

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Sophie DeGroot, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator
Bridget Gregg, WSU JC Extension Director

DATE: February 6, 2023

SUBJECT: WORKSHOP re: Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Introduction of new Noxious Weed Coordinator and program update.

ANALYSIS:

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

REVIEWED BY:



Mark McCauley, County Administrator

1/31/23
Date

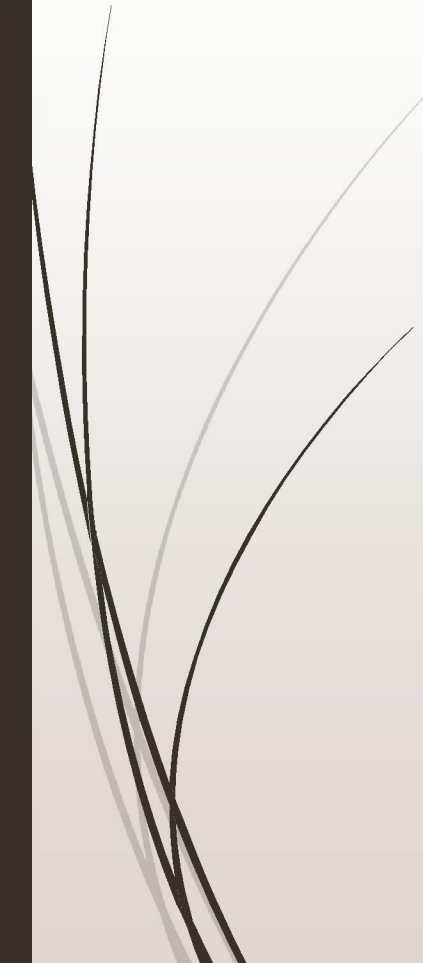
Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board

Presented by Sophie DeGroot, Coordinator





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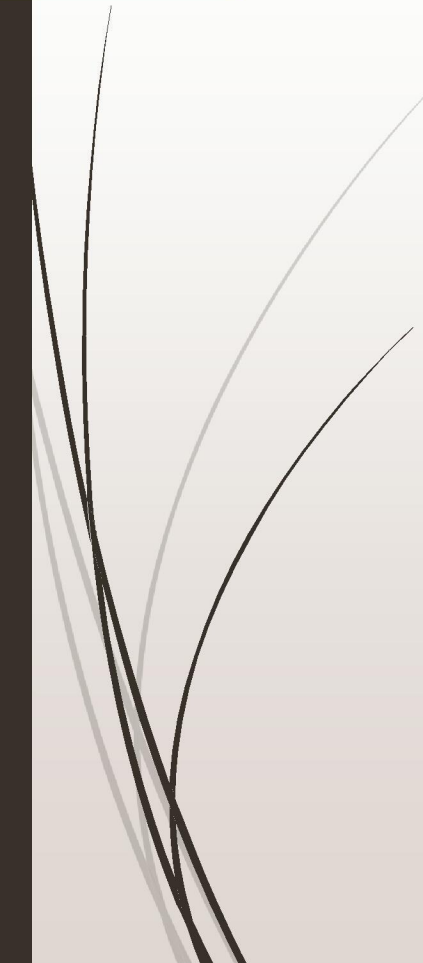


Introduction: Sophie DeGroot

- ▶ Port Townsend Resident for 3 years
- ▶ Relevant background information
 - ▶ Agriculture
 - ▶ Environmental Policy
 - ▶ Tourism
- ▶ Looking forward to working with our community and neighbors for a well-rounded approach to controlling noxious weeds



Noxious Weed Removal Projects

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1. Jefferson County Public Works (Roads Department)
 2. Jefferson County Public Works (Solid Waste Facility)
 3. Public Utility District
 4. City of Port Townsend
 5. State Parks (Fort Worden)



Jefferson County Public Works (Roads Department)

