



WETLANDS & WILDLIFE

SEPTEMBER 2024



GREAT WORK...

Our seasonal staff Emma and Adam finished their contracts with FSM in mid-August. They had a busy spring and summer completing various tasks — they learned how to map, monitor and manage many dominant introduced plant species, plant some preferred native plant species, work with volunteers and lead some of our activities. While working mostly in the McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve they had the fortune to see many bird and animals cross their paths. They were able to capture some amazing photos with their cameras. We thank them for their great work and everything they accomplished. We are staying in touch with Emma and Adam and we are sure that you will see them helping out at some of our upcoming events.



MEMORIAL DONATION

Donations have been made in memory of Larry Ladd. Friends of Second Marsh has been very fortunate to have such a strong supporter. Larry will be missed.

Donations in memory of family or friends can be made on our website at this link: <https://www.secondmarsh.ca/make-a-donation/>

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LOVE THE MARSH! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our *Love the Marsh!* Campaign has reached over \$48,000 thanks to a recent donation from the Charity Golf Tournament held by **Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority**. Thank you for your continued support of FSM and the work that we do.

To learn more or to donate visit:
<https://www.secondmarsh.ca/love-the-marsh-campaign/>



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PLANT STEWARDSHIP

Our Plant Stewardship Program is continuing until Wednesday, October 30th. If you are available to help out on Wednesday mornings (9am start!), come and volunteer with us. Please email Wioletta at wwalancik@secondmarsh.ca to be added to the email distribution list. Information about what to wear and what to bring will be provided, along with directions to the meeting location.



LET'S DE-PHRAG THE MARSH!

Employees from Metrolinx helped to spade Invasive Phragmites on the McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve. Thank you for your help with our Let's De-Phrag the Marsh! Program. By managing Invasive Phragmites, we are making room for our native plant species and thereby increasing the biodiversity of the area.

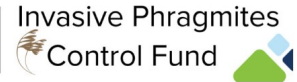
FSM's Phragmites management project is made possible by the Ontario Phragmites Action program, Invasive Phragmites Control Fund and the Invasive Species Centre with the support of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The views expressed by the Recipient in any publications are solely the views of the Recipient and do not necessarily reflect those of the Province, MNR or the ISC.



Invasive Species Centre



Ontario Phragmites Action



Invasive Phragmites Control Fund

PHRAGMITES MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Herbicide application along Townline Road South and on McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve

September 26 & 27



Thank you to the City of Oshawa for the financial and in-kind support for 2024. Your commitment and support of Friends of Second Marsh is greatly appreciated.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Friends of Second Marsh acknowledges that the lands and waters on which we live, work and play in Oshawa are located within the traditional and treaty territories of the Mississaugas and Chippewa Anishinaabeg Nations, which are covered by the Williams Treaties. We also recognize that these lands have been cared for by many diverse groups of First Nations since time immemorial, who continue to do so today as they remain vigilant to protect the health and integrity of these lands for future generations. We offer our gratitude to the many First peoples for their care and teachings about Mother Earth, our relations and our responsibility to all life. May we respectfully honour the knowledge and understanding of First Nations stewards of their ancestral lands and ensure that their voices are represented in our programs and services. We are all related.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a busy fall coming up with events and activities. Do you have a high school student at home that needs to complete community service hours? Have them volunteer with us.

The registration links for these upcoming events are located on the FSM calendar. Please take a look here: <https://www.secondmarsh.ca/events/>

October 2 & 5 – 9:30 am
Nature Photography Hike For Beginners

October 5 – 9:30 am
Buckthorn Management

October 16 & 19 - 9:30 am
Fall Hike - Tree Theme

October 19 - 10 am to 2 pm
Durham Climate Roundtable Fall Forum
FSM will be there with a display and to do a hands-on workshop. More info to come soon.

October 24 - 6:30 pm
OEAC Fall Film Night at the Regent Theatre
FSM will be there with a display. Come visit us and see the film - *There's Something in the Water*

November 2 - Time to be Determined
Winter Sowing Activity - More info to come soon.

November 13 - 2 pm to 6 pm
Durham Volunteer Fair at Garnet B. Rickard Arena in Bowmanville. FSM will be there with a display.

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