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Subject: Re: EEPAC - Invasive Species Strategy review

Hi Sandy,

Here are my comments on the document. I agree that there is more philosophy than concrete action outlined in the document, and it doesn't offer too many clear directives.

What is the prioritization order for invasive species and sites (e.g. protect SAR first, then riparian corridors)?

What is the seasonal time course for invasive control (i.e. need to hit invasives before they flower, if applicable)? A generic annual timeline for invasive control would be good to have, and make sure that no funds or time allocated to invasive control goes to waste. Something like this needs to be in this document - it might be something that the city ecologists know, but it is unlikely that anyone else in the civic administration is aware of it.

I am concerned with whether sufficient funds will be allocated to properly deal with invasives under this strategy. Given how aggressive the approach needs to be, it is something with which Council needs to be on board.

Complete and absolute prohibition on the sale and trade of invasives needs to be enacted immediately and enforced with extreme prejudice if any invasive management strategy is to work.

Cheers,
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