

Report On Invasive Species:

Efforts to Identify and Remove; *Action Plan and Your Input Needed!*

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Based on work done by Walter Abicht of Salmon Lake Rd (near the Scouts Camp), with supporting notes from Piper of Otter Point Lane.

This season Walter is again employing 3 summer students from the Park to help dig out dog strangling vine (DSV). To do so it is important to get the nodes at base of stem to stop the rhizomes from spreading.

The plants in open sunny areas are starting to form pods but the pods are not yet dry and in danger of opening and dispersing seeds while being picked. Soon the pods will commence drying and the approach in any heavy/dense areas would need to be to just yank the plants and pods asap (secure them in strong black garbage bags and let them cook in the hot sun). No time left to spend digging out nodes – focus must be on stopping seed dispersion... then next spring work on digging up the rhizomes/nodes again.

The phragmites patches Walter identified in previous years are still there along Salmon Lake Road and slowly starting to spread. Not sure if there is any distant dispersal as well. He is not active in dealing with phragmites but would donate to a viable action plan to do so.

The shoreline survey by LYL that was undertaken last year has identified some water invasives on individual properties' shorelines. The exact locations were shared privately with individual property owners. NSOLA therefore relies on you, its members, to let us know of the presence of invasives on your properties' shoreline. Only with that information and your help can we ***put together a comprehensive action plan and help with removal and shoreline restoration*** to help keep our lake healthy. So please check your private property survey report and let us know.

So far the grant committee is overseeing the LYL survey work and follow-up. It would be great if some more members could get involved at this stage looking specifically at the issues with invasives, so that, with enough interest, it can become its own working group to develop and implement a ***comprehensive action plan*** to effectively deal with invasives.

Please contact Piper or Simon for more info on that and to pass on info regarding the presence of invasives on your property and or along your shoreline.

Thank You,

Walter and Piper