

Communication and Notification Plan for Phragmites Control in Long Point Region

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1. Communication Plan

1.1. Background

Phragmites (*Phragmites australis* (Cav.) Trin. Ex Steud) has been described as Canada's worst invasive plant. It is a perennial grass that is causing damage to coastal wetlands in Ontario. Phragmites invasion and subsequent rapid expansion has been documented as contributing to the decline of at least 25% of Ontario's species at risk. Studies on the control of Phragmites conducted in Ontario and the United States, suggest that the most effective control methods include a combination of herbicide application and mechanical control (cutting/rolling and prescribed burning). As such, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service and the Nature Conservancy of Canada ("the Project Team") will be using these combined methods to control/eradicate Phragmites within the Long Point Region.

To address the continued and exponential growth of Phragmites in the Long Point Region, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry initiated a project in March 2015 to compile an application for an Emergency Registration (ER) to Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

In June 2015, a presentation was given at the Long Point Ratepayers' Association Annual General Meeting to advise members of the public about the ER application. Subsequent to that meeting the Long Point Ratepayers' Association held a fundraising event in support of Phragmites control efforts in the Long Point Crown Marsh. An additional community information session was held in July 2015, organized by the Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance to share information on the impacts of Phragmites, future control plans and opportunities for the public to become engaged. Overwhelming support for the project was received at all of these events.

Following the public information sessions, the ministry issued a Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development, which included a public review period (July-August 2015). The Class Environmental Assessment identified the herbicide application project plan – notification of this review was posted in 16 prominent locations in Long Point and Port Rowan communities. During this period, no comments were received.

The ministry submitted the application for an Emergency Registration in January 2016. This request for an Emergency Registration for the Long Point Region was based on the observed exponential growth of Phragmites in these coastal marshes. Local biologists and scientists advised that the health of these coastal marshes was at a critical tipping point. If immediate action was not taken, the provincial, national and globally significant natural heritage values (for example: species at risk and habitats) for which these areas are recognized may be permanently lost.

The Emergency Registration application included aerial and ground application of an herbicide (active ingredient glyphosate) to control Phragmites in shoreline and wetland areas as a pilot project at three areas: 1) the Long Point Crown Marsh; 2) the tip of Long Point; and 3) the Long Point Company private marsh.

The Emergency Registration application was approved by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency in June 2016.

In 2017, a subsequent application was made to PMRA for an ER and approved again for the Long Point Region. In 2017, additional areas were targeted in Turkey Point and the Lower Big Creek Watershed to further control Phragmites in shoreline and wetland areas of the Long Point Bay region.

A Revised Notice of Completion for a Category B Class Environmental Assessment was posted on July 3rd, 2017 to address the project expansion areas and allowed for the opportunity for public review for a minimum of 30 days. On January 5th, 2018, the public notice period closed for the proposal to control Phragmites and Turkey Point Provincial Park as part of requirements under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves.

In 2018 and 2019, subsequent applications were made to PMRA for an ER and approved in the Long Point Region. Some additional areas were targeted in the Big Creek Watershed during this time along with retreatment of several areas on Crown properties.

In 2020, Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service jointly sponsored the ER application to PMRA with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to enable work to be undertaken at the Big Creek and Long Point National Wildlife Areas. The conservation action plan for the Long Point Walsingham Forest Priority Place and the Big Creek and Long Point National Wildlife Area management plans evaluate the major threats to the biological integrity of the areas, which includes

the impact of non-native Phragmites. All three plans have a goal to manage 90% of the Phragmites within the NWAs by 2025, which includes management using herbicides.

1.2. Meeting with the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service, Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Parks met with the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit regarding project details and the Notification Plan found below. The Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit will be notified 48 hours prior to project commencement and will be provided with key messages to support any inquiries they may receive.

1.3. Public Information Session

A virtual public information session, led by the Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance, will be held in the Long Point Area on July 30, 2020 to provide updated information on the herbicide application project to local residents. The Project Team will be presenting information regarding 2020 project plans and be available to answer questions including specific requirements for landowners and anticipated treatment timing windows.

2. Notification Plan

2.1. Introduction

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Pesticides Act, 1990.

The purpose of this plan is to meet the public's general right to know about herbicide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by public authorities. The plan allows members of the public to take action to avoid potential contact with herbicides, if they wish. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ('the ministry'), Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service, and the Nature Conservancy of Canada ("the Project Team") will ensure that herbicides are applied to public places in a safe, responsible manner, minimizing harm to the community and the environment.

This plan sets out how the Project Team will notify members of the public of herbicide applications made for the purpose of controlling Phragmites in aquatic areas in the Long Point Crown Marsh, Long Point Provincial Park, Long Point National Wildlife Area, Big

Creek National Wildlife Area and the Thoroughfare Unit and the tip of Long Point between August 15th and October 31, 2020.

The plan describes:

- What places are covered by the plan;
- How and when the Project Team will provide the public and other stakeholders with information about the herbicide application (what notification arrangements will be used);
- How the public and other stakeholders can access this plan and get more information about the Project Team's notification arrangements; and
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan or the overall project with the Project Team.

The Project Team will be using a herbicide with glyphosate as the active ingredient to control Phragmites at locations within the Long Point Region (includes Turkey Point, Long Point Crown Marsh, Long Point Provincial Park, the tip of Long Point and the Long Point and Big Creek National Wildlife Areas and the Thoroughfare Unit).

