

2021-2022 Phragmites Control Program

August 2021 – Following successful pilot projects completed earlier this year by FOCA member Associations with Green Shovels Collaborative funding, FOCA is pleased to issue a **new call for funding proposals from member Associations, for on-the-ground Projects focused on invasive Phragmites, to start immediately and to be completed by 2022.** See below for program and submission details, and complete the fields on page 2 to apply for funding.

2021-2022 Association Projects

FOCA seeks participation from our Member Associations across the province to run Projects addressing invasive Phragmites control at the local level. Associations will be provided funds and/or resources to conduct on-the-ground Projects focused on **Phragmites Identification, Control, Management, and Eradication.** Examples include:

(e.g., Contribute to research trials to test efficacy of invasive species control, purchasing equipment or technical services hire an external contractor to assist with identification, management or eradication of Phragmites.) Visit FOCA's webpage highlighting Pilot Projects that were completed as part of the broader Invasive Species Program for more ideas: <https://foca.on.ca/2017-foca-aquatic-invasive-species-program/>

FOCA will provide eligible Associations with funding and/or resources that will be used to carry out the Projects. **Projects may be funded up to \$5,000 for eligible expenses.**



Funding recipients will be required to submit a **final report** to FOCA, outlining project expenditures, and submitting photos and stories to demonstrate how the Project has achieved goals in the priority areas indicated on the next page.

TO APPLY: Complete the fields on the next page, and submit your proposal by **Thursday, September 30, 2021** at 11:59 p.m. by email to programs@foca.on.ca. Important: your email should include the Subject Line: **2021-22 Phragmites Project Proposal.** FOCA will review all proposals received by October 15, 2021 and will notify the selected associations by the end of October 2021. Projects will be selected based on feasibility, the funds required, and whether the Project activities fall within the categories outlined above.

The **Green Shovels Collaborative** (GSC; <https://www.greenshovels.ca/>) is a coalition of conservation organizations that includes FOCA, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Invasive Species Centre, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre. FOCA and our "Green Shovels" partners are very concerned about the potential impacts of invasive Phragmites and the effect they will have on our quality of life in Ontario.



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Project Proposal: 2021-2022 FOCA Phragmites Control Program

** This document is a fillable PDF that can be completed, saved to your computer, and returned to FOCA by email.*

Applicant Lake Association Name: _____

Township/Waterbody: _____

Applicant Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Project Description (*current state on-the-ground; proposed costs, actions; expected outcomes*):

Priorities to be addressed by the Project: (*select all that apply*)

- Equipment and materials** (e.g., backpack sprayers, misc. parts, spades, cane cutters, small boats, rafts, health and safety supplies, personal protective equipment, etc.)
- Winter control implementation**, if completed by March 1, 2022 (e.g., prescribed burns, cutting, rolling – Projects must follow Phragmites [best management practices](#))
- Project Team and Volunteer Development** (e.g., skills training and development, program and capacity building, training events, etc.)
- Control Implementation and Management Planning** (e.g., consultant fees, identification surveys, control plans, budgets, partner engagement, long-term maintenance, and sustainability plans, etc.)

Total funding request (equipment, materials, consultant/training fees): \$ _____

Estimated Project completion date: _____

- Applicant agrees to provide a **Final Project Report** including photos; receipts for purchase of materials, equipment or consulting services; and an estimation of total volunteer hours contributed by participants, together with any additional non-monetary support from other sources (earned media coverage, etc.).

If you have any questions prior to submitting your Project Proposal, contact Cheryl Abernethy, FOCA Program Coordinator at programs@foca.on.ca.

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Email this completed form to programs@foca.on.ca with the email subject line:

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