

## Phragmites Outreach and Information

1. **EUROPEAN COMMON REED**: Semi-aquatic perennial grass that can reach heights of 15'. Invades disturbed riparian habitat, wetlands, marshes, storm ponds, and roadsides. Lakeshore owners and commercial property owners be aware. **DNR PERMIT REQUIRED** for herbicide treatments on Public Waters. It has been upgraded to the [Control List](#) and has been found in several locations in south eastern Isanti County. All sites will be monitored in 2021 and plans to eradicate these locations have begun. It currently is NOT in any Public Water in our County, but has been identified in riparian habitats in one Isanti County Creek and in Public Waters in Chisago County. Please keep an eye out for this plant in ditches, wetlands, and lakeshores.



*Fig. 1-European Common Reed seed head-Isanti County Ag. Inspector Darrick Wotachek*

The seed head of the Invasive Common Reed Grass appears almost maroon to purple after emergence in August and is very dense and proliferates into and through early winter. Whereas the native generally blows off the stalk into winter from high winds.



Figure 2-Common Comparison; Native left is relatively common; Invasive right is uncommon in Isanti County



*Figure 3-Closeup of invasive seed head early winter. Isanti County Ag. Inspector Darrick Wotachek*



**Non-native/invasive Common  
Reed Grass Stand in Wetland**

*Figure 4-Stand of Invasive Phragmites in early Winter-Isanti County Ag. Inspector Darrick Wotachek*

If you have suspicion of this species, please send photos to the email listed below. The County Ag. Inspector has been trained by the U of MN Early Detection Program and MNDOT for identification of this species.

[\\*Photos were obtained directly from MDA website, WI DNR, or EddMaps County Ag. Inspector verified reports.](#)