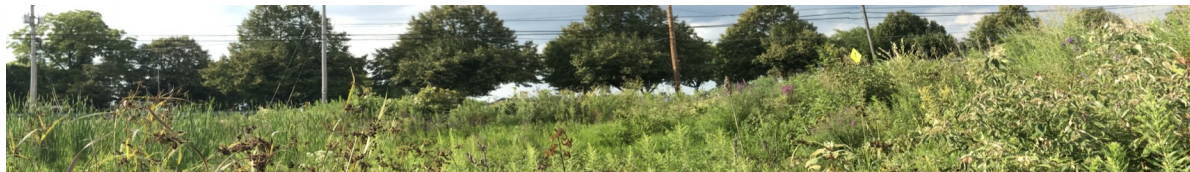


Loosestrife on the Loose

The Wetland seems only to have one spot of Loosestrife, trisect 1. I cut it out. The area out side the mitigation area is illustrated in the following pictures. I know what it looks like and you do too. In case you have forgotten review the following pictures. Please cut it out when ever you have time.



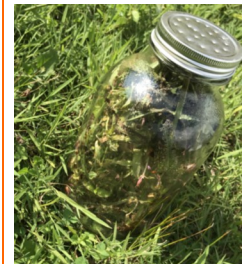
Old pond by Hatchery Road



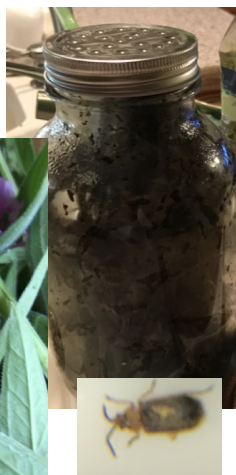
Cut this out today
Need a lot more work for sure.

Middle old pond, peppered pretty badly.

Cattails look pretty gross.



New eaten leaves to grow more Beetles. They can get air in the holes in the lid but can't climb through.



Out of curiosity on July 18, I gathered some badly eaten loosestrife stalks from our beach and put them in a glass bee feeder jar. I took video of the orange larvae crawling and just wondered what they were. Expecting company this weekend I thought I'd better get rid of the festered foliage and took off the lid and my hand was instantly covered with tiny crawling insects. Upon further investigation Dericke identified them as *Galerucella californiensis* a leaf feeding beetle. Adult *Galerucella* beetles and larvae consume the foliage and growing shoot tips of purple loosestrife, reducing plant growth. I released my disentraged foliage and beetles today in the wetland and collected new foliage to grow more. Dericke said they look like same as were released in the area last year. I'm happy the beetle came to town, but it is going to take more than the beetle to get this new growth under control. Thanks in advance for your help.