



DO YOU OWN A HOME?

Phragmites doesn't just impact wetlands, it can impact your home and property, too!

Phragmites can:

- Decrease property values
- Increase fire risk
- Block scenic views
- Clog drainage ditches and cause flooding
- Disrupt septic systems
- Block access to utilities and fire hydrants



ARE YOU AN ANGLER OR HUNTER?

Phragmites can quickly invade wetlands, interfering with hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities.

Phragmites can:

- Block dock access
- Restrict or prevent boating
- Reduce water levels
- Degrade habitat for fish, reptiles, and other wildlife
- Outcompete native plants
- Prevent migratory birds from nesting or foraging
- Create hazardous conditions to walk through



DO YOU GO TO THE BEACH?

Phragmites thrives in sandy areas where other plants have difficulty surviving.

Phragmites can:

- Block views and access to the water
- Retain water and create wet boggy sand
- Outcompete rare, native plants
- Eliminate nesting habitat for Piping Plover & other wildlife
- Cut feet and arms when walking through

What is Phragmites?

An invasive perennial grass that outcompetes native wetland plants



Reddish seed head in summer and fluffy tan in fall/winter



Can grow as high as 20 feet each summer



Spreads aggressively though seeds and rhizomes

With your help, we can reduce the spread of invasive *Phragmites* and reverse its effects



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HOW INVASIVE PHRAGMITES AFFECTS YOU

This invasive grass is impacting ecosystems in the Great Lakes basin