In 2020, the Project Team will be applying the majority of herbicide within the more remote marsh habitats using a variety of methods which may include helicopter, boat and ground application methods. It is anticipated that ground application will be initiated as early as August 15th, using a variety of specially adapted equipment as well as people on foot with backpack sprayers. Aerial application by helicopter is planned at the National Wildlife Areas to occur in September through early October.

Further information on the project and herbicide use can be obtained by visiting the Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance at longpointphragmites.ca. Specific questions regarding the project can be directed to:

Project Supervisor – Ground Herbicide Application, at the Nature Conservancy of Canada, 226-231-8213, or by email at eric.cleland@natureconservancy.ca

Project Supervisor – Aerial Herbicide Application at Environment and Climate Change Canada -Canadian Wildlife Service, 416-937-7664, or by email at heather.braun@canada.ca

2.2. Places Covered by Notification Plan

Long Point

Work related to the 2020 Emergency Registration project for control of Phragmites in the Long Point Region will be occurring within Long Point Provincial Park, and the regulated Crown Land boundary with the appropriate buffers to adjacent property as outlined in the herbicide label. A total of up to 50 hectares have been allocated for new areas to be treated by aquatic herbicide application by ground methods at Long Point Provincial Park (and small component of Crown Marsh) (Figure 1). This new treatment area is further than 800m from any potential surface water intake. In addition, there will be some re-treatment conducted at Crown Marsh, which will consist of a very low volume of herbicide allocated for spot re-treatments and very small patches of Phragmites. Signs will be posted at common access points and boat launches to notify boaters, paddlers, and waterfowl hunters of the treatment.

Additional ground retreatment will occur as required at Long Point Tip, at Long Point National Wildlife Area, and private lands implemented by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (Figures 2, 3,4 and 5).

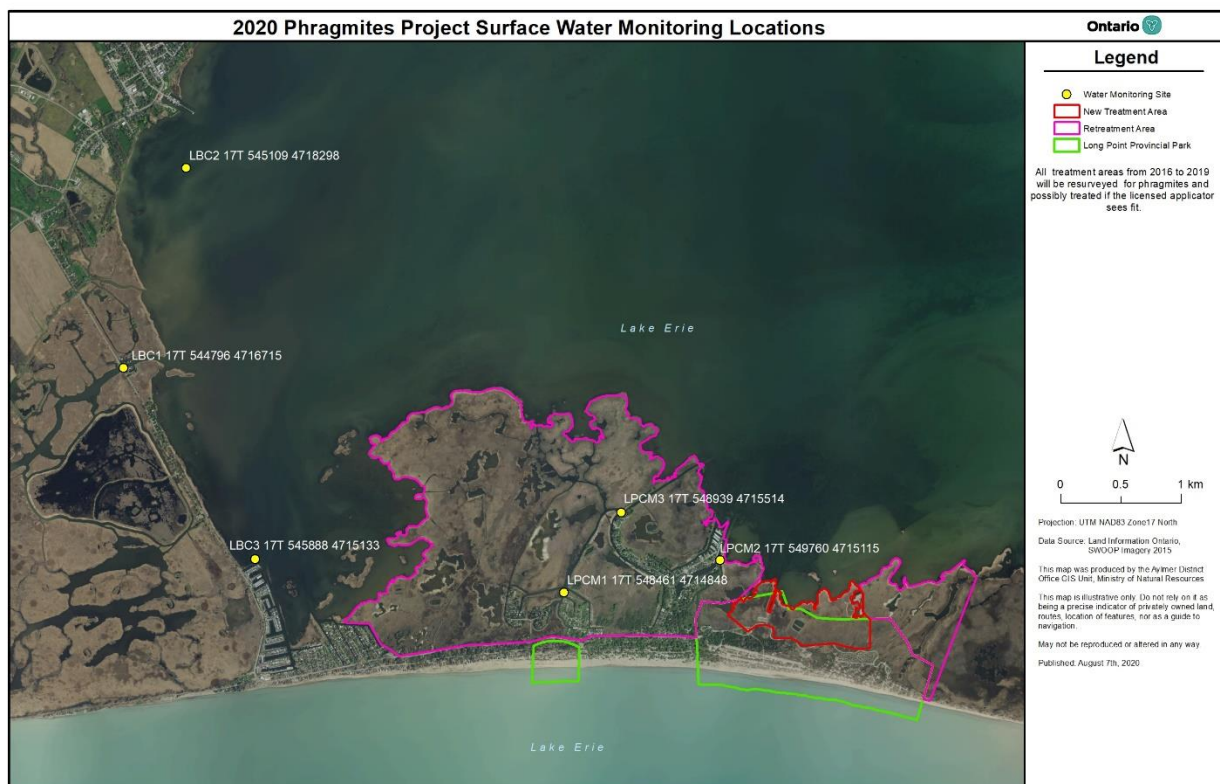


Figure 1: Phragmites treatment and potential re-treatment sites at Long Point Crown Marsh and Long Point Provincial Park, to occur from September 8 to October 31, 2020.



Figure 2: Potential ground re-treatment sites at non-federal properties within the Long Point peninsula, to occur between August 15th and Oct 31st, 2020.

