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September 17, 2018

Dear resident,

**Subject: Notification Ground and Aerial Herbicide Application for the Control of Invasive Phragmites australis within the Long Point Region**

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry ('the ministry') plans to undertake an invasive Phragmites australis (Phragmites) control program in the Long Point Region. As part of ongoing efforts to control Phragmites, the ministry will work with several partners to treat lands at the Long Point Crown Marsh, Long Point Company, the tip of Long Point, private lands in Turkey Point, and the Lower Big Creek watershed. Selected areas will be treated with glyphosate to control the growth and spread of Phragmites. Herbicide application will be completed under appropriate weather conditions and has commenced in remote areas of Long Point beginning on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and must be completed prior to October 31, 2018. Treatment of phragmites in the Long Point Crown Marsh will commence on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It is anticipated the project will be completed during the months of August and September. As this timing window approaches, the ministry will ensure regular updates on proposed treatment dates are available at the Aylmer District ministry office, as well as on the Ontario Invasive Plant Council website (<http://www.opwg.ca/projects/>).

This undertaking is part of a ministry pilot project using ground herbicide application techniques to control Phragmites growing within wet areas of the marsh. Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency has approved an Emergency Use Registration of Roundup Custom for the purpose of this pilot project.

As a precautionary measure, the ministry asks that all residences using a surface water system (for example: directly taking water from the boating channel or inner Long Point Bay) shut down their water system and avoid consumption of the water (drinking, cooking, or for preparative uses such as baby food/infant formula) for a minimum of 48 hours following herbicide application and then flush their systems for 20 minutes before consuming again. Bottled water will be available free of charge at Long Point Provincial Park. Residents or businesses in need of water may call the project supervisor at 519-200-2276.

**PLEASE NOTE: there is NO RESTRICTION on the USE OF WATER for RECREATION OR DOMESTIC PURPOSES (i.e. toilets, showers, etc.) following direct application of the herbicide.**

Enclosed with this letter is a project map, which provides delineation of potential ground treatment areas.

For additional information regarding this letter, the project notification plan, or general project information, please contact the Project Supervisor at: 519-200-2276.

Sincerely,



Project Supervisor  
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

