
Park

Commission

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Commissioners:

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Park Commission

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023

Time: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION

1st board room
Ypsilanti Township Civic Center
7200 S. Huron River Drive
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

6:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Determination of Quorum**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2023 regular meeting**
- VI. Citizens Participation**
- VII. Reports**
 - A. Staff Reports**
 - B. Commissioner Reports**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
- IX. New Business**
 - A. 2023 USGS Phragmites Research at North Hydro**
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XII. Adjournment**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

*Park Commission Agendas and Minutes are available on the township website at
<https://ytown.org/park-commission>*

I. Call to Order

Commission Hodge called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tajalli Hodge, Jeff Neel, Brad Hine, Darrell Kirby, David Streeter, Ed Burnett

Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith

Staff Present: John Hines

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Streeter

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes –Approval of January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes made by Kirby

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

None.

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

John Hines, Recreation Services Manager and Interim Residential Services Director

- Officially started Master Plan process with Beckett & Raeder. Township leaders met to form committee; discussion of including citizens and interested Parks Board members. Goal is 8 people; 4 already from township leaders. Township will broadcast meeting times and provide methods for citizens to offer feedback. Commissioners Hodge and Kirby interested in serving. Commissioner Hodge will reach out to citizens who have contacted the Board previously about issues at the parks.
- Loonfeather Update: Railing work started today (2/6/23). Grant is extended till August. Need to finish financials and reimbursement to township. Suburban and PGA are the two vendors.
- Community Center repairs: spoke with BelFor to approve plans; started demolition today. (Pipe froze and broke over holiday break, flooding Pro Shop and Golf Services office; dance studios and senior room also affected.) BelFor Restoration working with insurance to approve repairs and types of flooring to use. Damage was more extensive than first suspected.

- Community Center Exercise Room closed for foreseeable future. Working around for various programs like Beyond 50.
- Hosting Black History program on Feb. 24 at 1 pm 24th, Room 105.
- Basketball just started. 106 registrations so far; down from pre-Covid numbers but still good.
- Jet Ski rental and Ann Arbor JC Hydroplane racing requests referred to township attorney.

Discussion: Commissioner Hine asked about orange markings on trees at Ford Lake Park. John Hines will investigate.

B. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hodge will speak with community leaders about Sugar Bush Wildflower Garden and how to use the rest of the grant funding.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Announcements

None.

XI. Recommendation

None.


XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Neel

Seconded: Hine

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary



U.S. Geological Survey *Phragmites* Control Experiment

North Hydro Park, Ypsilanti, MI

March 6th, 2023



U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Survey

Spenser Widin and Kurt Kowalski
USGS Great Lakes Science Center

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Experiment Set-up

- 30 total Plots
 - 10 water only
 - 10 treated every 2 weeks
 - 10 treated every 4 weeks