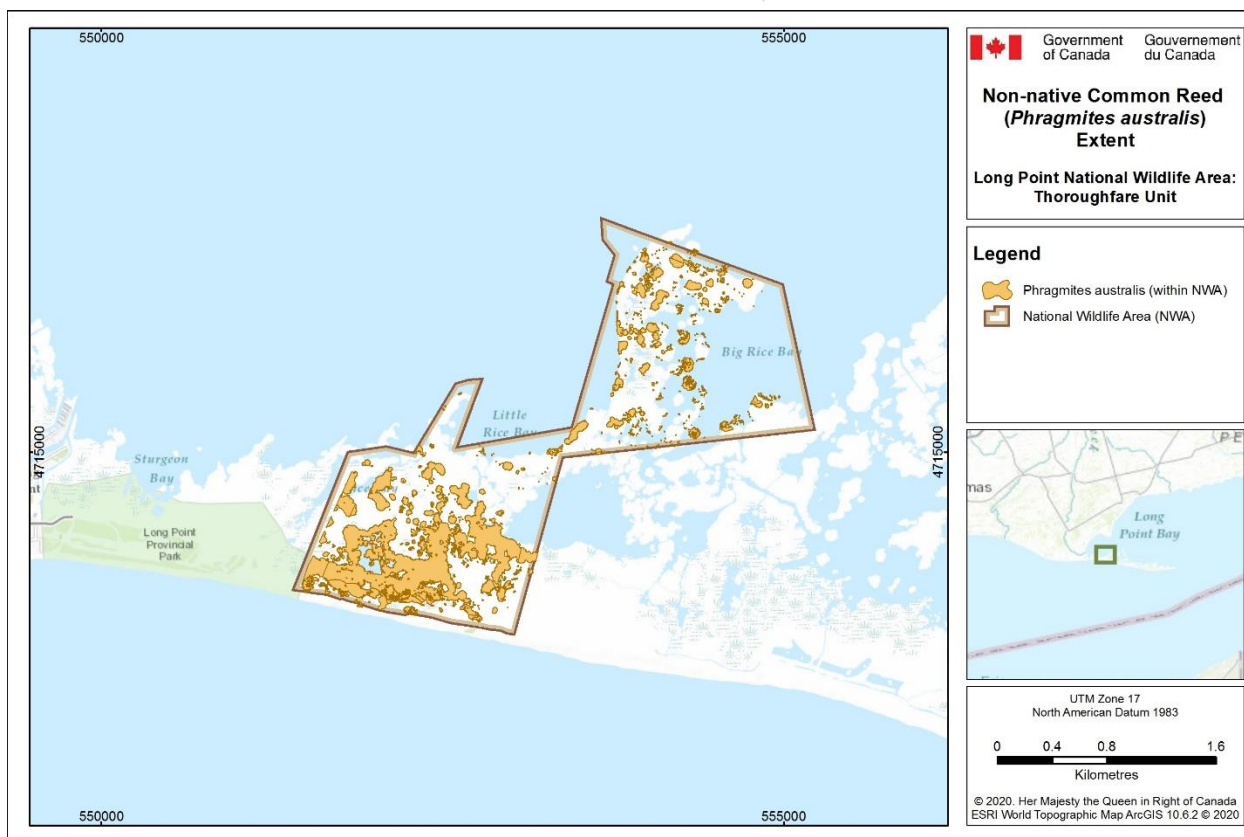


Figure 3: Potential treatment sites at the Thoroughfare Unit of the Long Point National Wildlife Area, to occur between August 15 and October 31, 2020.



Figure 4: Potential re-treatment sites at the Long Point National Wildlife “Long Pond” Area on the Tip of Long Point, to occur between August 15 and October 31, 2020

