



INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE (ISC) REPORT

Onekama Township/ Portage Lake Watershed Committee

September 7, 2016

Invasive Species Updates:

Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM): We have not treated any EWM since the August 2nd treatment. We will survey the lake again in late September and expect to do another treatment this fall depending on the results of the survey.

PHRAGMITES: Date for the fall treatment has not been set. Will probably be first week of October. The letters required by our phragmites ordinance will be sent this week. Wetlands and Wildlife will send their required notice when the date is determined. The Public Hearing, as required to allow people to opt out of any treatment, will be held on September 19 at the Township Hall. Wetlands and Wildlife will walk the lakeshore and spot treat phragmites. They will also treat yellow iris, purple loosestrife and any other nonnative invasives when they treat the phragmites.

Non Native Cattails: We will continue to monitor the areas of narrow leaf cattails. The high water has caused an increase in bull rushes and other native plants and they are more invasive this year. Chemical treatment of any inland lake aquatic plants requires a permit. Small areas can be cut, hand raked or pulled.

Submitted by,

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