

The Manitoulin Phragmites Project

WE NEED YOUR HELP

About us

We are an on-the-ground, community-based initiative to control Invasive Phragmites across Manitoulin Island and Cockburn Island. Our objective is to get Phragmites down to a low level that can be maintained by ordinary people as a small annual task.

Our success so far

Now in our 5th year, we have 74 sites and 238 hectares of habitat with Phragmites under control or eradicated. The Lake Huron shore of Manitoulin Island is clear of Phragmites except two sites to be controlled in 2020. Volunteers have taken over control of 33 sites. Nearly 200 volunteers have spent thousands of hours working with us on control. We just posted our new "how-to do-it" video on YouTube (search Manitoulin Phrag).

Our objectives in 2020

We need to arrange a steward for every control site so that if Phragmites pops up again or gets out of control, someone will be ready to take care of it. We also want to make sure Phragmites awareness does not dwindle, so we will continue showing people about control on their own land. And we still have more control to do in turtle habitats and wetlands. We are aiming for region-wide control at the end of 2022. It is do-able!



The Phragmites Team at Sheguiandah FN pow wow grounds in 2017. This year, the Phragmites cut here filled less than one garbage bag.

HELP! Why do we need your help right now?

We currently have an offer from The Gosling Foundation to fund us with an extra \$2000 if we can also raise \$2000. We really need this extra cash. Our application for federal funding was not approved, so our budget is down by half. I am reaching out to you because you understand the value of our work. You know the beautiful shorelines at Michael's Bay, Dominion Bay, Providence Bay and 70 other sites are beyond price.

Please, can you spare \$25 or \$50 or more to help us keep the work going?

Please donate—for this Island, for everyone's enjoyment of the shores, and for the benefit of the creatures who live on shores and in wet places.

Donations can be made to Manitoulin Streams

Donors who give \$25 or more will receive a tax receipt. Money can be sent by EMT to streams@amtelecom.net

or by cheque & snail mail (with a note that the money is for the Phragmites Project) to
Manitoulin Streams
25B Spragge St. Box 238
Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0

Want a day of adventure with the Phragmites Team? Give \$100 or more!

We'll take you (with Covid protocol) to see some remote, beautiful parts of Manitoulin few people ever get to see (and you don't even have to cut Phrag while you're there!).

Vehicles

We're looking for a used, full size, 4 x 4 (not AWD), preferably an SUV, but a truck would also be OK. If anyone is able to donate one and get a tax receipt, please get in touch.

THANK YOU FOR READING ABOUT US

*Right:
Michael's Bay, 2016
before control*



*Left:
Michael's Bay,
2018
after control*

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