

Phragmites Treatments along Saginaw Bay Shoreline Area

Treatments to control dense infestations of the invasive weed Phragmites will be done in the next week when weather conditions improve and are favorable for the treatment. The weather parameters for treatment include winds less than 10 miles per hour and less than 40% chance of rain within 6 hours of treatment so these conditions will dictate the exact date and time of treatment.

This is an aerial spray treatment that will be done by **Hamilton Helicopters, Inc.** of Hamilton, Michigan. The Helicopter will fly low over the stands of Phragmites that are in the water near shore.

Phragmites treatment will be done with a mixture of the products **Aqua Neat** and **Habitat** which are aquatic formulations of the pesticides Glyphosate and Imazapyr. These are non-selective herbicides that can cause damage to any plant that they contact. People and pets should avoid contact with the treated areas until spray solution has dried (approximately 6 hours) to prevent transfer of the spray product onto desirable vegetation. Surface water in treatment areas should not be used for irrigation for at least **24 hours after** treatment.

The treatment areas are located along the Saginaw Bay in Pinconning, Fraser and Hampton Townships here in Bay County; north of Vanderbilt Park in Tuscola County and on Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe lands in Arenac County. Property Owners in the spray areas have been notified. Maps of treatment areas and labels of the spray products to be used may be viewed online at: <http://www.baycountymi.gov/EACD/> or at the Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department located on the 5th floor of the Bay County Building, 515 Center Ave., Bay City, Michigan 48708.

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