

Is *Phragmites* taking over your coastal property?

Public Forums

Detroit River-Western Lake Erie Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)

Dates	March 6	April 18
Time	6-8PM	6-8PM
Locations	Westfield Center 2700 Westfield St. Trenton, Michigan 48183	Erie Township Hall 2065 Erie Road Erie, Michigan 48133

The CWMA is a collaborative of federal, state, regional, and local government agencies, environmental organizations, businesses, and universities dedicated to the prevention and control of invasive plant species.

Purpose of Forums: To inform attendees about invasive *Phragmites* (large invasive weed) and a recent Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant awarded to The Nature Conservancy for treating over 1,200 acres of *Phragmites* along the lower Detroit River and western Lake Erie, to seek new organizational members for the CWMA, and develop partnerships with private landowners for controlling *Phragmites*. The CWMA is actively enrolling private land for treatment at no cost to the landowner.

Biologists, Greg Norwood (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) and Chris May (The Nature Conservancy), representing the CWMA, will be leading the forums. *Phragmites australis* is a large wetland grass native to Asia that is diminishing the quality of our coastal areas along the Huron-Erie corridor. These non-native genetic types grow 15-20 feet tall, becoming an impenetrable mass blocking views of the lake and canals, limiting boating and recreational access, eliminating critical wildlife habitat, threatening public safety as a fire hazard, and compromising property values. There is a solution and Detroit River-Western Lake Erie CWMA can help you and adjacent landowners. All are welcome.

Members include: BASF Corporation, DTE Energy, Eastern Michigan University, Huron -Clinton Metropolitan Authority, International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, Monroe Conservation District, SE Michigan Council of Governments, Stewardship Network, The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, and the Wildlife Habitat Council.



Phragmites australis invading valuable cattail habitat and will soon completely block views and access to Lake Erie.