

To maintain environmental quality and public health and safety, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and various local governments, working with the Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, will treat the invasive plants knotweed and *Phragmites* along major Oakland County roads from August through October 2024.

Phragmites grows in wet areas and can reach heights of 15 feet, leading to safety and environmental problems. It forms dense stands blocking views at intersections, impedes water access, impairs drainage, damages infrastructure, crowds out habitat and causes hot, damaging fires if ignited. Knotweed spreads easily when cut and can damage infrastructure including buildings and roads.

Areas planned for treatment include Oakland County primary and local and natural beauty roads in the townships of Addison, Bloomfield, Brandon, Commerce, Groveland, Highland, Holly, Independence, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Oakland, Orion, Oxford, Rose, Springfield, Waterford, West Bloomfield and White Lake; and the communities of Auburn Hills, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clarkston, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Holly, Lake Angelus, Lake Orion, Lathrup Village, Leonard, Madison Heights, Novi, , Orchard Lake Village, Ortonville, Pontiac, Rochester, Rochester Hills, South Lyon, Southfield, Troy, Walled Lake, Wixom and Wolverine Lake.

The contractor listed below will perform the knotweed treatment and can be contacted with questions about the chemical products used and method of application:

- Stantec, 8060 Kensington Ct., Brighton MI 48116. 616-847-1680, www.stantec.com

The contractors listed below will perform the *Phragmites* treatment and can be contacted with questions about the chemical products used and method of application:

- PLM Lake and Land Management Corp, 10785 Bennett Drive, Morrice, MI 48857, 800-382-4434, www.plmcorp.net
- Stantec, 8060 Kensington Ct., Brighton MI 48116. 616-847-1680, www.stantec.com

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) permitting restrictions, national holidays and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments. The treatment schedule is approximate. Areas adjacent to planned treatment areas may receive posting of the 8.5-inch by 11-inch yellow signs at regular intervals or at the start and end of treatment areas along treated corridors. Where signs are present, they will indicate the date of the treatment, the products used and any restrictions on the use of treated property. For any questions about access to right of way areas or to confirm areas that may have been recently treated and have restricted access, contact the Road Commission for Oakland County via the contact information provided below.

This notice is being circulated in accordance with EGLE procedures. Herbicides that may be applied and the associated use restrictions are listed below. On the day of treatment, signs will be posted that indicate what products were used and specific restrictions that apply:

Herbicides Planned for Use on knotweed:

Clearcast (Imazamox) and Rodeo (Glyphosate) or Aquaneat (Glyphosate) or Roundup Custom (Glyphosate), and Cygnet Plus as an adjuvant (drift control, surfactant)

Herbicides Planned for Use on Phragmites:

Aquaneat (Glyphosate) or Roundup Custom (Glyphosate) or Glyphosate 5.4 (Glyphosate) or Rodeo (Glyphosate), and Cygnet Plus as an adjuvant (drift control, surfactant)

Method of Application:

All applications will be applied to the plants' leaves (foliar application) by vehicle-mounted hand spray gun equipment or backpack spray equipment. The herbicide will be tank mixed.

Re-Entry Restrictions:

Do not enter treated areas until the spray has dried.

This advance notification is a requirement that a commercial applicator must make before a broadcast or foliar application of pesticides for community or right of way pest management to persons who own or reside on property that is within the target area or to their authorized representatives.

The chemicals used for Aquatic Nuisance Control are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The potential for damage to fish and other nontarget organisms is minimal when the product is used as directed on the product label and the permit.

To minimize the possible effects on health and the environment, the treated area is restricted as noted above.

For more information, contact the Road Commission for Oakland County at 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025; by phone at 877-858-4804; or by e-mail at dcsmail@rcoc.org.