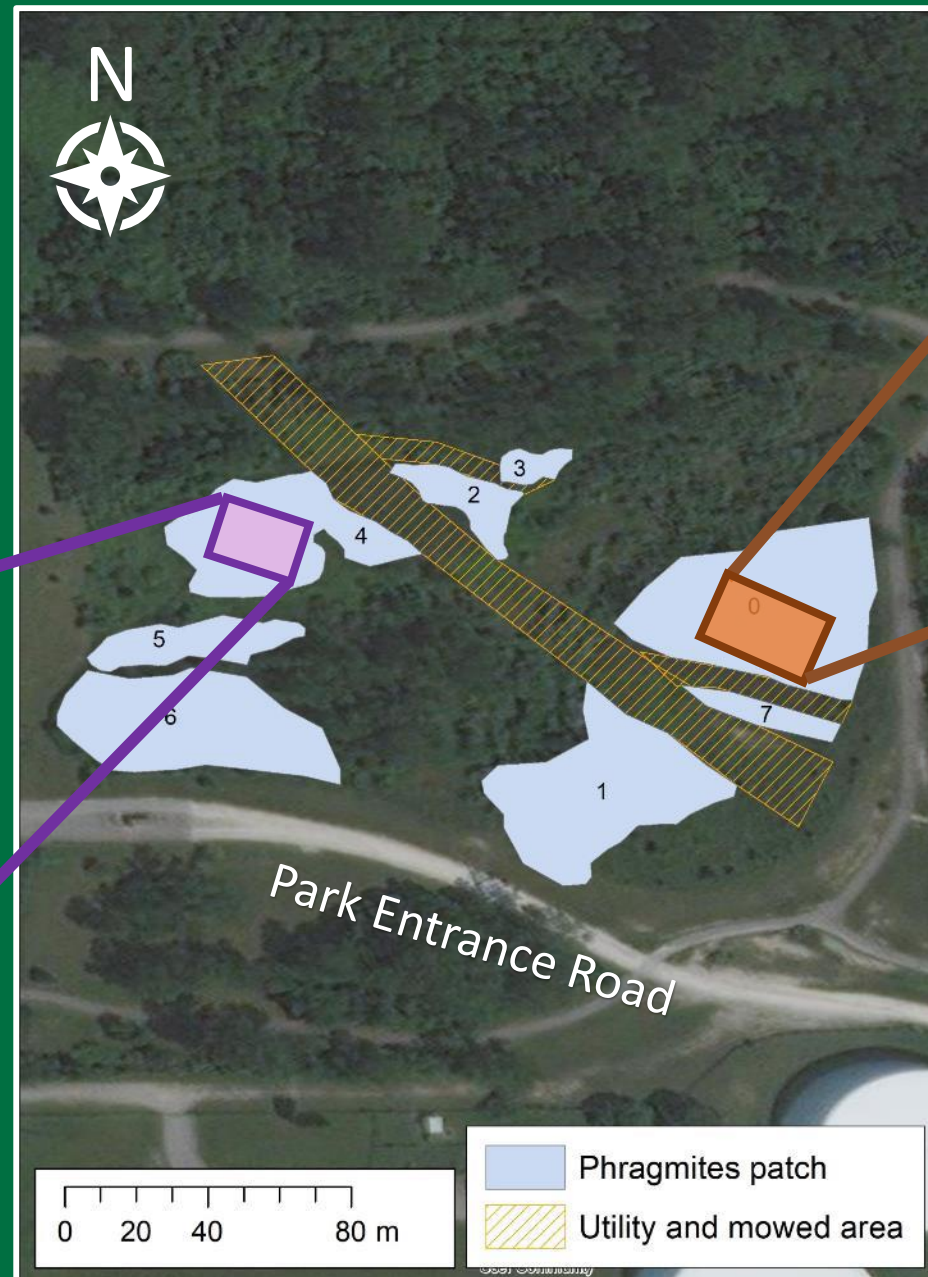
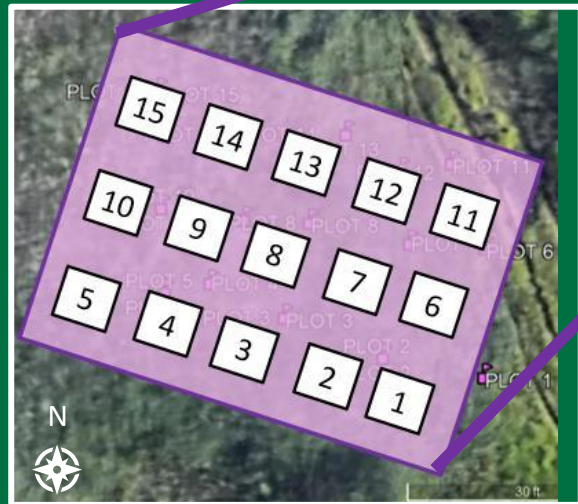
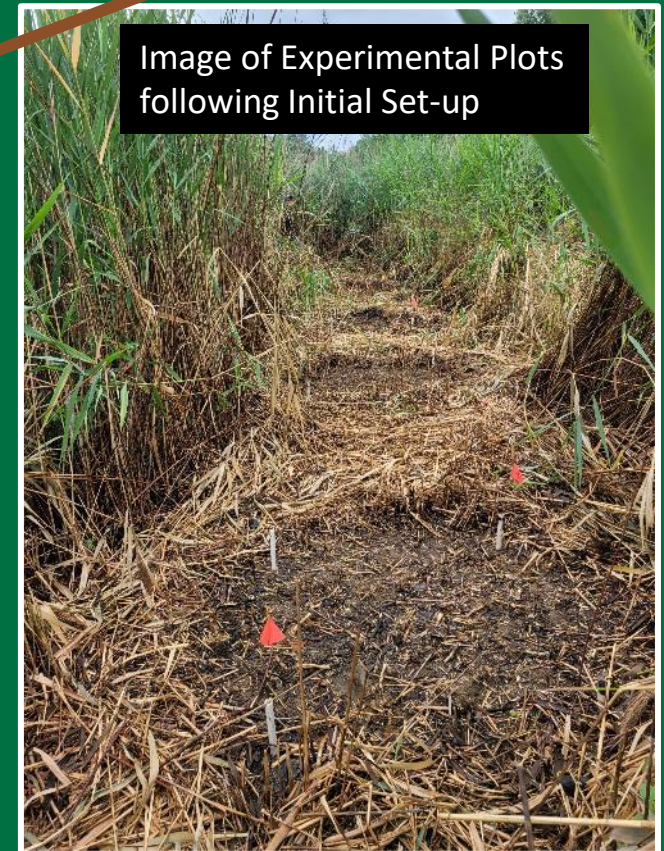