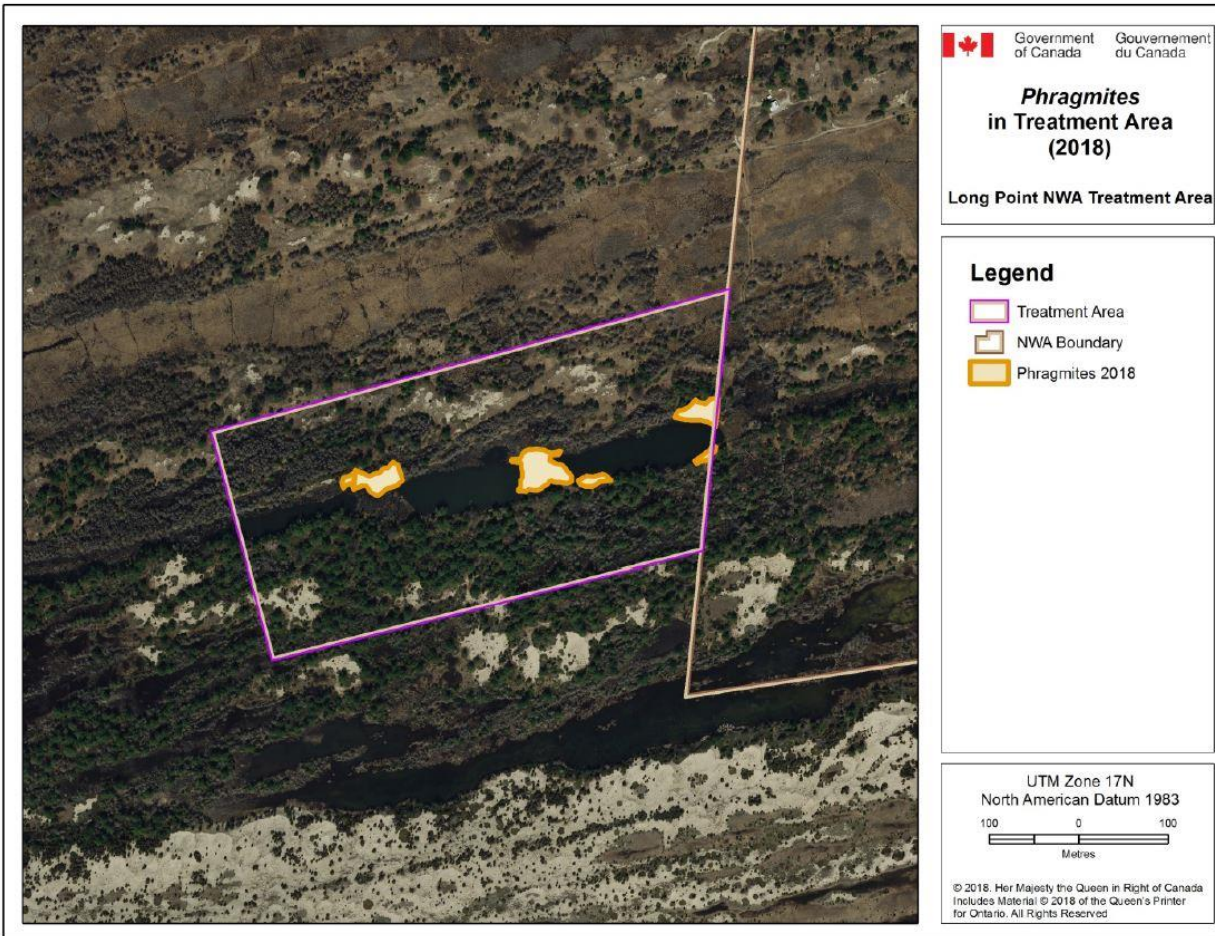


Figure 5: Potential re-treatment sites at the Long Point National Wildlife “Otter Pond” Area on the Tip of Long Point, to occur between August 15 and October 31, 2020

Turkey Point

There is up to a maximum of 20ha hectares being retreated in this area, and likely much less. There is no public access to any of the sites planned for treatment at Turkey Point in 2020. The project should not affect any residents or businesses in the Turkey Point community. However, signs will be posted at nearby boat-launches and common points of access to Turkey Point.

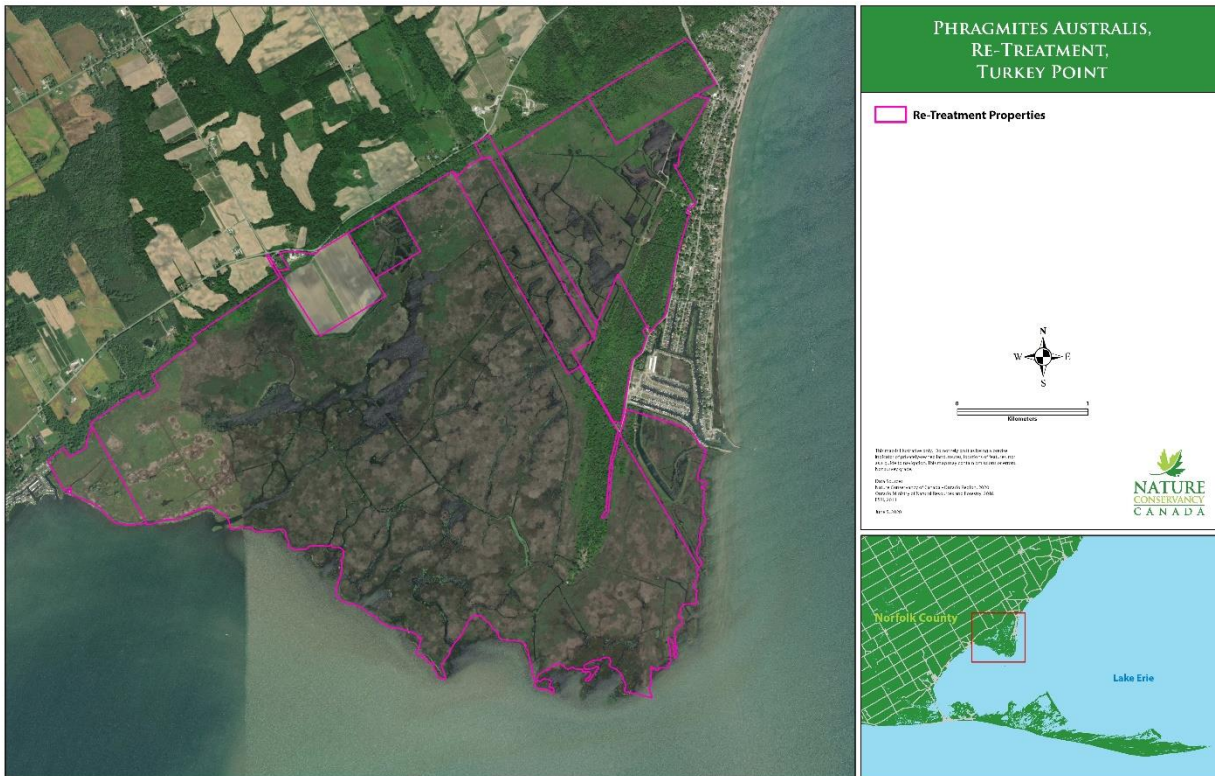


Figure 6: Potential re-treatment sites of Phragmites in the Turkey Point area, to occur between August 15th and October 31st, 2020.

