

### **Project Success—Purple Loosestrife Decline**

In July 2003, the Muskegon Conservation District and Mona Lake Watershed Council partnered to release the *Galerucella* beetle, which feeds on the invasive purple loosestrife plant. It generally takes 2-3 years to see an impact on the plants. We have noted a decline in loosestrife plants around the lake so we know the beetles are successfully migrating.