Image of Experimental Plots following Initial Set-up



Sept 28, 2022

Final Observation Day

Control

2-Week

4-Week



The Root of the Problem



Great lakes Phragmites Collaborative

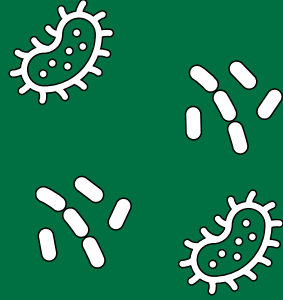


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USGS Microbial Control of Phragmites



Apply Non-Toxic
Bioherbicide



Stimulate Microbial
Response in Plant

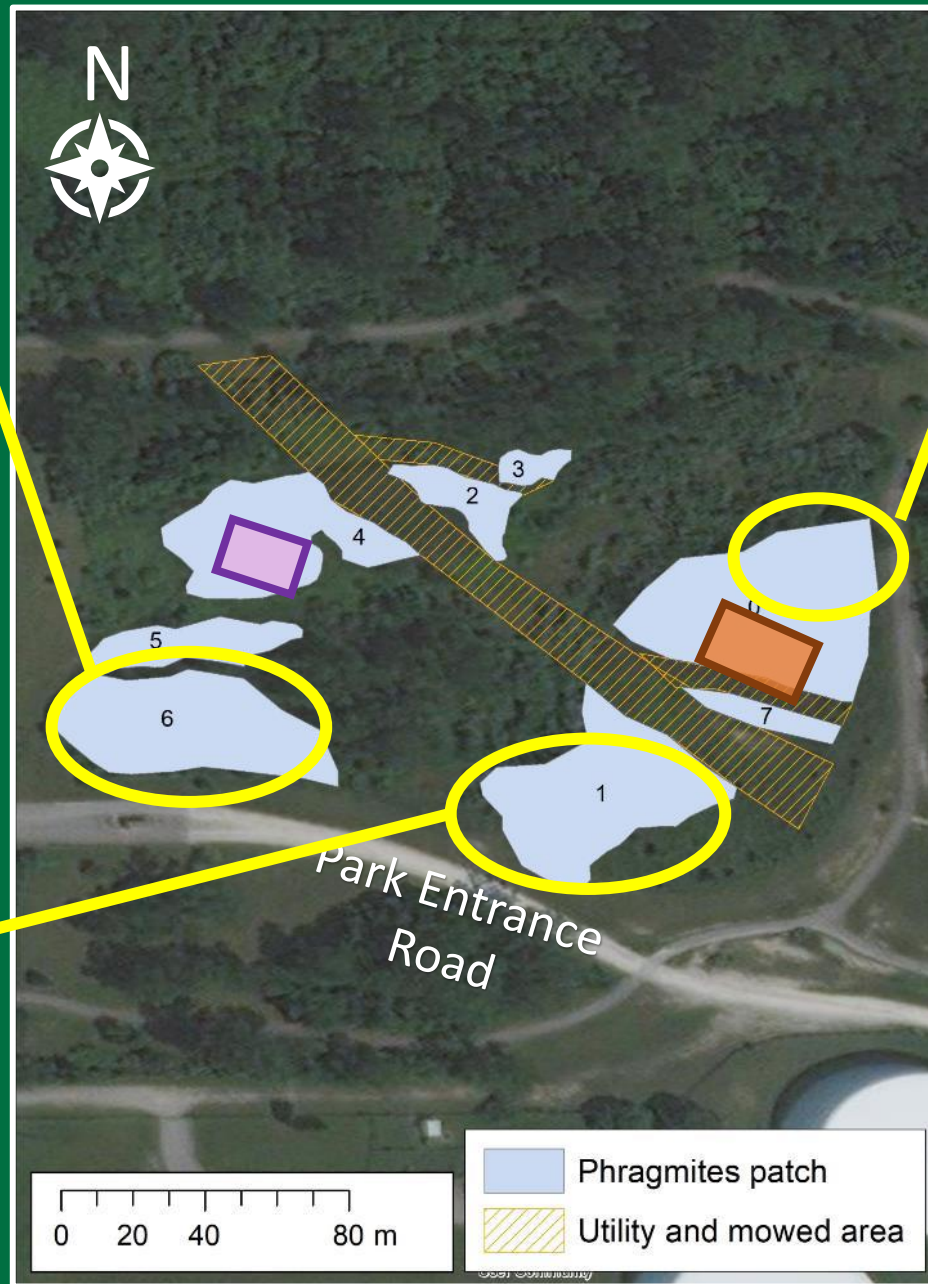


Monitor Plant
Response



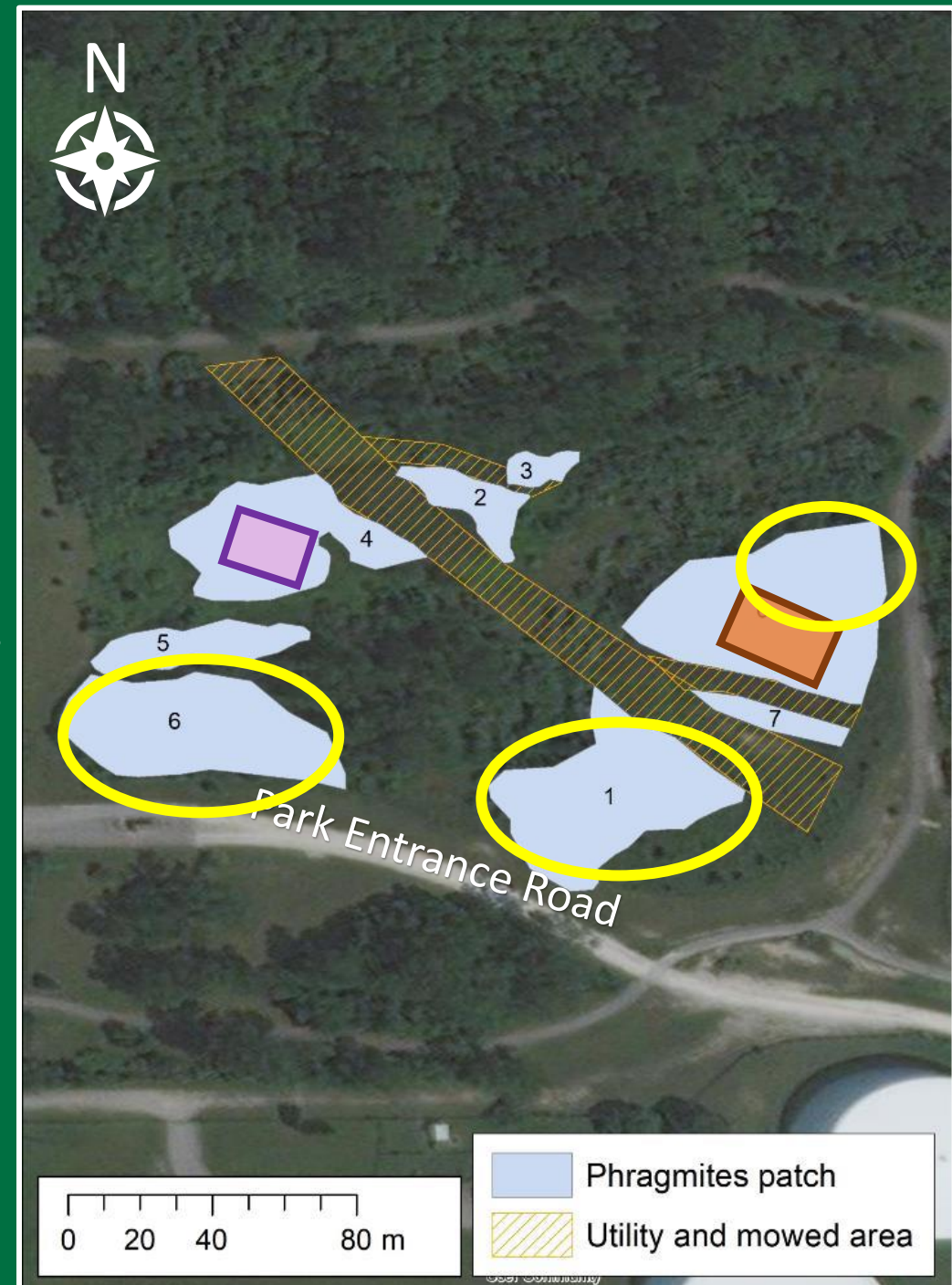
Analyze Results

Refine Formulation



Proposed Work

- At least 30 more experimental plots
- Clear standing dead stem in March/April 2023
- Apply new formulation with microbes starting ~June 2023
- Monitor until October 2023
- Return Spring 2024 to observe lasting effects



Thank You!



