



Phragmites Eradication

Medium to dense stands of Phragmites can be found well into Lake Huron, between Lake Valley Grove/Sunnidale and Kettle Stoney Point First Nation.



Scattered Phragmites growth and some growth clusters have appeared along the dunes from Kettle Stoney Point First Nation to Grand Bend.



Photo taken on the same shoreline, July 13, 2017 by Dr. Janice Gilbert. Phragmites started taking over in the 1990's. A pool was installed so campers could swim!

Kids seen playing on the beach and in the water in the 1970's



A licensed contractor uses a specially adapted Argo with a raised platform in preparation for spraying Phragmites on the beach.



**Camp
counsellors
and
campers use
spades to
remove
Phragmites
on the
beach.**



Phragmites as far as the eye can see. The raised platform on the Argo is needed to navigate through dense stands several metres tall. A total of 5 acres will be sprayed.



**An
amphibious
vehicle
called a
Truxor has
blades for
cutting large
areas of
Phragmites
in water.
Almost 6
acres will be
cut.**



**Hand
cutting
using a
Stihl saw is
still
required.**





The blades are removed and a rake is attached to harvest and transport the cut Phragmites to the burn site.





**Sprayed
Phragmites
can be seen
in the
background.
Harvested
Phragmites
in the
foreground.**

Before and after views.







Water recreation is once again a popular activity. Lots of canoes, kayaks and paddle boards were purchased.



For the first time in years campers can enjoy the fabulous Lake Huron sunsets.

Thank you to the following partners:



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