Upcoming Events: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Monitoring Opportunity: As a part of the phragmites removal from large expanses around Door as well as other counties, GLRI project coordinators are rating the success of their control efforts. We are seeking volunteers to help determine the effectiveness of the treatments for a three year period. If you would like to get involved, join DCIST at an informational meeting **Friday August 19th at 3:30pm at the Ridges Sanctuary in the Marshal Cabin**.

Clark Lake Phragmites Workday:
Sept 10th 2011 at 8am, we will take to the waters of Clark Lake to protect the diversity of the State Natural Area and the rest of the shoreline. *We are still seeking volunteer help to control the phragmites!* **Meet at Schauer Park at 8am.** Lunch will be provided. **Contact Marne for more information and to sign up: marne@ridgessanctuary.org**

DCIST Educating in a New Fashion: DCIST is looking for a few self motivated volunteers to assist in handing out educational materials at upcoming parades and farmers markets around the peninsula. If you have a truck with a hitch, like to mingle with the public, or are a good coordinator, please attend our planning meeting **Thursday August 25th, 3:30pm at the Ridges Sanctuary in the Marshal Cabin**.

Mapping Workshop: With an almost complete inventory of the phragmites along Door County shorelines, we are looking to obtain the last of the information on the Southern Door bay side. **Mark your calendars for November 20th at 8:30am. Meet at Sugar Creek County Park**. After we will meet at Rites Cove (2733 Bay Rd) to watch the Packers destroy the Buccaneers.

**For any questions regarding upcoming volunteer opportunities, please contact Marne Kaeske at 920-839-2802*

Japanese Knotweed

DCIST has determined August as Knotweed Month. "Knotweed Knotices" have been popping up on the doors of Door County residents who have infestations on their properties. Usually establishing around wet or riparian areas, Japanese Knotweed has bamboo-like stems, small white sprays of flowers, triangular 4" leaves, and can grow in clusters up to 14' tall. Knotweed can take over gardens, yards and ditches, stifle out native vegetation, and have strong rhizomes (root systems) that can push up through pavement of break up housing foundations. In the UK, banks have denied mortgages to properties containing Japanese Knotweed.

Please join DCIST at an educational workshop to learn the best way to treat an infestation:

- **August 31st, Crossroads at Big Creek, 6:30pm**
- **September 7th, Martin Park Sturgeon Bay, 9:30pm**