



Shoreline Invasive Plant Monitoring Request for 2022-2025 Monitoring Permission

Dear Glen Lake Riparian,

The Glen Lake Association offers a free shoreline invasive plant monitoring program to landowners within a zone known to be impacted by the invasive plant, Coltsfoot, and your property is within this “monitor” area.

Coltsfoot was first identified along the shores of Big Glen in 2008 and is believed to have hitchhiked here with other landscape material. Coltsfoot is comparable to bamboo in its resistance to eradication and by 2012 its spread was approaching 4 miles. In addition to Coltsfoot, we will also be watching for infestations of Yellow Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), and Phragmites (*Phragmites australis*) as these plants have been found on other parts of the Glen Lake shoreline and have the potential to establish on your shoreline too. Links have been provided below for more detailed information about these pests.

Currently there are 168 properties in the GLA monitoring area along the east and southeast shoreline of Big Glen. Last year, Coltsfoot was found on 18 properties out of the above 168. All of these infestations are now down to just one or two plants, due to the high rate of participation in this free program. It is important that we continue to identify and treat any new populations before they have the chance to produce seed and spread further. Monitoring is our best protection against re-infestation.

This service is provided by the Glen Lake Association at NO COST, regardless of whether you are a GLA member or not. Monitoring consists of a horticulturist walking your shoreline, approximately three times per season, looking for invasive shoreline plants. It usually takes only a few minutes to survey the average property and the entire process is most efficient if we have permission from all adjacent properties so the surveyor can move quickly from one to the next without needing to avoid particular parcels. Donations to support this work are welcome and can be made to the Glen Lake Association attn: Coltsfoot, P.O. Box 550, Glen Arbor MI 49636 or via our website at glenlakeassociation.org.

With your permission, if any of these invasive plants are found on your property, we will contact you to discuss next steps and work with you to find the best treatment option for your situation. Your cooperation will help to eradicate non-native, aggressively invasive shoreline plants and keep Glen Lake healthy and beautiful.

We hope you will return the enclosed permission form by _____. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

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