

# Wetland Work Day,

## April 7, 2018

### 9:00-11:00 am

# How Can The Wetland Work For You?

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The first work days of 2018 involved seeding Koher Road with native flower seeds, planting grass seed on the edge of iron clad flex erosion control mat, searching for loosestrife, treating thistles with herbicide, collecting seeds, and the control burn.

It was a little early for the loosestrife and no cattails were evident either. January through March has been cool but its never too early to make visual inspections. The heavy rains were a new one to all of us. The wetland and dam served us well.

The wetland has been growing and the following species are ready to be shared for all of you who want to plant these in your lake front landscape. Landon Vine has given this list for us to take starts for that purpose. [This is how the wetland can work for you.](#) Planting these plants will crowd out invasive species after the invaders are removed. If you need help identifying plants on your beach, don't hesitate to ask one of our volunteers.

1. Shrub red twig dogwood, (*Cornus sericea*),
2. Dark Green Bulrush (*Scirpus atrovirens*),
3. Bristly Sedge (*Carex comosa*),
4. Porcupine sedge (*Carex hystericina*),
5. Common rush (*Juncus effusus*).



Volunteer Linda Minnick has designed these labels. Any white flag labels are native plants as well. Red or pink flags are graves of invasive species. Thank you to the many volunteers in 2018.

Another way to contribute to the work day or your own work day at home is to concentrate on seeding. The recommended seeds are Common milkweed, (*Asclepias syriaca*) Pink milkweed, (*Asclepias incarnate*) and Obident plant, (*Physotegia Virginia*). If buying seed make sure the scientific or Latin name is on the seed package. You can collect seed from the wetland as well. Bring sandwich size brown bags and a pruning tool.

Hope to see you soon at the work day or working gathering seed, looking around and enjoying the wetland, any day!