

December 13, 2021

To: Village of Long Grove Board
From: Jan Healy, Commissioner, Long Grove Park District
Subject: 2021 Invasive Teasel Results PLUS 2022 Teasel Grant Request

2021

In 2021, the Long Grove Park District contracted with Tallgrass Restoration to eradicate teasel along state, county, and new this year, local road rights of way within Long Grove.

Using backpack sprayers, the trained and licensed crew applied the appropriate herbicide, Transline, to teasel plants along the rights of way. They made four visits in June, three visits in July and one visit in August. The total expense came to \$14,550.

Following are the roads where teasel was found and treated in 2021 (map attached):

- *State roads:* Routes 22, 53 on 83.
- *County roads:* Aptakisic, Cuba, Diamond Lake, Gilmer, Long Grove, Old McHenry.
- *Local roads:* Checker, Indian Creek, Krueger, Midlothian, Old Hicks, Salem Lake, Schaefer.

2022

Over the last three years, great strides were made in controlling this highly invasive plant in our Village. Starting with state roads, we added county roads in year two and local roads in year three. But there is existing seed in the ground and new seed being brought in by mowing equipment, wind, etc. So we have to stay on top of it through annual herbicide applications to continue to deplete the teasel seed bank along these state, county and local roads.

For 2022, the Long Grove Park District is requesting a \$10,000 grant from the Village, to be used towards teasel treatment on state, county and local road rights-of-way within Long Grove. The grant application accompanies this letter.

Sincerely,

Jan Healy
Commissioner
Long Grove Park District

Attachments