

What does *Phragmites* look like?



Purplish seed head
in summer



Fluffy tan seed head
in fall



Typically grows in
dense patches



Dull green stems



Can grow up to 20 feet tall each summer!

How does *Phragmites* affect our landscapes?

Phragmites can grow and spread quickly, causing:

- Disrupts ecosystem services
- Reduces biodiversity
- Blocks access to shorelines
- Changes the flow of rivers and streams
- Reduces wildlife habitat
- Out-competes native plants
- Creates fire hazards

Ecosystem services include food production, erosion prevention, water filtration, and more.

Dry *Phragmites* burns very hot and fast, posing a risk to surrounding residential and commercial properties



What YOU can do to manage *Phragmites*

Notify your local government, homeowner's association, and community group that *Phragmites* poses a risk to your landscape.

Do you have a stand of *Phragmites* on your private property? Check out resources for how you can manage *Phragmites* at www.greatlakesphragmites.net.



What is Phragmites?

Phragmites australis is a non-native grass that has invaded many wetlands across the United States.

Phragmites...



Outcompetes native wetland plants



Reduces available habitat of native fish and wildlife species



Alters landscapes and drainage capabilities

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

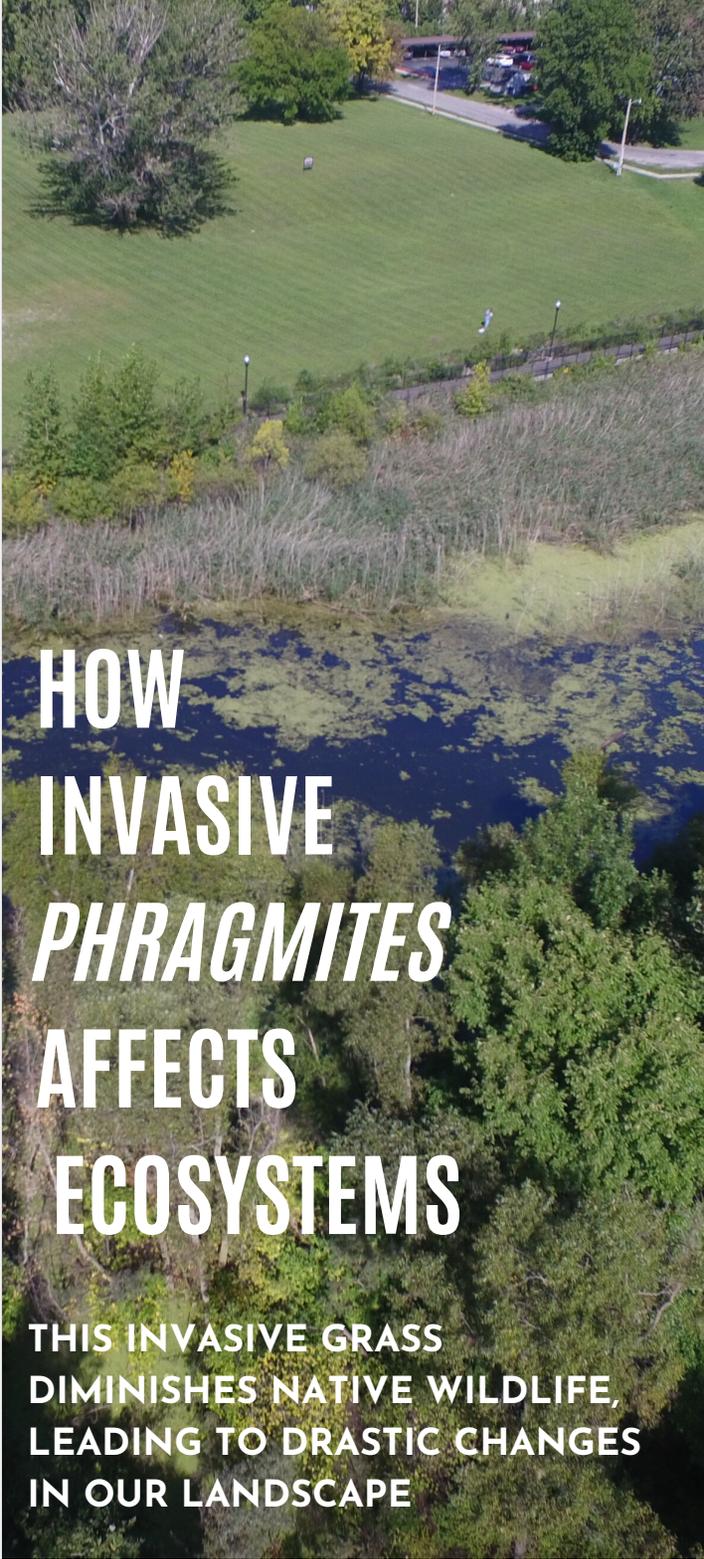


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HOW INVASIVE PHRAGMITES AFFECTS ECOSYSTEMS

THIS INVASIVE GRASS DIMINISHES NATIVE WILDLIFE, LEADING TO DRASTIC CHANGES IN OUR LANDSCAPE