

Invasive *Phragmites australis* subsp. *australis* Control in the Big Creek Watershed, including Crown, Private, and Municipal Lands of Long Point and Turkey Point area, hereinafter referred to as the Long Point Region

Notice of Revised Notice of Completion

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) invites public comment on its proposal to undertake cultural (burning), mechanical (cutting) and chemical (herbicide) control work on *Phragmites australis* subs. *australis* ("Phragmites") within the Long Point Region, in the county of Norfolk. This work is required to conserve the values for which the parks and adjacent Long Point Region are recognized, including provincially significant wetland communities. All work is proposed to occur within an appropriate timing window to minimize impacts to non-target species and habitats. Net positive environmental effects are anticipated, as the project is expected to result in a natural resurgence of native vegetation. Active management may be repeated, as necessary and as time and resources permit, until *Phragmites* is eradicated or the 10-year approval period expires. The original proposal met the requirements of Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves and the Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship and Facilities Development with the filing of a Statement of Completion for a Category B project evaluation on February 3, 2016.

The proposed changes to this project include expansion of area into Turkey Point wetland complexes, Long Point Bay's associated shoreline, as well as the Big Creek watershed. Significant efforts were made in 2016 to control phragmites in the Long Point and Rondeau area, however these changes are required to achieve invasive phragmites eradication in the Long Point Region. The project is proposed to commence August 15, 2017. All other aspects of the project are unchanged.

To obtain the information on the revised project file, to discuss the project, or to submit comments, please contact:

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If at the end of this notice period MNRF considers that there are no significant outstanding concerns the MNRF may permit the implementation of the undertaking without further public notice.

Where there are outstanding concerns about this project that cannot be resolved in discussion with the MNRF concerned parties have an opportunity to formally request the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change issue a Part II Order requiring the project be subject to an individual environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. As this decision rests with the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change please direct your inquiries in this regard to the Minister, Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley St. W., 11th Flr, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2T5. Requests must be received by the Minister within the 30-day comment period, which expires on August 3rd, and copied at the same time to the MNRF at the address above.

Comments and personal information regarding this proposal are collected under authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act* to assist MNRF in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among MNRF and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained. Optional - This information may be used by MNRF to seek public input on other projects.



