



Invasive Species

Focus Area



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Phragmites Control in W. LE Coastal Wetlands

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Invasive Plant Prevention and Control, Grand
River Watershed

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Phragmites Control in Western Lake Erie Coastal Wetlands

- **Funding:** \$500,000
- **Project Description:** Manage invasive *Phragmites australis* on 2,000 acres of coastal marsh within western Lake Erie to restore wetlands, preserve fish and wildlife, increase access for recreation, and improve water flow in wetlands
- **Project Manager:** James Cole, Ohio Migratory Bird Program
- **Partners:** Winous Point Marsh Conservancy, USFWS, private lands, Michigan DNR
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Largest Properties Planned for Phragmites Treatment



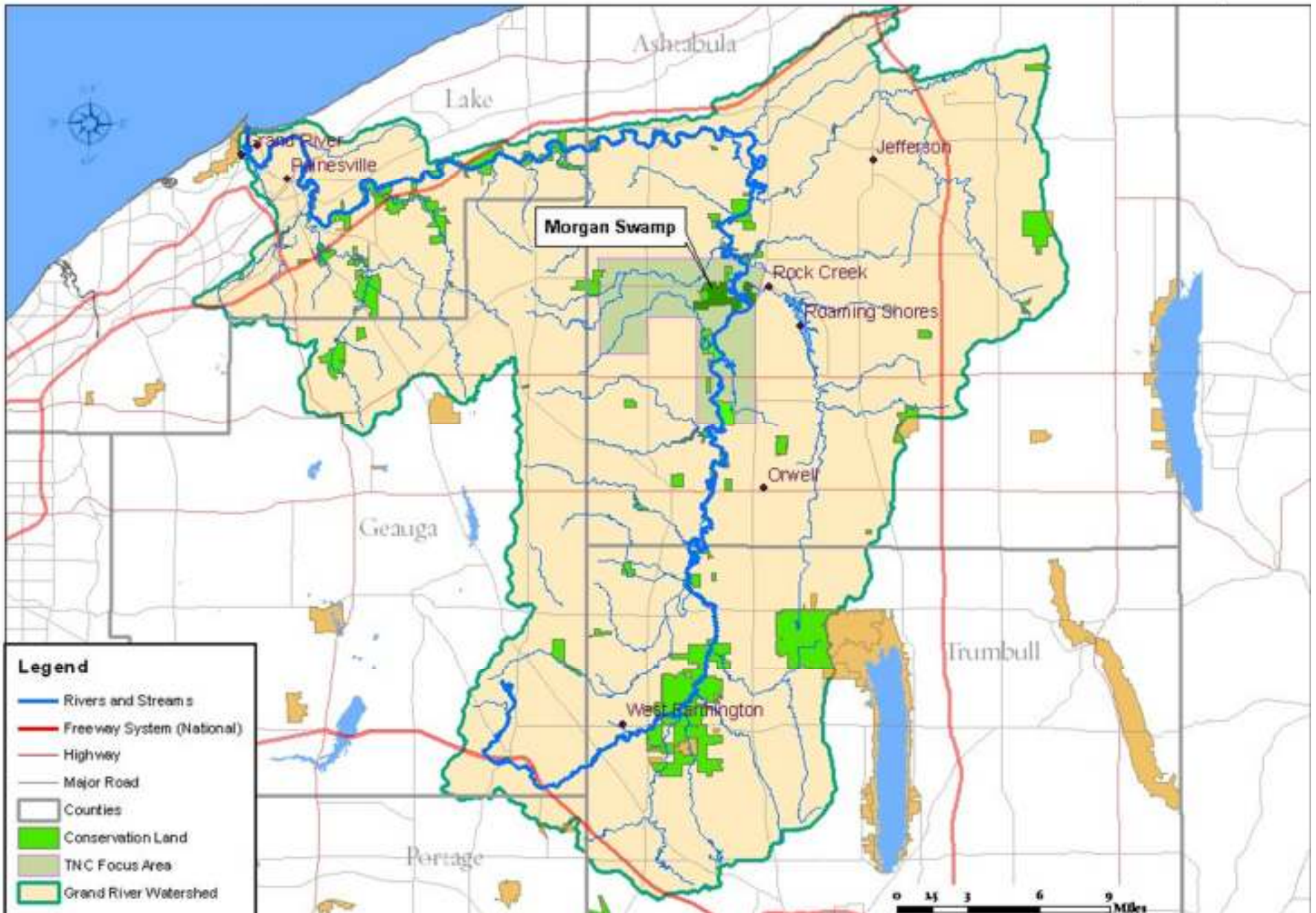
Future Direction

- Establishment of a long-term and sustained regional alliance to combat one of the most critical threats in the western Lake Erie basin
- Contribute to achievement of fish and wildlife objectives set by many local and regional conservation plans

Invasive Plant Prevention and Control Grand River Watershed



- **Funding: \$850,000**
- **Project Description:** Reduce invasive plants on
- **600 acres** in Grand River watershed through
- integrated approach using early detection and
- rapid response, treatment, and development of long term management plan for the watershed.
- **Project Manager:** Karen Adair, Northeast Ohio Preserves Manager
- **Partners:** Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Division of Wildlife, Geauga Park District, Lake Metroparks, and Western Reserve Land Conservancy



Future Direction

- Create integrated and regional approach to invasives management and habitat restoration at watershed scale
- Improve water resources for people and wildlife; protect and restore floodplains, bottomlands forests, and wetlands
- Increase public awareness of threats to freshwater resources in the Grand River watershed