



## **Ontario Invasive Plant Council:** *Winter* **Webinar Series 2016-17**

The Ontario Invasive Plant Council (with funding from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) is hosting another lunch-time winter webinar series! This eight-session webinar series will include a wide range of presentations, including a presentation on the emergency use herbicide project for invasive *Phragmites* in Rondeau Bay and Long Point Provincial Parks, the current distribution of invasive water soldier, an information session on the recent *Invasive Species Act* and how the environmental group Georgian Bay Forever tackles invasive *Phragmites* in water. In addition, this series will include a presentation on invasive plants to watch out for delivered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, information on herbicide use and regulations in Ontario and how Norway Maples negatively impact our ecosystems!

The series will begin on Wednesday December 7th at 12 noon. Each webinar will be an hour long. The webinars will also include an open discussion forum where participants can ask questions of our expert panelists. See below for a brief description of our first webinar and how to register!

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### **Webinar #1 - Wednesday December 7th @ 12 noon** ***MNRF Phragmites Emergency Herbicide Use*** ***Project-Rondeau Park & Long Point Crown Marsh***

**Presented by:** Alex Meilustis, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

**Facilitated by:** Allison Marinich, OIPC

Alex Meilutis attended Western University where she graduated with a B.Sc in Environmental Science and Biology, and a Master's of Environment and Sustainability. Alex currently works for the Southwest Zone of Ontario Parks as an Assistant Park Planner. Her previous roles include working as an Assistant Ecologist for Ontario Parks, where her work focussed on ecological data collection, compilation, and synthesis for the purposes of protected area planning and regulation. Alex has also worked for the City of London in Environmental Programs and Parks Planning.

*Phragmites australis* ("*Phragmites*") is recognized as one of Canada's worst invasive species. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) received approval for an Emergency Use Registration request, by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, to undertake a pilot project using an herbicide to control *Phragmites* in wet areas. In September of 2016, 500 hectares of *Phragmites*-dominated wetland



within Rondeau Provincial Park, Long Point Crown Marsh, and additional private lands within the Long Point area were treated under this pilot project. This presentation will summarize the pilot project within these sensitive Lake Erie coastal wetlands, provide early results from the treatment, and share information related to next steps as MNR continues *Phragmites* treatment in the future.

[Register here.](#)

### Other upcoming webinars:

#### **Webinar #2 - Wednesday January 11th @ 12 noon**

##### ***Status of Invasive Aquatic Water Soldier (*Stratiotes aloides*) in Ontario***

Presented by: Rob McGowan, Invading Species Awareness Program, OFAH

Facilitated by: Allison Marinich, OIPC Outreach Liaison

#### **Webinar #3 - Wednesday January 18 @ 12 noon**

##### ***Phragmites in St. Thomas-The Team Partnership Plan to make St. Thomas Phrag Free by 2020.***

Presented by: David Collins, Committee of Adjustment and *Phragmites* Control

Facilitated by: Allison Marinich, OIPC Outreach Liaison

#### **Webinar #4 - Wednesday February 8th @12 noon**

##### ***Update- Invasive Species Act, 2015***

Presented by: Jeremy Downe, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Facilitated by: Allison Marinich, OIPC Outreach Liaison

#### **Webinar #5 - Wednesday February 22nd @12 noon**

##### ***Successful Management of Phragmites in Georgian Bay***

Presented by: Heather Sergeant and David Sweetnam, Georgian Bay Forever

Facilitated by: Allison Marinich, OIPC Outreach Liaison

#### **Webinar #6 - Wednesday March 8th @ 12 noon**

##### ***Watch List- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Invasive Plant Prevention Program***

Presented by: Alexander Blain and Kristina Pauk, Canada Food Inspection Agency

Facilitated by: Allison Marinich, OIPC Outreach Liaison

#### **Webinar #7 - Wednesday March 22th @12 noon**

##### ***Herbicide Use & Regulations in Ontario***

Presented by: Francine MacDonald, Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry

Facilitated by: Allison Marinich, OIPC Outreach Liaison

#### **Webinar #8 - Wednesday March 29 @12 noon**

##### ***Negative Impact of Norway Maple (*Acer Platanoides*) on our environment and insect diversity***

Presented by: Eric Davies, University of Toronto

Facilitated by: Allison Marinich, OIPC Outreach Liaison

**Registration coming soon!**



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