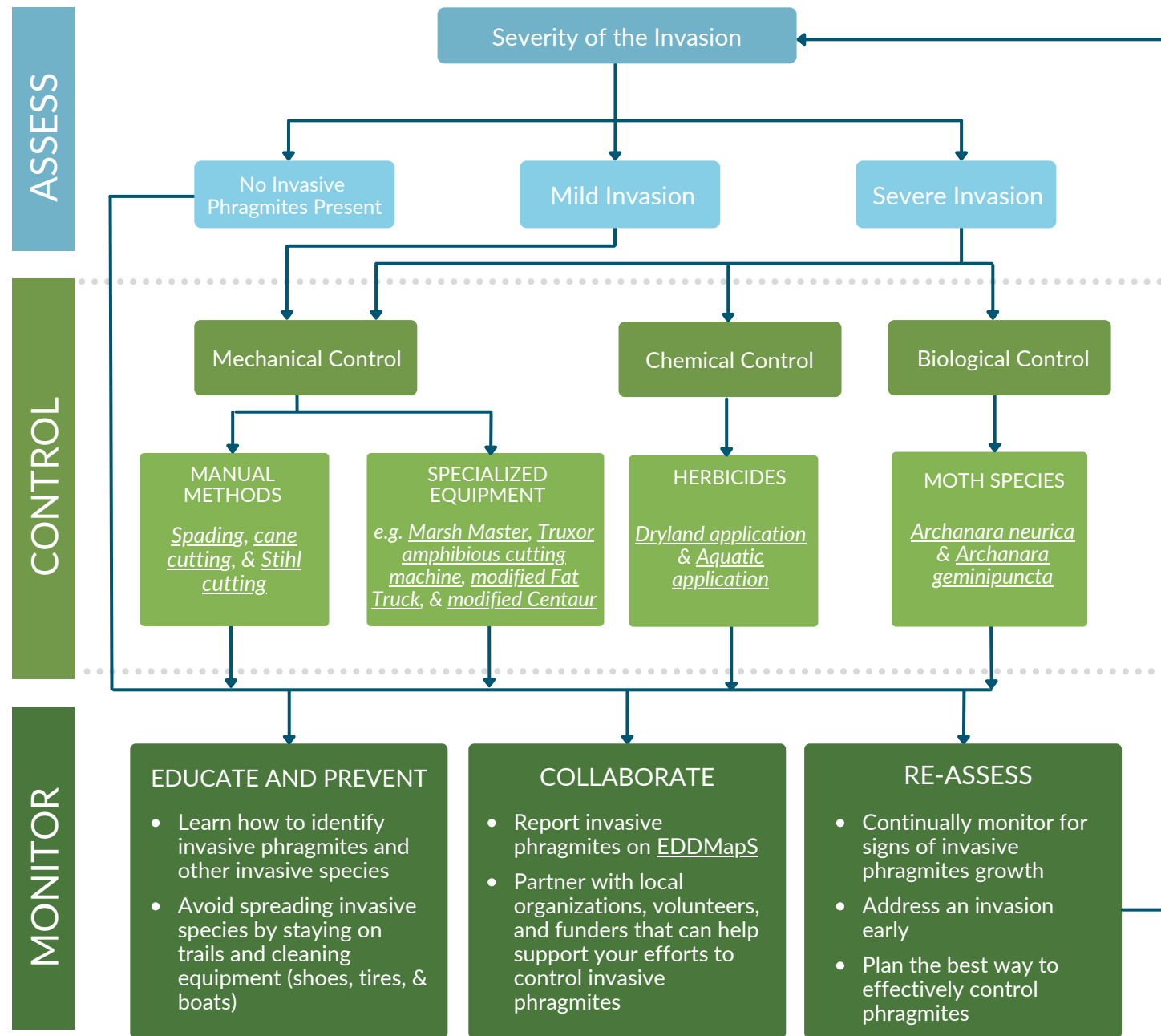


# PHRAGMITES AUSTRALIS

Addressing the invasion of *Phragmites australis* (invasive phragmites) is critical to protecting ecosystems in Canada. However, it is important to control invasive phragmites in a way that does the most good and the least amount of ecological harm. It takes a careful plan to appropriately address this invasive species. Each individual situation is different and requires a unique strategy to control invasive phragmites over time. Timing and capacity are important factors to consider when developing a strategy to remove invasive phragmites. Keep in mind the wildlife in the invaded area, such as fish spawning seasons. Other important considerations include access to funding, experts, volunteers, and certifications.

Watersheds Canada and the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre created this flow chart and education resource to help individuals and community groups develop a plan to effectively address invasive phragmites in their area. Don't forget to watch our "[Phragmites australis: Why we cannot afford to ignore this invasion](#)" webinar with Janice M. Gilbert from the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre which highlights control methods and invasive phragmites removal best practices. Janice's webinar was a part of Watersheds Canada's free online Freshwater Stewardship Community.



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# RESOURCES

## EDUCATION AND IDENTIFICATION

- Watch Ontario Invasive Plant Council's webinar "[New tools for Phragmites management: Update on biological control in southern Ontario](#)"
- Visit the Ontario Phragmites Working Group's [website](#) for information about invasive phragmites identification and management
- Read the resources that are available on the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre [website](#), such as instructions about how to use the "[spading method](#)" to remove invasive phragmites, and how to [identify invasive phragmites seedlings](#)
- Report sightings of invasive phragmites in the wild with the [EDDMapS App](#)
- Read [journal articles](#) by Courtney D. Robichaud and Rebecca C. Rooney from the University of Waterloo about the impact of invasive phragmites on ecosystems

## COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BEST PRACTICES

- Read the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's "[Invasive Phragmites Best Management Practices](#)"
- Read Georgian Bay Forever's "[The Process for Invasive Phragmites Removal in Georgian Bay Wetlands and Shorelines](#)" document
- Watch the "[Large scale Management of Invasive Phragmites in the Long Point Region of Ontario- Risks, Rewards and Lessons Learned](#)" webinar by Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ontario Region
- Read about work that has been done by community groups, such as [The Ipperwash Phrag Fighters](#), [Kincardine Residents Against Phragmites](#), and [Oliphant Fishing Islands Phragmites Community Group](#)

## FUNDING AND SUPPORT

- Check out the Green Shovels Collaborative [Invasive Phragmites Control Fund](#), which supports groups or organizations implementing Phragmites control activities in Ontario by providing grants of up to \$10,000 per project within the fund's total of \$55,000
- Watch the Invasive Species Centre's webinar titled "[Novel Approach to Collaborative Phragmites Management Using Outcomes-Based Financing](#)"
- Read about how the [Great Lakes fund helped Port Franks fight Phragmites](#)

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