



**Pittsfield Charter Township
Department of Municipal Services**

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Nuisance Vegetation Application

ZP Fee: \$300.00

Applicant Requirement Checklist
<input type="checkbox"/> Application fee (must be paid by cash or check when application is submitted). <i>Fee is non-refundable</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Method of Removal (Mowing/cutting, dreading, chemical treatment)
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Schedule
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Method of Disposal of Any Material Removed

Property Information
(Please Print)
Street Number _____ Street Name _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Parcel I.D. # 12 - ____ - ____ - ____ Zoning District: _____

Property Owner Information
(Please Print)
Property Owner's Name _____ (_____) _____ Contact Number
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Property Owner's Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant Information (to be filled out if the Applicant is not the Property Owner)
(Please Print)
Applicant's Name _____ (_____) _____ Contact Number
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

:: OFFICE USE ONLY ::	
Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Date _____ <i>Approved or Denied by</i>
Comments/Stipulations: _____ _____ _____	

:: Office Use ::	Time Stamp
Received By: _____ (Initials)	

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Approved Denied

_____ *Approved or Denied by*

_____ *Date*

Comments/Stipulations: _____

Appeal of Denial Request

A **Written Statement of Appeal** to the above Denial was received from the Property Owner on: _____

This appeal was **Approved** **Denied** by the Township Board of Trustees on: _____



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Office of the Supervisor

Pittsfield Charter Township Policy

Wetland Nuisance Vegetation Maintenance Plan Policy

The Township Wetland Ordinance prohibits the cutting of vegetation in Wetlands unless as an ecological restoration or Nuisance Vegetation Maintenance Plan has been approved. Stormwater storage is a primary function of many wetlands in the township, including constructed mitigation wetlands. Prolific growth of wetland vegetation, especially invasive species such as common reed (*Phragmites australis*), and narrow-leaf cattail (*Typha angustifolia*) may displace stormwater volume and obstruct inlet and outlet structures, which compromises hydrologic performance. Furthermore, maintenance of invasive species can help reduce the spread of undesirable plants and there by prevent them from crowding out desirable wetland plans.

Conditions for Regular Maintenance of Vegetation

Proposed Nuisance Vegetation Maintenance Plans (Maintenance Plan) must be reviewed and approved by the Township. Conditions for cutting nuisance vegetation address potential negative effects of unregulated cutting including but not necessarily limited to: (1) potential negative impacts to wildlife, and (2) further spread of invasive plants through seed dispersal or vegetative reproduction.

Mowing, cutting, and herbicide application.

1. Maintenance Plan activities must not promote the spread of nuisance invasive vegetation. Therefore, mowing, cutting, controlled burning, or chemically treating vegetation will be limited to specific time frames selected according to individual site conditions.
2. The mowing, cutting, controlled burning, or herbicide schedule must minimize potential conflict with vital breeding and or nesting activities of birds, amphibians, and other wildlife.
3. The Maintenance Plan must specify a disposal method for the cuttings that does not promote the spread of the invasive species through seed dispersal or vegetative reproduction.
4. Herbicides must be approved for use in wetlands and their use normally requires a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
5. The Maintenance Plan must verify that activities do not disturb soil, cause a grade change, or otherwise alter the hydrologic regime of the wetland.
6. Approved Maintenance Plans may be issued to applicants for multiple years, but are not transferable.
7. Approval of a Maintenance Plan does not preclude the need for additional applicable local, state, or federal permits.

The Supervisor and the Utilities Director may adopt supplemental procedures to implement this policy.