

Controlling Invasive Phragmites in the Port Franks Watershed

Phase One Complete

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The first phase of this project has now been completed!

Nature Conservancy Canada along with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority have treated the invasive reed in Mud Creek from the beach to the drain on Superior Street.

As part of ongoing efforts to control Phragmites, an invasive plant in Port Franks, the Municipality of Lambton Shores, Nature Conservancy of Canada, and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority are working to treat their properties adjacent to Outer Drive and Mud Creek as well as private lands within the project area. The Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group is working alongside the stakeholders. This project will span two years, and began September 2021. In the first year's phase, plants in selected dry areas were treated. The second phase of the project will happen in late summer 2022 at which time control of plants in standing water will be addressed. Further information will be made public prior to this second phase.



Do you remember when Mud Creek was this infested? Keeping Phragmites out of the creek not only restores natural wetland habitat, but also stops it from spreading to the beach again.



This photo shows the creek at Huron Street before treatment. Not many people are aware of the extent of the problem as it can't be easily seen.



After working towards this goal for years, we are thrilled that the large cell of invasive Phragmites east of L Lake is going to be addressed! Many volunteers worked hard to clear the problem from the lake at the bottom of the dune along with work crews from IPCC. It's looking great now, especially compared to this 'before' picture!

It's great to be reminded how far we've come and we're not going to give up until this wetland is completely restored. Looking forward to Phase Two in '22!

We have a couple of new videos up on our YouTube channel and if you can spare less than five minutes they do give an encouraging message! (Click the links below)

[What we've done and where we're going next](#)

[A celebration of ongoing success in our largest project area](#)



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