



INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE (ISC) REPORT

Onekama Township/ Portage Lake Watershed Committee

May 1, 2017

Exotic Invasive Species Control:

The Invasive Species Committee will meet on May 3 to continue the discussion on information obtained to control hybrid invasive cattails and prescribed burns. Additional information has been obtained from Katie Greziak from the NWISN. There are still others still need to be contacted.

Newsletter: Our Lake Manager, Bre Grabill will again be doing a spring newsletter that will be sent out with the next tax notice. Suggestions for topics?

Other Research Projects:

This will be the 3rd and last year of our research project to study our specific **hybrid Eurasian watermilfoil** species and the results of treatments with different agents and strengths. The project is being done with a research grant by Northern Michigan University and Professional Lake Management.

Swimmers Itch: The final report from Oakland University will not be finished until July. The Michigan Swimmers Itch Partnership has been doing a lot of research and a report was given at the Michigan Lakes and Streams Convention. There are 5 lakes in the partnership and another 16 lakes that participated in the Oakland Study. A state appropriation of 250,000 was received last year to continue the research and they are asking for 500,000 this year for a 2 year study. Statement was made that the greatest experts in the WORLD on Swimmer's Itch were at this meeting.

Michigan Lakes and Streams Meeting – Items of interest attached....

Submitted by,

Mary Reed, Chair

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