

ROAD COMMISSION **for OAKLAND COUNTY**

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TREATMENT OF PHRAGMITES AND KNOTWEED ALONG RCOC ROADS TO TAKE PLACE AUG. 24 THROUGH LATE OCT.

Beverly Hills, MI — The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in partnership with the Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) organization, is addressing invasive species growing along roads throughout Oakland County.

Beginning Aug. 24, and continuing through late October, state-licensed commercial applicators will apply herbicide to targeted areas of knotweed and Phragmites along RCOC roadways. Yellow signs will be posted at treated locations on the day of application. The signs will identify the products used, provide any applicable restrictions and indicate when treatment occurred.

Phragmites is an invasive grass that commonly grows in wet areas and can reach a height of 15 feet. Dense stands can create safety and environmental concerns by blocking sightlines at intersections, impairing drainage, damaging infrastructure and crowding out native habitat. When dry, Phragmites also can fuel intense fires.

Knotweed is another invasive species that can spread rapidly, particularly when it is cut. It can also damage infrastructure, including roads and drainage structures.

Treatment will be performed using vehicle-mounted hand-spray equipment. Once sprayed, the herbicide is an important tool for controlling the stands of Phragmites and knotweed and preventing their continued spread. The public is advised to stay out of the areas treated.

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KNOTWEED TREATMENT

Stantec will perform the knotweed treatment. Questions regarding the treatment products used or the application methods may be directed to:

Stantec

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

PHRAGMITES TREATMENT

PLM Lake and Land Management Corp and Stantec will perform the Phragmites treatment. Questions regarding the treatment products used or the application methods may be directed to:

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

For a list of CISMA members and supporting partners, visit <https://oaklandinvasivespecies.org/current-members/>. For more information or questions, contact RCOC by calling (877) 858- 4804 or emailing dcsmail@rcoc.org.

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Editor's note: The legal notice and map of roads to be treated are attached.