

PORTAGE LAKE REPORT – ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP

2008

We first identified that we had a phragmites problem – Spring 2008, Garden Club program.

Scheduled demonstration project and did an AVAS survey of the lake. PLA and Garden club paid

Took results of AVAS survey and the discovery of EWM to the Watershed

Watershed appointed a 5 person Invasive Species Committee.

ISC did extensive research.....research data, contacted experts and other lakes, explored funding options and grant moneys, Township & Village funding?
Goal to be able to treat fall of 2009

2009

Township appointed the Invasive Species Committee of the watershed as a Township committee

Hired a lake manager and did 2 AVAS surveys – spring and fall – several lake monitoring surveys

Developed and passed an Invasive Species Resolution – under Township PA #188

Found that we would not receive any grant money in 2009

Did a cut and burn demonstration at the Farr Center for phragmites that had been treated in 2008

Developed and passed a Special Assessment District (included entire Township)

Developed and passed 2 Phragmites ordinances, (rescinded the one with noxious weed act info)

Held informational meetings, public hearings, posted in newspaper, sent first class letters on public hearings and phragmites, etc, posted land for treatment of both ewm and the phragmites.

Received DEQ permit and signed contracts with two applicators

Treated ewm and phragmites in September 2009

2010

Signed lake management contract and contracts for 2 applicators for 2010

AVAS survey for spring and fall and specific lake monitoring in contract

Spring newsletter – what to expect this spring and what should people do

Applied for permit in order to treat EWM this spring and summer, phragmites in the fall