SLA Water Quality Report

(September 11, 2021)

The SLAWQ team completed Stage 1 of the 2021 planting project at 6767 E. Lake Rd. (corner of E. Lake & E. Spring Brook Rds.)

Assisting during the clearing efforts on 08/27/2021 were the following individuals:

Richard Donohue (truck & trailer) Lee Loomis (SUV & trailer) Joe Caputo Barb Petrie (and her twin 10 year old grandchildren Adele & Noah) Peggy Philips Bruce Penman Frank Bright Robert Ritz Ron Norton Bob Martin Tom Szczesny Cathy Volk Rebecca Mann (Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District) Emelyn Bell (Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District)

The Stage 2 planting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Friday, October 15, 2021.

Please sign up to help during the SLA meeting or reach out to Frank Bright (<u>chefvb@buffalo.edu</u>).

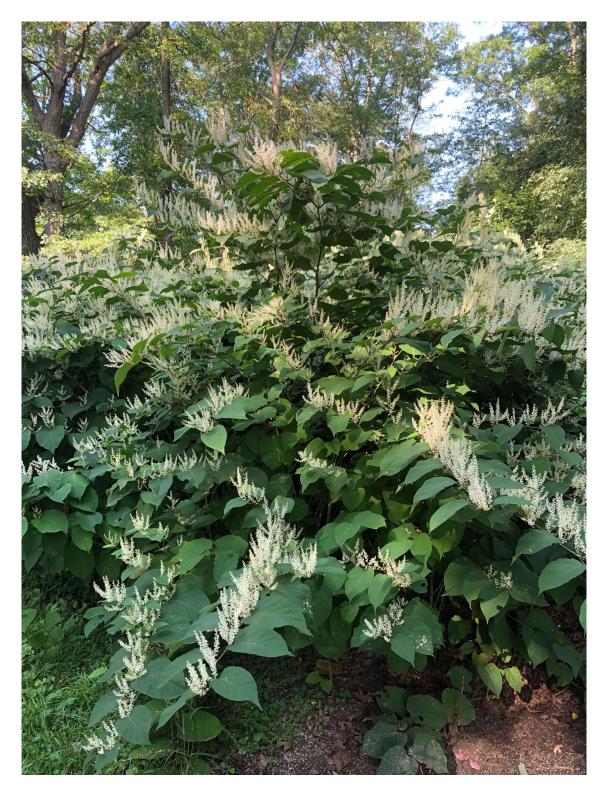


View from E. Lake Rd. looking W of the 2021 planting site *after* clearing, removing, and disposing of three (3) trailers loads of non-native plant debris.

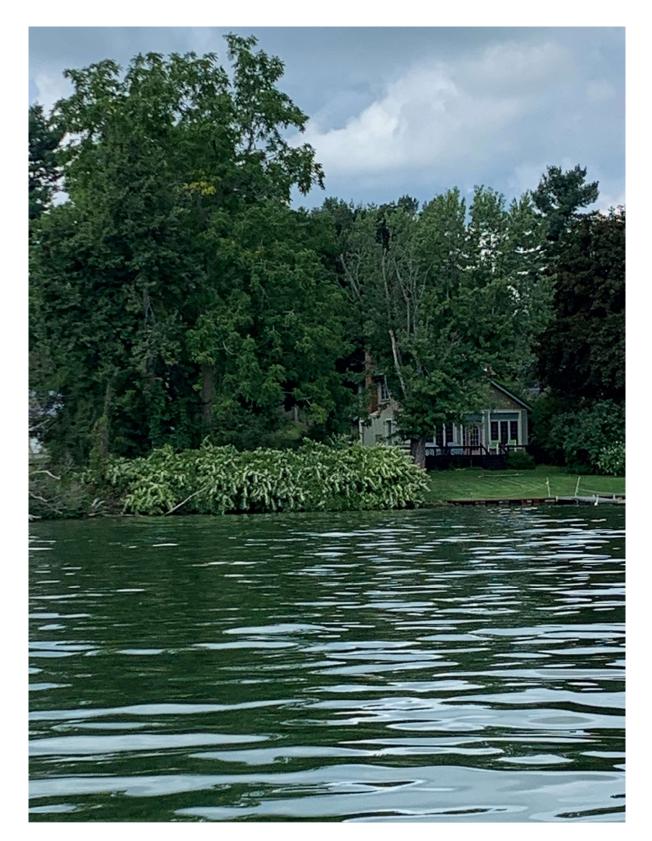
During the 2021 clearing effort we discussed additional invasive species issues with staff members from the Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District. Japanese knotweed is an invasive plant of concern that is found within our watershed.



Japanese knotweed infestation located along the Private Dr 1 tributary leading into Silver Lake.



Japanese knotweed infestation located within the Asbury Retreat Center boundaries.



Japanese knotweed infestation located along the immediate lake edge in Luther/Wheaton or Silver Grove Tracts.

Prior to implementing an eradication effort we need to develop a Japanese knotweed inventory. Toward this end, the SLAWQ team requests Tract Directors survey their Tracts, identify infestations, and provide: 1) site location address, 2) land owner name, and 3) landowner contact information (phone or email). A picture would be helpful too. To be useful to our team, please provide this information to Frank Bright (<u>chefvb@buffalo.edu</u>) by September 30, 2021.