FUNDING

\$4,500 public works fund

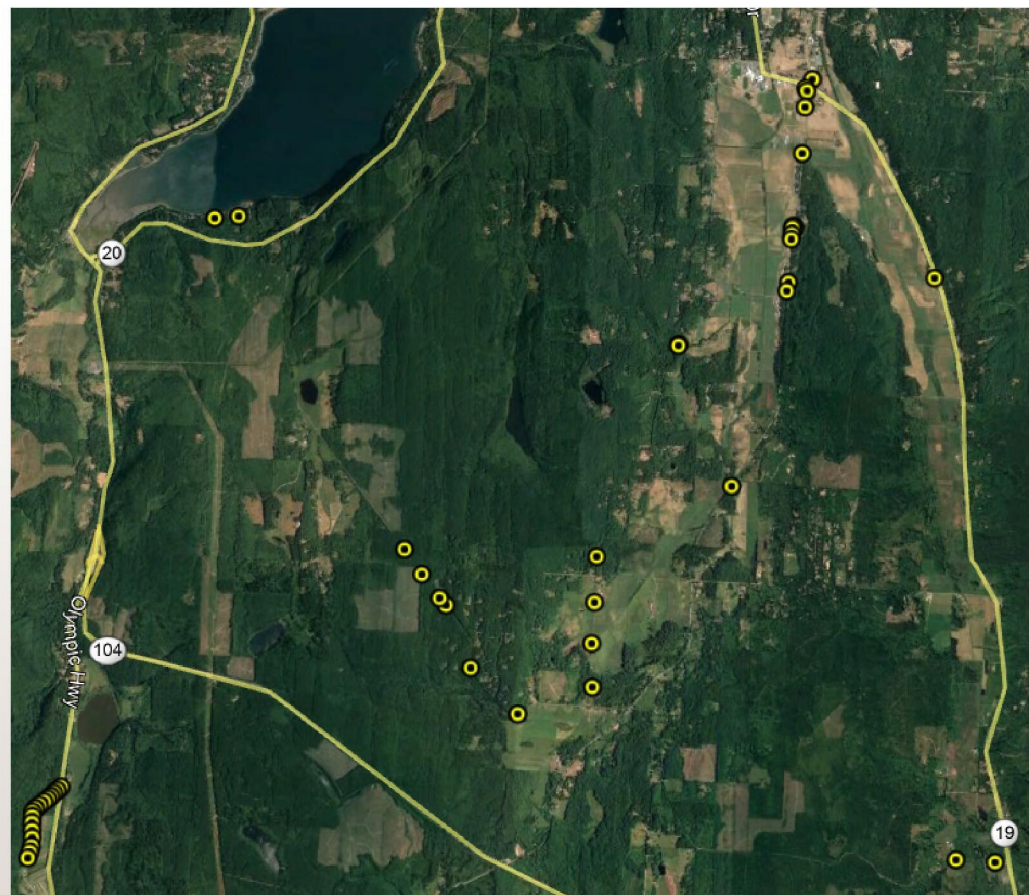