Lower Big Creek

In the Lower Big Creek area, signs will be posted at common access points and boat launches to notify boaters, paddlers, and waterfowl hunters of the treatment. See below for a map of treatment sites in this area.

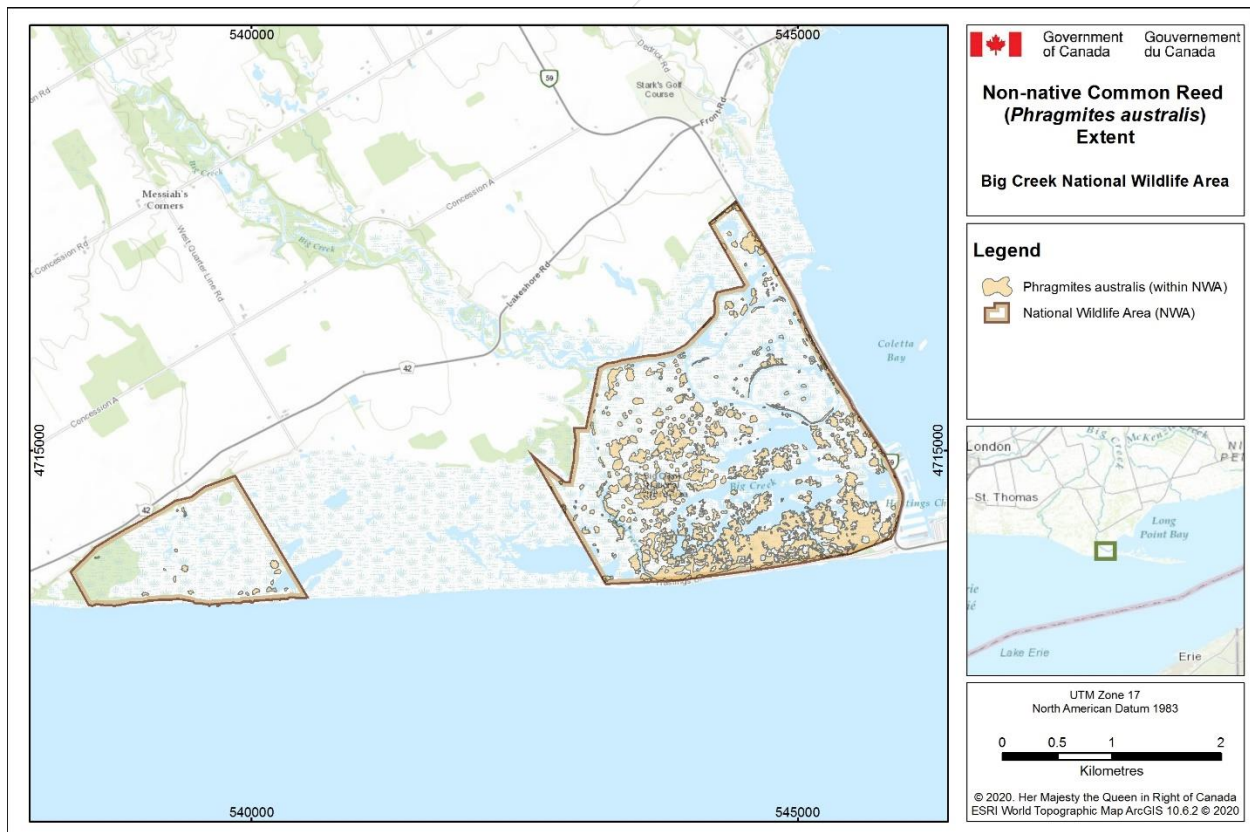


Figure 8. Potential treatment sites at the Big Creek National Wildlife Area, to occur between August 15 and October 31, 2020.

2.3. Stakeholder and User Group Summary

The Project Team's estimate of stakeholder groups and level of stakeholder use is summarized in the following paragraphs:

2.3.1. Residents of Long Point, Turkey Point, and Lower Big Creek

It is estimated that most of the cottagers will not be using their cottage during the ground application timeframe of September. A public information session was held online on July 30, 2020 to share project details with residents and stakeholders. Roadside signage will be in place at the entrance to the causeway informing residents of project timeframe and providing contact information for the Project Supervisor where inquirers may gain further information. The Implementation Plan and live project updates will be posted on the Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance website www.longpointphragmites.ca.

2.3.2. Long Point Ratepayers' Association

The Long Point Ratepayers' Association was established in 1961 for the purpose of promoting the general interest and welfare of the Long Point Community. As an Association, they are also concerned with preserving Long Point's unique and fragile environment. A large number of the residents of Long Point are members of this Association; the ministry has partnered with the Long Point Ratepayers' Association on Phragmites control activities in the past with great success. This project is expected to have low to no impact on the Long Point Ratepayers' Association or any of its members. The Long Point Ratepayers' Association has led the establishment of a local concerned citizens group, the Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance. This group has been advocating for the Emergency Registration project and as result it is expected that strong support from Long Point Ratepayers' Association and the Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance will be received. This notification plan and project contact information will be posted on the LPRA website which is publicly accessible.

2.3.3 Turkey Point Property Owner's Association

This notification plan and project contact information will be shared and distributed to members of the Turkey Point Property Owner's Association. Members of this association are generally supportive of Phragmites control and have expressed great interest for treatment of Phragmites to occur in this area, in particular Ordinance Beach.

