



Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group 2021 Spring Newsletter

Help Stop the Spread!
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The Green Shovels Collaborative is a coalition of conservation organizations with a shared interest in protecting nature and the economy. With funding from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, one goal of the GSC is to prepare a Strategic Framework for Phragmites Management in Ontario. The LSPCG is excited to be one of the models to be highlighted in this document. It is great news to hear that the province is taking an interest in controlling this invasive grass and that our work is being recognized.

In January, we were provided funding from the Green Shovels Collaborative to purchase equipment and services to help us in our restoration initiatives along the Lambton Shores shoreline.



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LAMBTON SHORES

We are appreciative of the funds provided by the Municipality of Lambton Shores to update our Management Plan. The first Invasive Phragmites Management Plan for the Municipality of Lambton Shores was adopted by council in March 2014 and can be found on the Municipal and LSPCG websites. Over the past 6 years, new methods have been created as we tackled new sites. Phrag control is very site specific. Working with the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre, our primary goal is to manage Phrag in the most effective, efficient and environmentally responsible manner.

YAY!

We are thrilled to be continuing work on the Wetland Enhancement Project south of the Shashawanda Creek this summer. Work on this 156 acre Provincially Significant coastal meadow marsh has been ongoing for several years. This is the only wetland on the Lake Huron Shoreline adjacent to Carolinian Core Forest - providing critical habitat to many species including Species at Risk. Work will begin July 15th with 3 Truxors on site.

Congratulations Sandra Marshall!



CICA
Centre Ipperwash
Community Assoc.

The Ipperwash Phrag Phighters have been very busy over the winter months. Since first coming together, Phragmites has been removed from the beach and progress is being made in the swales that run parallel to the beach. In March, Chair Sandra Marshall was recognized with the Environmental Award by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for her great conservation work. For more information check out the CICA website at centreipperwashcommunity.ca or follow the IPP on Facebook.



Vice Chair Larry Gordon of the SCRCA presents the award



Very well deserved!

LSPCG is recognized as the developer of the watershed approach to Phragmites management, and has used every available method to combat this invasive species since the group's inception. One very key weapon in the fight has been missing - until now. We are so thrilled to learn that we can look forward to an effective herbicide that is approved for use over water - Habitat Aqua. Used effectively in the U.S. for years, this will be a real game changer in the fight here! It has taken years of scientific testing and a long, involved approval process to get to this point. You can learn more about this by visiting [Health Canada's website](#).

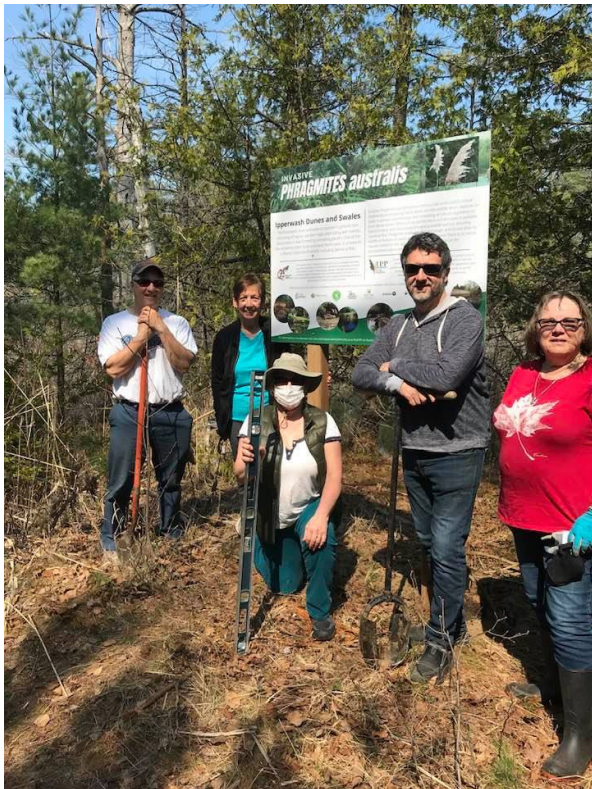
Engaging Youth and Raising Awareness

An important part of our mandate is education. The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority has invited us to contribute to a resource for secondary school students. We look forward to seeing the finished resource soon!

We have also developed our own resource which targets Grade 6 students, as the study of invasive species is part of that grade's curriculum. This free resource is available to anyone so, if you know an educator, please pass it along by sharing this link: tinyurl.com/StopPhrag



Installation of Educational Signage



Work on L Lake July 2020



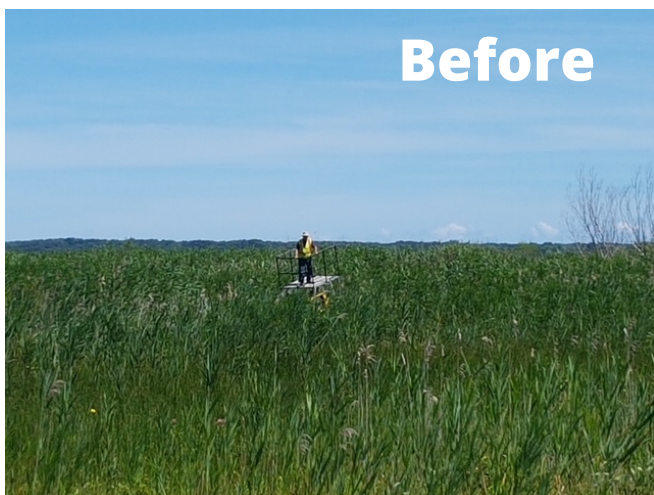
Superior Street Municipal Drain Cull in Port Franks



Winter Phragging in the Ipperwash Dunes and Swales



Amazing success story at Lambton Centre Beach!



Before



After

Thank
you!



We are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of many volunteers! Our most sincere thanks! If you wish to learn more about volunteer opportunities, seek information, or need advice on how to manage Phragmites on your property please visit our website:

www.lspcg.com

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