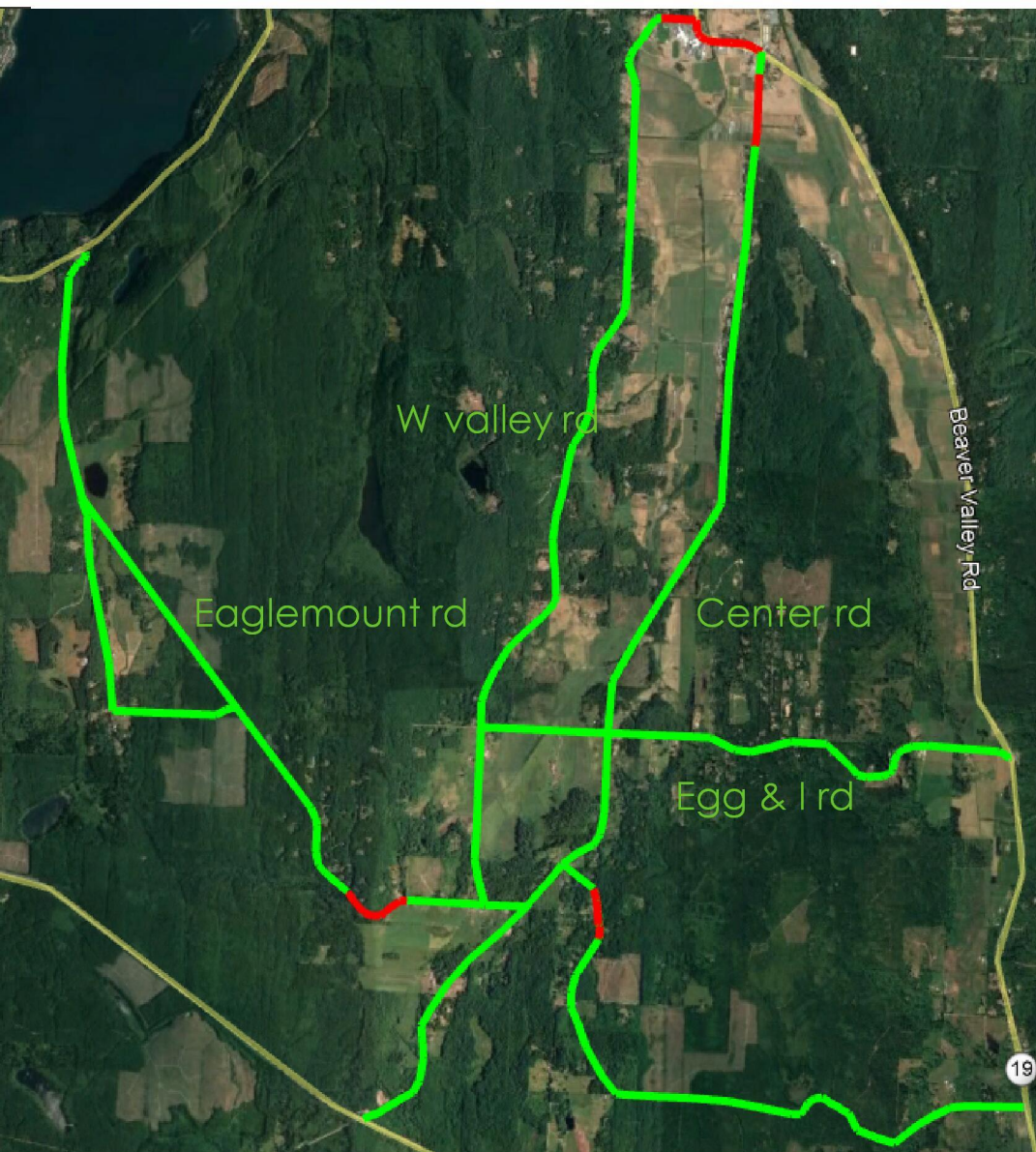
\$4,500 general fund