2.3.4. Boaters

The Project Team will have information regarding the project posted at all boat launches and marinas in Long Point, Turkey Point and Port Rowan. Due to proposed timing and location of the project no impacts to recreational boaters are anticipated.

2.3.5. Waterfowl Hunters

The Long Point Waterfowlers' Association operates the regulated Waterfowl Hunting Unit within the Long Point Crown Marsh in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Opening day for waterfowl hunting in 2020 is September 26th with a single day Waterfowler Heritage Day occurring on Sept 19th. Application in the Crown Marsh will occur on non-hunting days only. The Long Point Waterfowlers' Association is in full support of Phragmites management projects within the Long Point Crown Marsh and have led several large control projects in terrestrial areas in recent years in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The Long Point Waterfowlers' Association is a significant partner having contributed a large portion of funding for the project in the past and strong support from this organization is confirmed.

2.3.6. Municipality, Health Unit, OPP, Fire Department

The Project Supervisors (CWS for aerial component, and NCC for ground component) will notify the following: Norfolk County, Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit, the Ontario Provincial Police and the local fire department(s), when commencing the 2020 Emergency Registration Phragmites control project. The Project Team has prepared, and will share, an 'Implementation Plan' to ensure the correct information is communicated in the case of inquiries from local area residents. It is common that these service groups will receive calls from the public for information or reporting a concern. It is anticipated that this project will have a low level of concern from these service groups given the existing working relationships in place.

2.3.7. Local Hospitals

Prior to the Emergency Registration project commencing, local hospitals will be sent toxicological information about glyphosate (from the [Extension Toxicology Network](#)) along with the 'Implementation Plan' to ensure the correct information is shared in the case of local area residents visiting the hospital with health concerns.

2.3.8. Bird Studies Canada

Bird Studies Canada is the Project Team's partner in implementation of the project at the tip of Long Point. They have been involved in project planning and will be kept up to date about project plans as things progress. The ministry will notify Bird Studies Canada when commencing the 2020 Emergency Registration Phragmites control project.

2.3.9 Ontario Parks Staff

All park staff at Long Point Provincial Park (LPPP) and Turkey Point Provincial Park (TPPP) will be fully aware of the project; however, all questions and inquiries related to the project will be directed to the Park Superintendent. After Labour Day, the number of park staff is approximately 15. The park will have sufficient staff available to assist with implementation of the project.

2.3.10 Campers

Located south of the treatment areas, the Long Point New Park campground remains open for camping through August to October each season. The campground will likely be fully booked. All campers will be provided with written and verbal information regarding the project upon arrival and registration at the park. It is anticipated the project will have little impact on campers.

2.3.11 Day Users

It is anticipated that Long Point Provincial Park will see an average of 1000 daily vehicle passes sold for average weekends in August, with less than 50 sold mid-weekdays in the month of September. The park will see an average of 20 additional vehicles each day that will have a seasonal or annual vehicle pass. Information for day users will be available at the front entrance in signage, information letter, and verbally from park staff.

2.4. Notification Arrangements

This section of the plan describes how and when the Project Team will provide notice of herbicide use as part of the 2020 Phragmites control project at the Long Point Crown Marsh and Long Point Provincial Park. These notification arrangements are based on the ministry's assessment of:

- The level of usage of the areas during the project timeline where herbicide may be used
- The extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with herbicides

Notice of herbicide use will be provided by a combination of methods, the details of which are outlined immediately below:

2.4.1. Signage

Signs will be posted at various locations (see Appendix II) around the project area. Signs will be posted at least 48 hours prior to herbicide application and will remain for at least 48 hours after application. Signs will be of a standardized design that will be easily recognizable to the public (see Appendix III).

Signs will be posted on or adjacent to barriers placed at all access points to the application area. Signs will also be posted at general information areas such as the main gatehouse at the Long Point Provincial Park (inside and outside the building). Ground application signs will be posted at least 48 hours prior to ground application and will remain for at least 48 hours after ground application. Signs will be of a standardized design that will be easily recognizable to both park users and park staff. See below for examples of sign notification.

2.4.2. Roadside Signage

At least 48 hours before the start of the herbicide application, a large electronic roadside sign with notification messaging will be placed at the entrance to the Long Point causeway – the only point of vehicular and pedestrian access to the project area and the community of Long Point. All persons entering Long Point must cross this causeway and will be exposed to this sign. The purpose of the sign is to inform anyone entering the project area about the upcoming project and to provide contact information should they have questions. The sign will read:

Control of Invasive Phragmites, Spray program, Starts September 8th, for more information contact the Canadian Wildlife Service: 519-586-2839 or the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry: 548-588-1486.

2.4.3. Public Notice

A public notice will be distributed to major newspaper outlets in the Long Point region at least one week prior to the project initiation. The purpose of the notice is to inform the public about the upcoming project and to provide direction on where the public can turn for more information. The public notice will include contact information for the Project Supervisor(s) as well as website links that members of the public can access to learn more about project including information such as when and where it is expected to be delivered. In the Long Point Provincial Park, copies of the public notice will be available

for campers, day users, and Long Point Provincial Park staff. A notification will be sent out to all registered campers via the Ontario Parks online registration system to further alert campers and users ahead of their stay that the project may be ongoing during their park experience.

2.4.4 Verbal Information Relay

Ontario Parks' staff will relay project information verbally to all persons entering the park immediately prior to or during ground herbicide treatment and will make available a copy of the public notice. Gate staff are already in place to achieve this level of notification.

