

Papakeeche Lake

BOD Report

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Today after working at the boat landing, grooming the shore in honor of National Public Lands Day on Wawasee Patty, Linda and I walked over to our own wetland and as always found new plants growing. I am so thankful the BOD has accepted the fact our wetland is Natural and Native. One we found new Chicory by the channel and blooming marsh milkweed from seeds planted in that location in 2015. Chicory is a wild-flower that was not originally native to North America-- it was

Photo by Patty

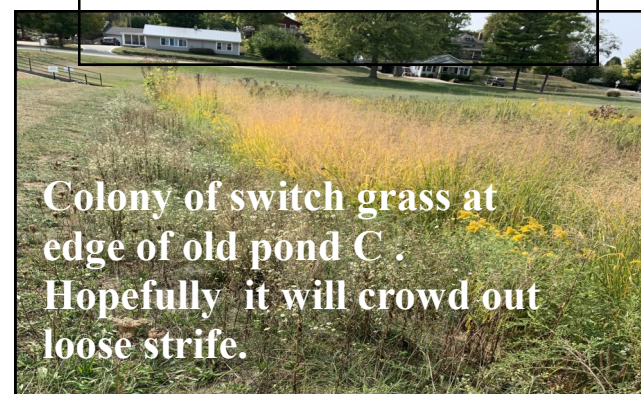


brought from Europe, 1700's. Roots have flavor of coffee when brewed. With the sky blue color some tribes used it in ceremonies. It is mostly seen along roadways.

Thistle by Katherine



Enjoy our Natural, Native Wetland



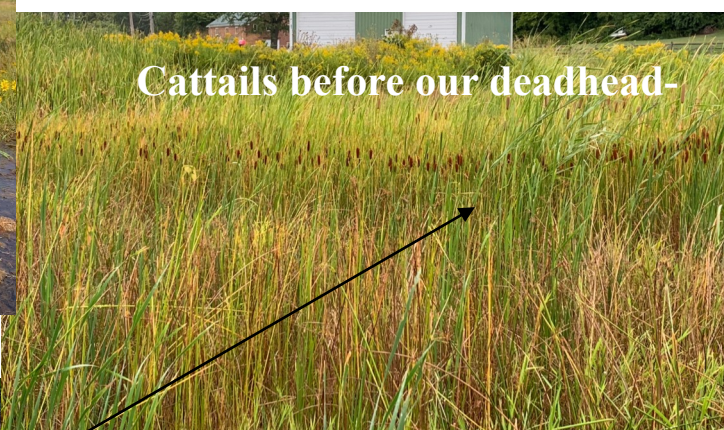
Colony of switch grass at edge of old pond C . Hopefully it will crowd out loose strife.



Canadian Goldenrod



Beggarticks Photo by Linda



Cattails before our deadhead-

Unfortunately the ragweed *Ambrosia*, growing in same season produces a natural substance called histamine for which goldenrod was falsely blamed for giving the objectionably effect on the human respiratory system.



Burn pile full with cattail blossoms.



After Deadheading

Letter of Release, Although we are releasing you from additional monitoring of the mitigation site we may visit the site on occasion to monitor its development and integrity.

Declaration of Restriction on Land Use Owner has agreed voluntarily to restrict any activities in the Wetland Mitigation area on the Property as shown on the sketch attached and depicted as Preserved Area in exchange for and as a condition of authorization of the improvements by the USACE.

Owner hereby declares and covenants that no discharging of dredged or fill material dredging, or other altering modification or development of the Preserved Area shall be undertaken, and that they will ensure, to the best of their ability, that the vegetative, soils, and hydrology of the Preserved area shall remain in an unaltered, **natural** condition.

Code of Federal Regulations USACE defines natural habitat to mean complex of natural, primarily **native** or **indigenous** vegetation, not currently subject to cultivation or artificial landscaping, a primary purpose of which is to provide habitat for wildlife, either terrestrial or aquatic. For purposes of this part, habitat has the same meaning as natural habitat.

The group that mitigated the wetland 2012-2018 wish to continue voluntarily restricting detrimental activities: phragmites, loosestrife, cattails, reed canary grass, including Chinese bittersweet and Canadian thistles. We would ask for a small amount of money each year to do plantings and seeds so cattails don't take over. We need seeds for sedges, reeds, and rice grass. We ask no hourly wage.

I have a list of 64 emails of people who have helped mitigate and care for the up keep on the wetland.

Why would we not want to keep it clean?