

LCWC Phragmites, 14 Apr 11

Control of the invasive reed-type plant, *Phragmites australis*, in Les Cheneaux.

Phragmites control options are being developed to provide guidance for property owners interested in controlling the growth on their shoreline. Also of importance is control of phragmites stands along roadsides and places other than shorelines.

Control Sheet/Fact sheet has been developed to give to all property owners that phragmites has been mapped. A Landowner survey form has been developed to help monitor these sites. A package with the following will be delivered by boat to all property owners that phragmites has been mapped.

- Zip locked bag with Les Cheneaux Watershed Logo on front
- Control/Fact sheet – with pictures of ID – Native/Non-Native/Hybrid
- Landowner survey form
- EUP CWMA Coordinator's business card
- A Guide to the Control and Management of Invasive Phragmites booklet

Non-chemical control methods will be encouraged, especially for smaller infestations. Based on our 2010 survey findings, non-chemical methods should be applicable for the majority of LCI phragmites infestations.

To help clear up confusion on the part of our survey team and to help us provide accurate identification for the community, samples of local native, non-native and presumed hybrid phragmites have been sent to Cornell University. Our samples will be identified by Cornell and USDA experts using classical plant identification methods and also by DNA analysis.