This portion of Lake Calumet is inaccessible to humans, but not to wildlife. The green space here is important because of the way it increases the size of continuous habitat; it is across the street from Big Marsh (site 6, p. 34), which is connected to Railroad Marsh (site 66, p. 105) and Indian Ridge Marsh (site 42, p. 66). Most of Harborside Marsh is open water, with common reed growing along the shore. It is separated from Lake Calumet by a narrow berm. To the south of the berm is the only pier in Lake Calumet that is completely devoid of industrial development. The land is degraded with extensive growth of trees and shrubs. These areas are part of the Calumet Open Space Reserve.