

Summit Schedule

Kids activities and vendor tables also available



1 p.m. Phragmites video presentation

Dr. Janice Gilbert, Invasive Species Centre

1:30 p.m. Oakland Co. Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA)

Erica Clites, Oakland Co. CISMA Coordinator

1:45 p.m. Invasive red swamp crayfish

Kelley Smith, Michigan State University

**2 p.m. European frogbit:
a new aquatic invader**

Tom Alwin, Mich. Dept. Environmental Quality

2:15 p.m. Keynote: Preventing the spread of oak wilt

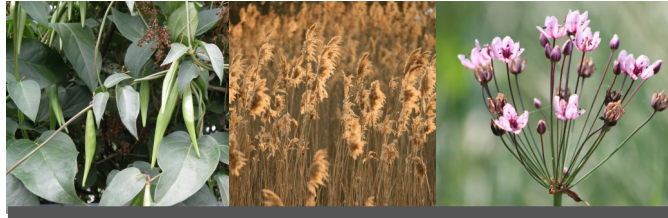
Phillip Kurzeja, American Arbor

2:45 p.m. Break

3 p.m. Choose two 30 min. workshops:

- 1) Identify invasive species
- 2) Report invasive species
- 3) Gardening with native plants
- 4) Kids game modeling invasive species

Pulling Together Against Invasive Species



Contact us today to learn about how you can
Connect with the Oakland County CISMA,
Collaborate with other partners, and
Control your invasive species more effectively.



2019 SPRING INVASIVE SPECIES SUMMIT



Waterford Oaks Activity Center

Saturday, March 23, 2019

1 - 4 pm

SUMMIT SPONSORS



Funding also provided by the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (www.michigan.gov/invasives)

Summit Speakers

Dr. Janice Gilbert is the Executive Director of the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre in Ontario, Canada. She is a leading expert on invasive Phragmites control including non-chemical methods such as cut and drown.



Erica Clites started as Oakland County Cisma Coordinator in October 2018. Originally from Ann Arbor, MI she spent 10 years on the west coast working as a paleontologist and project manager. Erica is excited to return to MI to aid the fight against invasive species!

Kelley Smith currently works for Michigan State University as the lead field biologist studying the ongoing invasion of red swamp crawfish (*P. clarkii*) in Michigan. Kelley has been working with native and invasive crayfish at MSU for 5 years and is passionate about spreading knowledge of crayfish conservation and ecology to the public.



Summit Speakers

Tom Alwin is an aquatic biologist in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Aquatic Invasive Species Program. His work focuses on prevention and early detection of aquatic invasive plant species in Michigan's surface waters through outreach, education, and monitoring.



Phillip Kurzeja worked for the Forest Resource Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for almost 10 years. During that time he has worked as a forest health technician running the Oak Wilt Mapping and Community Outreach program, as well as a number of other statewide forest pest surveys working with parks and recreation staff and volunteers across the State. He holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree from Michigan State University. He is widely considered one of the most skilled oak wilt field diagnostician in Michigan. He currently works for American Arbor LLC, where he is the Plant healthcare specialist one man show servicing an area that covers most of the State of Michigan.

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Invasive Species Resources

—Learn more about cut and drown for management of **Phragmites**:

<https://www.phragcontrol.com/resources>

—Learn more about the **Oakland County Cisma** and find additional invasive species resources:

<https://www.sixriversrlc.org/oakland-county-cisma>

—Learn more about **Red swamp crayfish**:

<http://tinyurl.com/redswampcrayfish>

—Learn more about **European frogbit**:

<http://tinyurl.com/europeanfrogbit>

—Learn more about **oak wilt** and find an oak wilt certified specialist near you:

<http://www.michiganoakwilt.org/>

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