

ALERT!

INVASIVE SPECIES

Hello neighbor,

The aquatic invasive plant European frog-bit has been spotted in your immediate area and may have invaded your property.

The Huron River Watershed Council and Friends of the Rouge are working with Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (Oakland County CISMA) and other project partners to identify additional locations with European frog-bit and design a plan to prevent its spread.

As part of these efforts:

We're requesting permission to survey your property. Please visit

tinyurl.com/frogbitsurvey_

to indicate your willingness to allow a survey.

We completed a survey on your property today and did not find European frog-bit.

We completed a survey on your property today and did find European frog-bit or another aquatic watch list species. Please contact the CISMA at 248-660-0716 to learn more about next steps.

WHAT IS IT?

European frog-bit is a free-floating aquatic invasive species that looks like a miniature water lily with smaller, quater-sized leaves. Flowers are white with 3 petals and a yellow center.

HOW DOES IT IMPACT ME?

European frog-bit can quickly cover the surface of your pond or lake, reducing the amount of oxygen available to fish, frogs and other aquatic inhabitants. Additionally, it can clog irrigation and filtration pipes and make movement difficult for fish or boats.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- 1). Allow project partners to survey ponds and wetlands on your property to look for frog-bit. You do not need to be present during the survey. COVID-19 prevention measures will be followed by field crews.**
- 2). Always Clean, Drain and Dry your boat, waders, and gear to prevent the spread of aquatic invaders like European frog-bit: stopaquatichitchhikers.org**
- 3). Keep an eye out for any new invasive species and report them to the CISMA (248-660-0716; oaklandcountycisma@gmail.com)**

Check our website:
oaklandinvasivespecies.org/frogbit-project/
for notices about upcoming virtual meetings to discuss the frog-bit survey work!

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