\$9,000 total

CONTROL

- ▶ One time treatment of all known wild chervil and spotted jewelweed on roadsides
- ▶ Full control of all known Japanese knotweed infestations on or near county right-of-way
- ▶ Control any known poison hemlock sites with remaining crew time

Contract is up for renewal this year



Chervil sites (last treatment)



Jefferson County Public Works (Solid Waste Facility)

FUNDING

\$2,625 from solid waste

CONTROL

- ▶ Treatment of noxious weeds in landfill ditches
- ▶ Control of poison hemlock infestation with remaining crew time



Jefferson County
Solid Waste

County Landfill Rd

County Landfill Rd



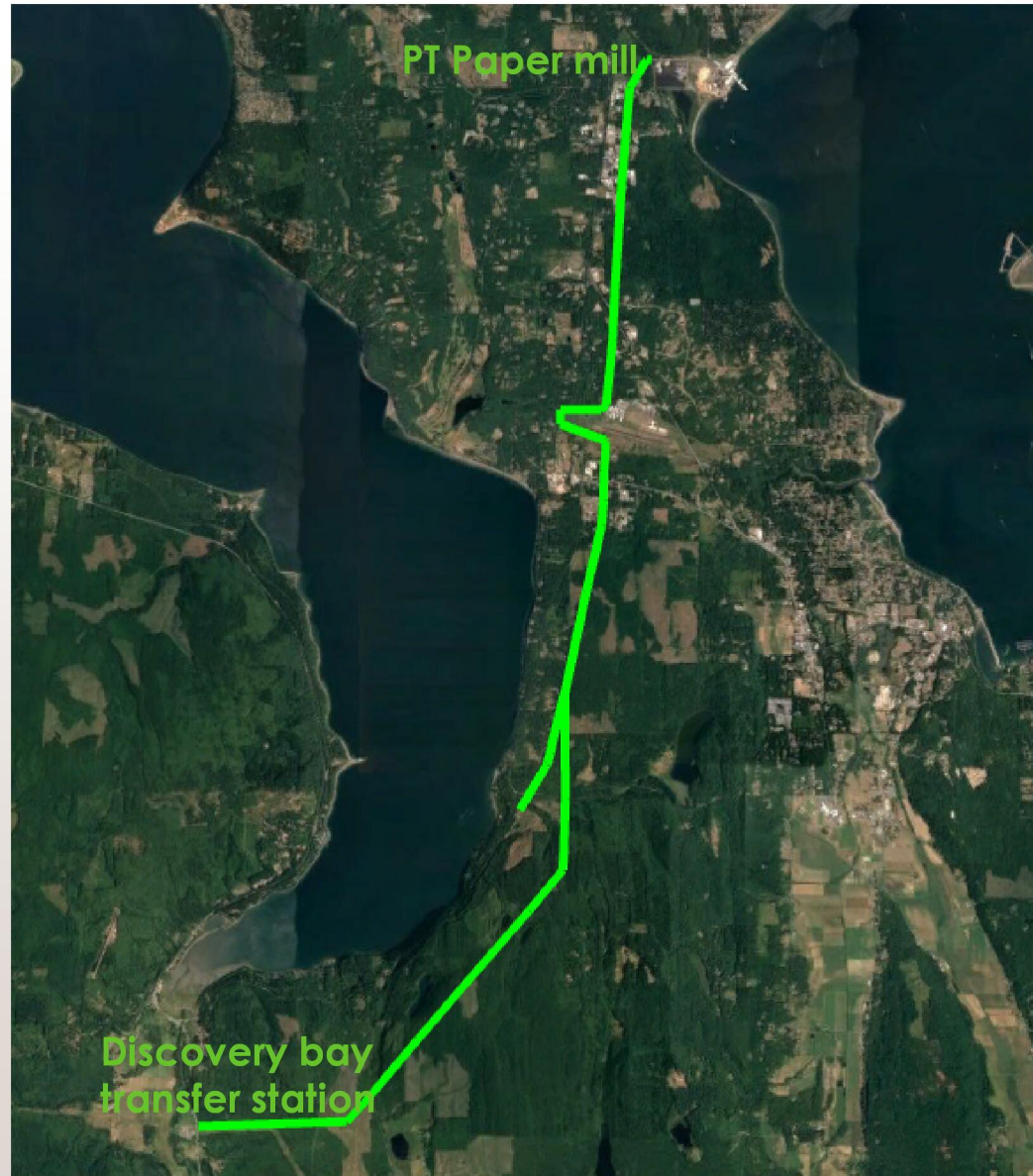
Public Utility District #1

FUNDING

\$25,000 from the PUD

CONTROL

- Managing Scotch broom control in 4-6 miles of corridor
- Spot treatment of other noxious weeds as needed







