



May 27th was our first cutting day with a crew of two from the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre and 9 local volunteers. The Phragmites biomass was stored on an Ipperwash Phrag Phighters' property.

On July 2nd a group of 24 volunteers bagged and tarped the stored biomass and moved it to the roadside for pick up by the Municipality of Lambton





This is the amount of Phragmites biomass the 24 volunteers transferred in less than an hour and a half.



They came, they saw, they conquered. Here is the site with the Phragmites biomass removed.

Some of our volunteers relaxed afterwards with some ice cold drinks.





On May 31st, a group of 7 volunteers helped remove biomass from the eastern end of the swale using chest waders, kayaks and raspberry cane cutters.

Local environmentalists have spent numerous hours monitoring and removing *Phragmites* regrowth..



Removed biomass was taken to an area close by to dry. It was then burned in small batches.



Our major volunteer event took place on July 11th. Again, 24 volunteers took part. Joining us were 5 Ministry of Ontario Stewardship Rangers, the IPCC cutting crew of 4, including Dr. Janice Gilbert, a representative from the St Clair Region Conservation Authority and local,





It took at least 40 truck loads to transfer the Phrag biomass to the pick up site.



A we're done cheer. No more canoe loads!





We amassed 4 tons of Phragmites biomass. 3 volunteers went out on July 12 and 13th to rake up another 22 bags to leave the pick up area



Thank you to other supporters behind the scenes: Rona and Home Hardware, Grand Bend and Prout's, Forest for providing the "tarps", the TD bank for the waste disposal bags, the SCRCA for paying for the port-a-pot and providing the Phragmites signs., Brooke and Cyrus for collecting Canadian Tire Coupons for incidental purchases.

The Centre Ipperwash Community Association, the Ipperwash Phrag Pighters, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations and local donors



A path was cleared linking the east and west ends of the swale. Widening of this path halted due to nesting fledglings.

We were fortunate to have a neighbour and volunteer take a drone picture of the cleared area. A painted turtle was spotted using the recently cleared path.

We realize that this is the first step in the regeneration of this important wetland. It will require further work and monitoring, but it is certainly inspiring to see what teamwork and partnerships can do.

Thank you for your support!



