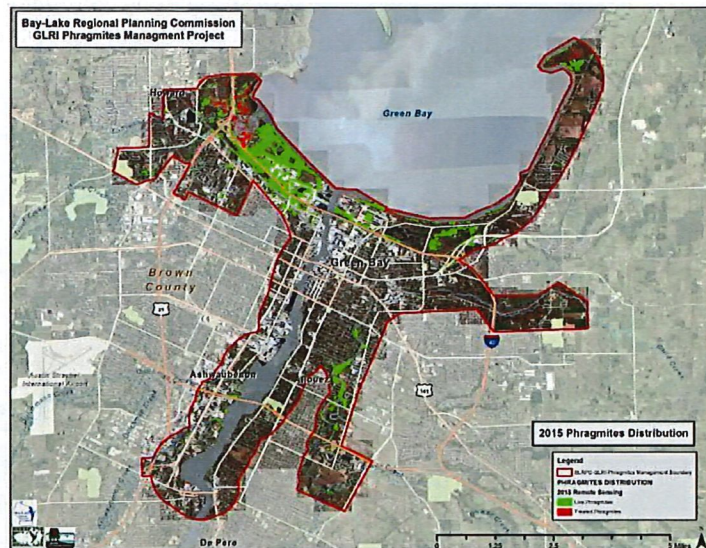
Thanks,
Angela and Amy

In the news!

WLUK Fox 11 (8/23/2016): [Phragmites to be sprayed in Green Bay area](#) by Eric Peterson

Green Bay Press-Gazette (7/29/2016): [Green Bay is 'ground zero' for invasive reeds](#) by Adam Rodewald

Bay-Lake RPC *Phragmites* Project Update: Spraying set to begin



Approximately 800 acres of non-native Phragmites has been mapped (Lower Green Bay from Duck Creek to Point au Sable; along the Fox River to De Pere dam; along the East River in Allouez/Bellevue, and along the lower reaches of Duck and Baird Creeks) and will be targeted for treatment, pending landowner permissions and final permits. Sites include a mix of coastal wetlands, shoreline and riparian areas, roadsides, parks and trails, private residences, and commercial and industrial properties.

Treatments will include chemical application of an aquatic-approved formulation containing the herbicide imazapyr, followed by mowing in late fall or winter (where feasible). In general, work will proceed from inland areas toward the bay shoreline.

Spraying will begin on or about August 25, 2016 and continue through the full month of September,

possibly into early October. Progress will be variable depending upon favorable weather conditions (i.e., no rain and minimal winds), density of treatment areas, and equipment available. Yellow treatment area signs will be posted to indicate active work sites and any restrictions.



Spraying will be conducted from amphibious vehicles, small boats, ATVs, or by applicators on foot using backpack sprayers.



Photo credit: Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition

Following review of proposals received during the bid process, three experienced firms were selected to conduct the management activities within the project area, as follows:

- **Applied Ecological Services** - approximately 400 acres in west Green Bay and Howard (west of the Fox River, north of STH 43 and east of STH 41), and Renard Island
- **Nature Care Ecological Consulting & Services** - approximately 270 acres in west Green Bay and Howard (west of Fox River, south of STH 43, west of STH 41), east Green Bay shoreline, Baird Creek corridor, and Town of Scott shoreline
- **Wildlife and Wetlands Solutions** - approximately 100 acres in Villages of Allouez, Ashwaubenon,

Bellevue, and City of De Pere along the Fox and East Rivers

Throughout the treatment season, the **Phragmites Information Hotline (920-430-0220)** will be regularly updated with the planned treatment schedule and progress. Call in at any time to listen to the recorded message.



Yellow informational signs will identify treatment areas and any use restrictions