City of Port Townsend

FUNDING

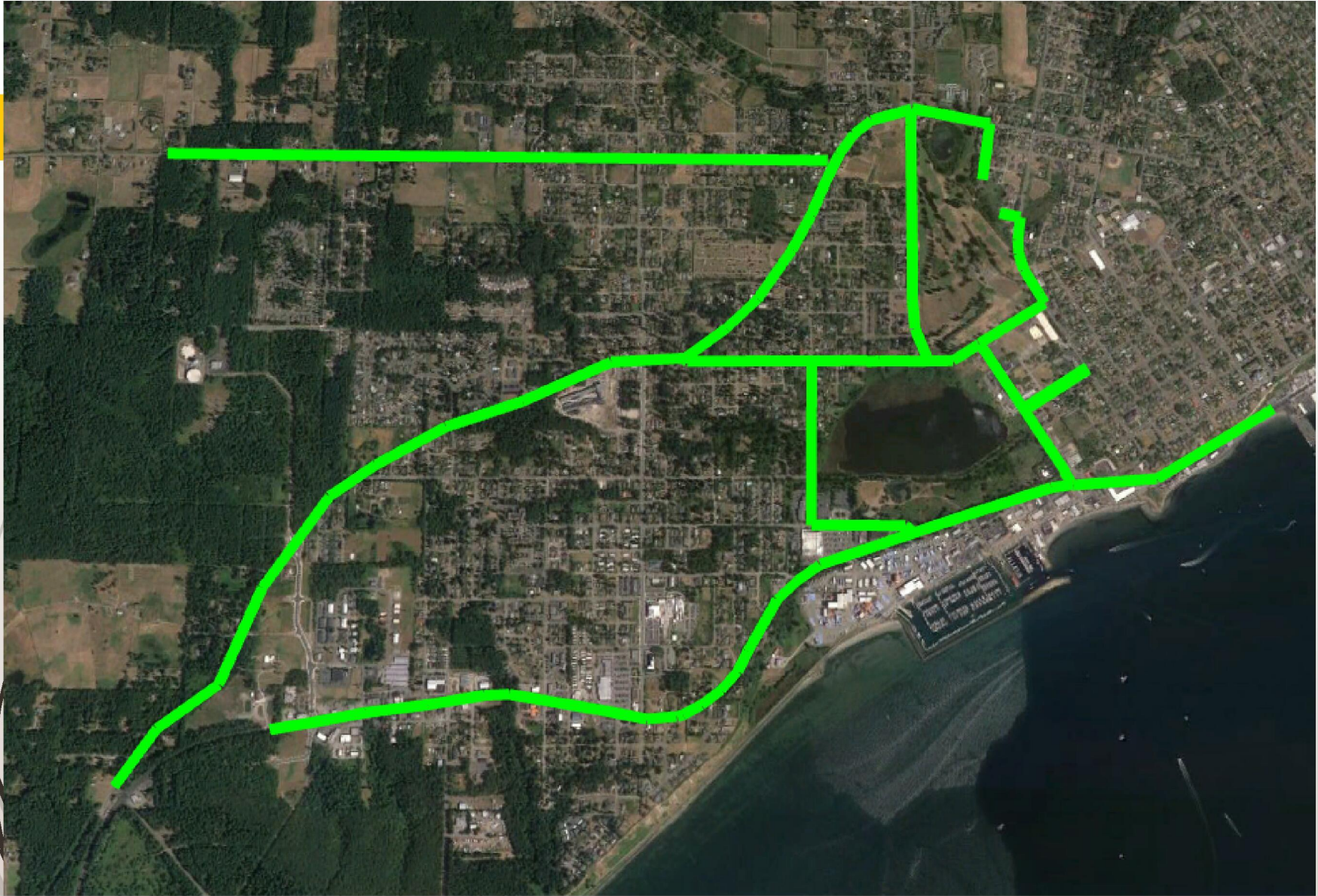
\$5,000 from the City of Port Townsend

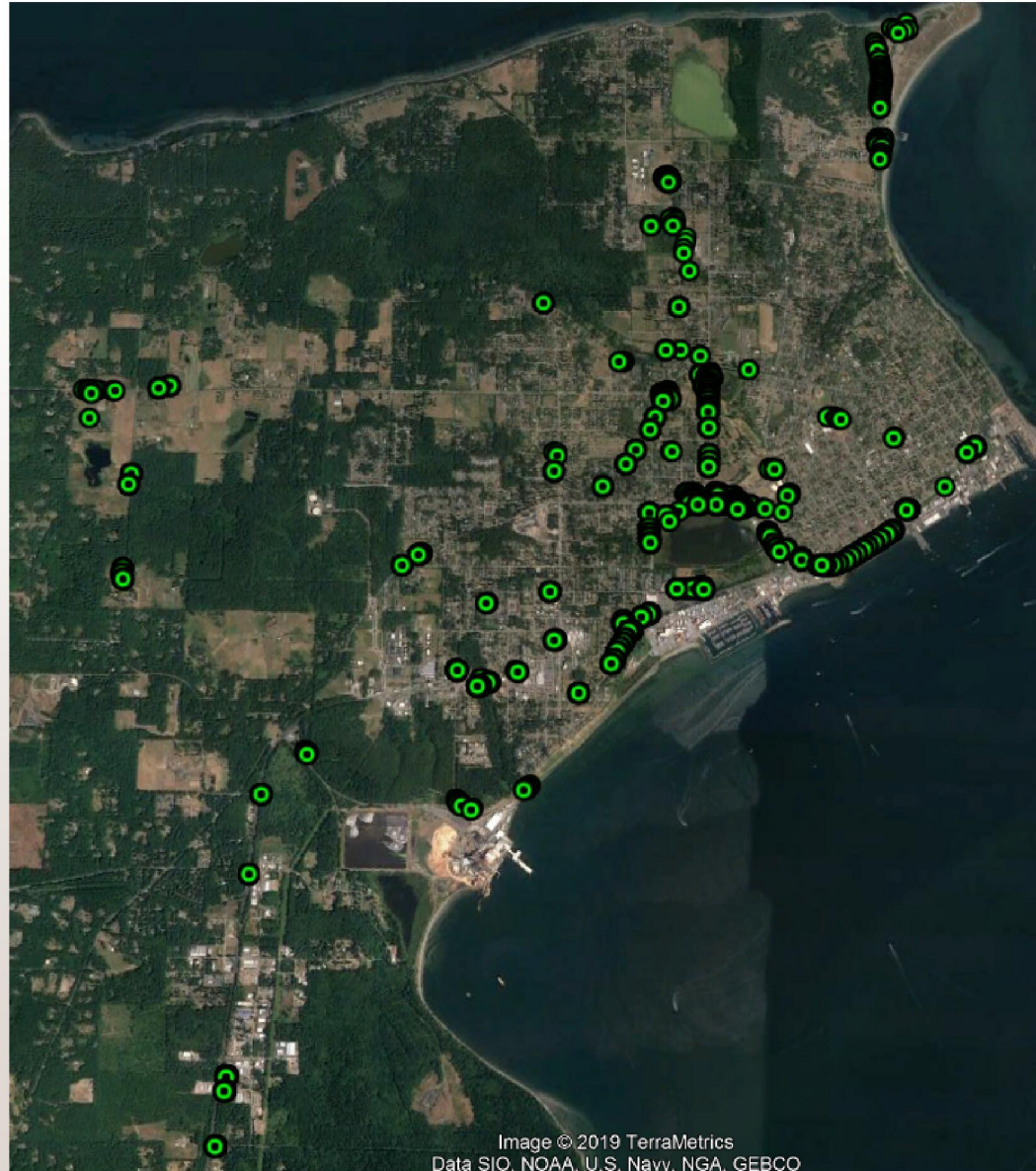
\$5,000 from the Weed Board

CONTROL

- ▶ Focus on feasible infestations of poison hemlock in vectors
- ▶ Control of all known and reported Japanese knotweed infestations (5 known)
- ▶ Increased outreach on poison hemlock
 - ▶ Mailers, tabling, presentations

Contract is up for renewal this year







Fort Worden State Parks

FUNDING

\$5,000 from the Friends of Fort Worden

\$5,000 from the Weed Board

CONTROL

- ▶ Spot treatment for poison hemlock at campground and on trails, pulling when feasible
- ▶ Managing ivy / holly if time and funds allow

TRAIL MAP: Fort Worden State Park





Workload + Weed Crews

- ▶ Overall MOU workload
 - ▶ 12-15 weeks of needed weed crew
- ▶ Crew Time
 - ▶ Washington Conservation Corps (3 weeks)
 - ▶ Clallam Weed Board (1-2 weeks)
 - ▶ Earth Corps (4-6 weeks)
 - ▶ Local business (1-4 weeks)
- ▶ JCNWCB Staff
 - ▶ Myself
 - ▶ Clerk Hire (Surveying, weed control)



Public Outreach and Education

- ▶ Citizen interactions
 - ▶ 500-600 connections with residents and property owners
 - ▶ Increased accessibility to education, resources, weed wrench rentals
- ▶ Education Presentations / Tabling / Partnerships
 - ▶ Schools, WCC training, Garden Clubs, Master Gardeners, Jefferson Land Trust
 - ▶ Farmers Market, Home Show, Plant Sales
- ▶ Mailers
 - ▶ Providing educational and informative information on noxious weeds and access to property specific Integrated Weed Management plans
 - ▶ Alerting homeowners to herbicide treatment on their property lines



Board member search

District 1 – Port Townsend

- Sarah Fairbank

District 2 – Cape George, North Discovery Bay

- Christine Heycke

District 3 – Chimacum, Marrowstone Island, Port Ludlow, Nordland

- **Vacant**, One interested applicant (Tami Pokorny)

District 4 – South Discovery Bay, Olympic, West End

- **Vacant**

District 5 – Quilcene, Brinnon

- **Vacant**



Upcoming BoCC Items

- ▶ New Board Members
- ▶ Board Member Handbook
- ▶ Contracts
 - ▶ Clallam Weed Board
 - ▶ Earth Corps

Thank You!



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