Where trails or other access points into the treatment area must be closed to foot traffic, park staff will be placed strategically in order to ensure any unauthorized access is prevented and information on the project can be relayed verbally.

2.4.5. Email

The Project Team may use email as a means of notification, if specific stakeholders' express interest in receiving digital notice or for greater ease in contacting specific staff within Norfolk County, Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit, the Ontario Provincial Police and the local fire department(s). The contact emails for each key project location is outlined in Section 2.7.

2.4.6. Phone Contact

Where requests for additional information are received, or other means of contact are not possible, phone contact will be undertaken by the Project Team, to ensure all stakeholder groups identified above have been notified. The following phone numbers will be used for all contacts regarding the project

Project Supervisor – Ground Herbicide Application, at the Nature Conservancy of Canada, 226-231-8213.

Project Supervisor – Aerial Herbicide Application at Environment and Climate Change Canada -Canadian Wildlife Service, 416-739-5827.

2.4.7. Information on Websites

The Project Team will be posting regular updates related to proposed treatment dates within the identified treatment window, as well as copies of the project implementation plan, and monitoring plan on the following websites: Long Point Phragmites Action

Alliance (longpointphragmites.ca) and the Long Point Ratepayers' Association (longpointrpa.com).

2.5. What information will be provided

In accordance with the Pesticides Act, notices of herbicide use must include all of the following information:

- The full product name of the herbicide to be used
- The purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest will be treated
- The range of dates within which the herbicide use will occur and, if possible, the proposed date of aerial and ground treatment
- A map depicting the area where the herbicide will be applied
- Contact information, including phone number and email address for a contact person whom people can contact to discuss the notice
- Any warnings regarding re-entry prior to use of the place of herbicide application specified on the product label

2.6. How will the public and stakeholders be informed of the notification plan

The Project Team will advise the public and stakeholders of the plan and its contents by:

- Making a copy of the plan available for public viewing free of charge at:
 - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Aylmer District Office,
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service office at Big Creek National Wildlife Area, and Long Point Provincial Park
- Placing a copy of the plan on the Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance website at: [longpointphragmites.ca]
- Placing a copy of the plan on the Long Point Ratepayers' Association website at: <http://longpointrpa.com/>
- Placing a copy of the plan on the Long Point Waterfowlers' Association website at: [<http://lpwaterfowlers.wixsite.com/lpwa>]
- Including reference to the plan within communications materials being set out as part of this plan

2.7. Contact Details

Long Point Crown Marsh

Anyone wishing to contact the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of the 2020 Phragmites Control Project should contact:

Dave Depuydt, Resources Management Coordinator - Aylmer District Office:

Phone: 548-588-1486

Email: dave.depuydt@ontario.ca

Long Point Provincial Park

Anyone wishing to contact Ontario Parks to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of the 2020 Phragmites Control Project should contact:

Jeff Pickersgill, Park Superintendent

Phone: 519-426-7138 ext. 227

Fax: 519-586-3581

Email: jeffrey.pickersgill@ontario.ca

Long Point and Turkey Point Private Marshes

Anyone wishing to contact the Nature Conservancy of Canada to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of the 2019 Phragmites Control Project should contact:

Eric Cleland, Director - Invasive Species Program

Phone: 226-231-8213

Email: eric.cleland@natureconservancy.ca

National Wildlife Areas

Anyone wishing to contact Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of the Phragmites Control Project should contact:

Heather Braun, Habitat Biologist

Phone: 416-739-5827, Cell: 416-937-7664

Email: heather.braun@canada.ca



3. APPENDICES

3.1. APPENDIX I – Public Notice

Public Notice

Notification of Aerial and Ground Herbicide Application for the Control of Invasive Phragmites within the Long Point Region

As part of ongoing efforts to control Phragmites, an invasive plant in the Long Point region, the Nature Conservancy of Canada along with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ontario Parks, and Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service, will work with several partners to treat lands at the Long Point Crown Marsh, Long Point Provincial Park, the tip of Long Point, Long Point and Big Creek National Wildlife Areas and private lands within the area. Plants in selected areas will be treated with an herbicide (glyphosate) to control the growth and limit the spread of Phragmites.

Herbicide application will be completed under appropriate weather conditions and has commenced in remote areas of Long Point beginning on August 17, 2020 and will be completed prior to October 31, 2020. Ground treatment of Phragmites in the Long Point Crown Marsh and Long Point Provincial Park is planned to commence on September 8, 2020. Aerial and ground herbicide applications at Long Point and Big Creek National Wildlife Areas is planned to commence in mid-September and be completed by mid-October.

The agencies will provide regular updates on proposed treatment dates on the Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance website at www.longpointphragmites.ca. These updates will also be available at the Environment and Climate Change Canada- Canadian Wildlife Service office at Big Creek National Wildlife Area, and Long Point Provincial Park.

As a precautionary measure, during treatment dates, the agencies ask that all residences using a surface water system (for example: directly taking water from the boating channel or inner Long Point Bay) shut down their water system and avoid consumption of the water (drinking, cooking, or for preparative uses such as baby food/infant formula) for a minimum of 48 hours following herbicide application and then flush their systems for at least 20 minutes before consuming again.

