



Ontario Phragmites Working Group Annual Meeting
January 29, 2019

Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group
“Projects on the Go”

Nancy Vidler, Chair

Lambton Shores Wetland Complex-near Wood Drive



Lambton Shores Wetland Enhancement Project

(5th year; 146 acres)

- Completed Year 3 of the National Wetland Conservation Fund
- Great Lakes Guardian Fund (Block 3)
- Invasive Phragmites Control Centre
- Truxors, cutting crews, volunteers (spading and cutting to drown)
- Stewardship Youth Rangers
- Volunteer and Partner Appreciation BBQ
- Partnership with Lambton Centre
- PAMF and fish surveys

Volunteers spading at Lambton Centre



Lambton Centre

(8 years; 15 acres)

- 15 acres completed; “*touch up*” ongoing
- IPCC
- Kayak and Canoe Club
- Increase in revenue
- Volunteer participation
- Canada Student Jobs
- Benefits of partnership: charitable status, supervision of students, venue for community events

Phrag biomass awaiting burning



Ippeewash

(3 years; 2 ½ miles of shoreline; many high density cells in the swales)

- 2 community events along the shoreline
- Spading method- “***touch up***” ongoing
- Grant from the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations for swales
- Partnerships with CICA, MNRF, SCRCA, the Coastal Centre
- PAMF

Port Franks

(10 years; initial 80 acres includes ABCA, NCC, MLS, Cottage Associations and Private Property)

- Eliminated Phragmites infestations on the beach
- Effectively managed the adjacent lower watershed
- MLS and Lambton County committed to roadside control
- Ongoing “***touch up***” using every method available
- Raspberry cane cutters and spading
- New directors representing L Lake area
- ABCA plans for 2019

Nature Conservancy Canada lands at Mud Creek at Port Franks



Other Areas

Grand Bend (5 acres)

- Managed by Grand Bend Horticulture and the ABCA

Forest (Increased spread)

- Need support of a local committee to take the lead

Outreach Activities

- Over 150 Golf Course Superintendents
- Communities in Bloom- Judges Tour
- Assist MLS with Blue Flag Status
- Lambton County Phragmites Partnership
- Hosting Carolinian West spring meeting
- Video and Website: the Kineto Theatre
- Lambton County Museum (Canadian Museum of Nature Speaker Series-Canada's Watershed), Library, Probus, Rotary, Garden Clubs, BBQ
- Politicians

Challenges

- ✓ Provincial and Federal Funding Concerns
- ✓ Sustained funding for successful projects
 - ✓ Accessibility
 - ✓ High/low water levels
- ✓ Lack of approved pesticide for overwater use
 - ✓ Volunteers
- ✓ Lack of interest from adjacent property owners