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Grasshopper from North Hydro park outside
experimental plot

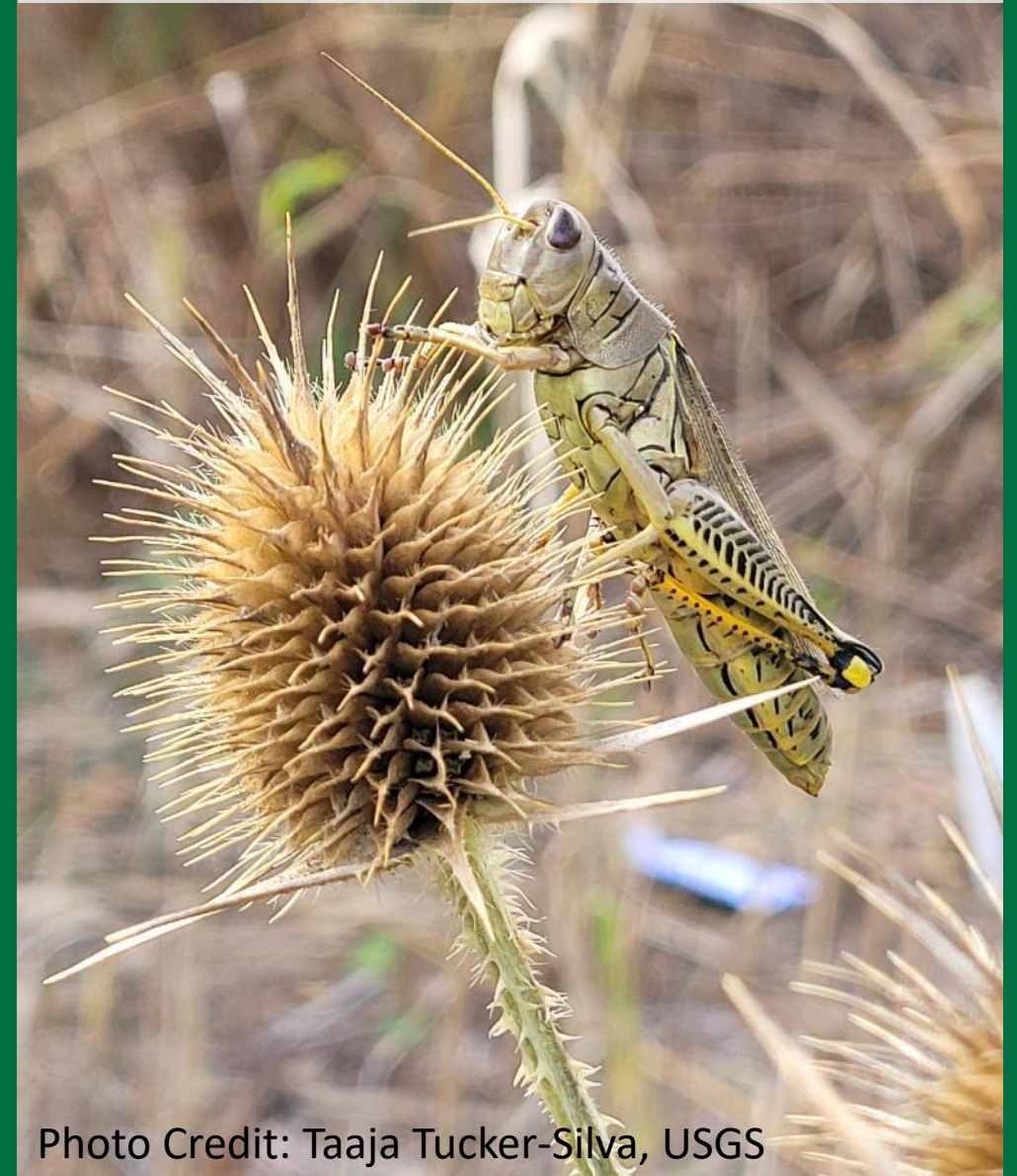


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