Updates including the start and completion of herbicide application and the resumption of using surface water systems will be provided at www.longpointphragmites.ca or by contacting the Project Supervisors below. Bottled water will be available free of charge at Long Point Provincial

Park for those who require it. Residents or businesses in need of water may pick it up on Tuesday September 8, 2020 or call 519-586-2133, ext. 223.

PLEASE NOTE: there is NO RESTRICTION on the USE OF WATER for RECREATION OR DOMESTIC PURPOSES (i.e. toilets, showers, etc.) following direct application of the herbicide.

For additional information regarding this project, please contact:

Project Supervisor – Ground Herbicide Application on private lands: Nature Conservancy of Canada, 226-231-8213, or by email at eric.cleland@natureconservancy.ca

Project Supervisor – Ground Herbicide Application on provincial lands:

Long Point Provincial Park, Park Superintendent - Phone: 519-426-7138 ext. 227, or by email at jeffrey.pickersgill@ontario.ca

Long Point Crown Marsh, Resources Management Coordinator - Aylmer District Office, Phone: 548-588-1486, or by email at dave.depuydt@ontario.ca

Project Supervisor – Herbicide Application on National Wildlife Areas: Environment and Climate Change Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service, 416-739-5827, or by email at heather.braun@canada.ca

3.2. APPENDIX II – Map of Notification Sign Locations in Long Point Region



3.3. APPENDIX III –Ground Notification Signs

Phragmites Ground Control



Phragmites control project area, September 2020

NOTICE: An aquatic herbicide application for the control of *Phragmites australis* is planned for the month of September at the Long Point Crown Marsh and Long Point Provincial Park.

Residences within 800 metres of the project areas along with any other residences east of Hastings Drive in Long Point should visit <http://longpointphragmites.ca/> for regular updates on the herbicide application and precautions that should be taken.

Anticipated Start Date: September 8, 2020 (weather permitting)
For updates visit - longpointphragmites.ca
Herbicide: Roundup Custom™ (glyphosate) (Reg. no. 32356)

As a precautionary measure, MNRF and Ontario Parks request that all residences using a surface water system (e.g. directly taking water from the boating channel or inner Long Point Bay) shut down their water system and avoid consumption of the water (i.e. drinking, cooking, or for preparative uses such as baby food/infant formula) for a minimum of 48 hours following herbicide application and then flush their systems for 20 minutes before consuming again.

For more information regarding the aquatic herbicide application, contact:
Long Point Provincial Park, Park Superintendent - Phone: 519-426-7138 ext. 227
Lone Point Crown Marsh, Resources Management Coordinator, Phone: 548-588-1486

For more information regarding the permitting process, contact:
Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor
Ontario Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks
905-521-7639

Phragmites Ground Control



Phragmites control project area, September 2020

NOTICE: An aquatic herbicide application for the control of *Phragmites australis* is planned for the month of September at the tip of Long Point.

Anticipated Start Date: September X, 2020 (weather permitting)

For updates visit – www.longpointphragmites.ca

Herbicide: Roundup Custom™ (glyphosate) (Reg. no. 32356)

For more information regarding the aquatic herbicide application, contact:

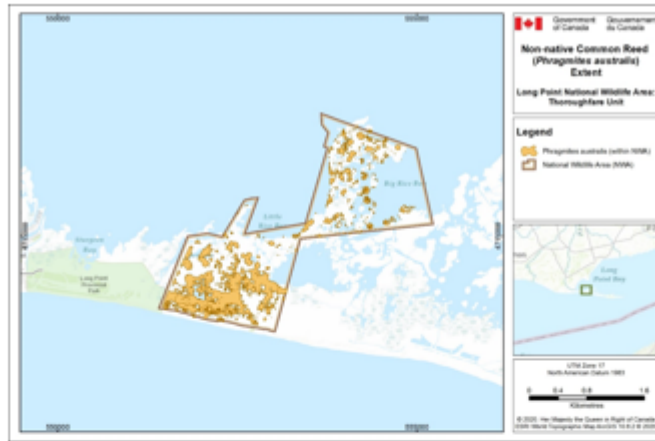
Eric Cleland – Nature Conservancy of Canada

519-586-7773 or eric.cleland@natureconservancy.ca

For more information regarding the permitting process, contact:

**Air, Pesticides and Environmental Planning Supervisor
Ontario Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks
905-521-7639**

Phragmites Ground and Aerial Control



Phragmites control project area, September 2020

NOTICE: An aquatic herbicide application for the control of Phragmites australis is planned for the month of September at the Thoroughfare Unit of the Long Point National Wildlife Area.

Residences within 800 metres of the project area along with any other residences east of Hastings Drive in Long Point should visit <http://longpointphragmites.ca/> for regular updates on the herbicide application and precautions that should be taken.

Anticipated Start Date: September 14, 2020 (weather permitting)
For updates visit - longpointphragmites.ca

Herbicide: Roundup Custom™ (glyphosate) (Reg. no. 32356)

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For more information regarding the aquatic herbicide application, the permitting process, or other project specifics, contact:

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Phragmites Ground and Aerial Control



Phragmites control project area, September 2020

NOTICE: An aquatic herbicide application for the control of *Phragmites australis* is planned for the month of September at the Big Creek National Wildlife Area (left), and adjacent private properties (right).

Residences within 800 metres of the project areas along with any other residences east of Hastings Drive in Long Point should visit <http://longpointphragmites.ca/> for regular updates on the herbicide application and precautions that should be taken.

Anticipated Start Date: September 14, 2020 (weather permitting)

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