

# French Creek WMA

French Creek WMA was surveyed for terrestrial invasive species in July and September and for aquatic invasive species in August by Robert Smith and Adrien Owens. SLELO Staff surveyed 8.5 acres of 7 HPA's for terrestrial invasive species using visual surveys. An additional 15 aquatic HPAs were surveyed using visual surveys and rake tosses (Map 2). Data was recorded using the iMapInvasives Mobile Advanced (iMMA) and Simple Aquatic Survey (SAS) applications.



**Map 2.** Map of French Creek WMA HPAs examined by SLELO staff in 2025.

The following **Invasive Species** were found:

Invasive Species	Tier Ranking	HPA's Affected
Common reed grass, phragmites	3	2
Oriental Bittersweet	3	1
Pale Swallowwort	3	1
Starry Stonewort	3	11
Common Buckthorn	4	5
Eurasian Water-milfoil	4	8
European Frogbit	4	2
Glossy Buckthorn	4	1
Honeysuckle (species unknown)	4	4
Purple Loosestrife	4	1
Spotted Knapweed	4	3
Wild Parsnip	4	3
Bird's Foot Trefoil	*	1
Bittersweet Nightshade	*	1
Bull Thistle	*	1
Canada Thistle	*	1
Chicory	*	2
Common mullein	*	2
Elecampane	*	1
Mugwort	*	1
Orange Daylily	*	1
Tufted vetch	*	2

\* Species is not currently tier ranked

**NO NEW TIER 1 OR TIER 2 SPECIES WERE DETECTED IN 2025**