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- Currently, we don't have any official invasive species (IS) management programs or strategies
- There are a few initiatives that deal with IS:
 - Hogweed, cow parsnip and wild parsnip are removed if they are within 3 meters of a maintained park or trail area
 - Forestry team is currently going a trial with a bio pesticide in tandem with physical removal of buckthorn at Palmerston Park. This is a limited trial due to limited resources.
 - Through our partnership with LEAF, in addition to the two (2) Community Tree Planting Events, a maintenance event is held yearly where previously planted locations are maintained, including the removal of any Invasive Species.

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- It would require significant additional resources to plan, program, and manage an invasive species management program
- Invasive species management most often requires a multi-year approach with multiple methods of removal/management to be successful
- There are options like the Invasive Species Fund that can be utilized but the resource/staffing challenge remains