

# CVRD

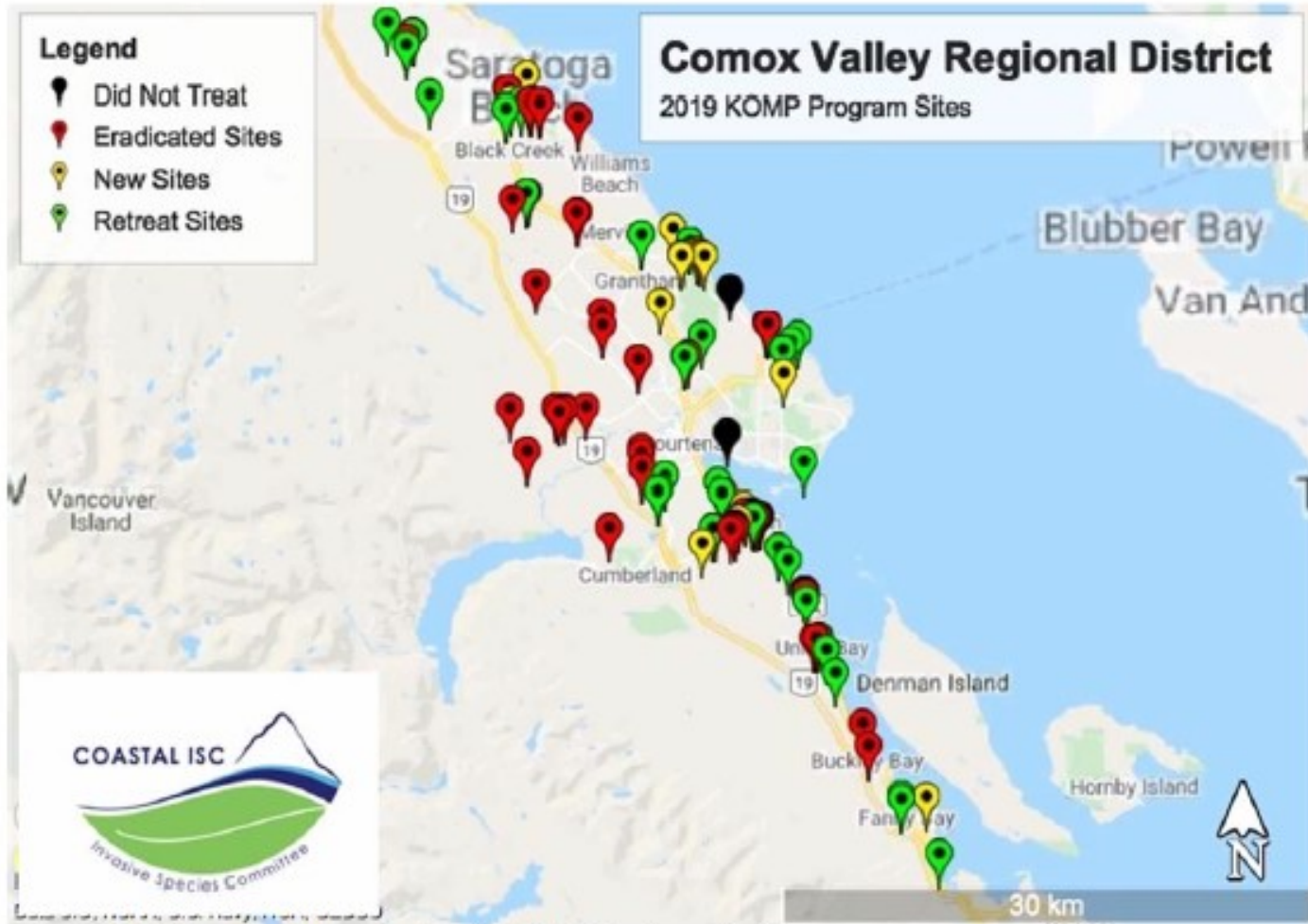
## 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan

Weed Control Service  
Function #296



## Purpose and Overview of the Service

# Work Plan





**2020  
Proposed  
Budget**

**#296 Weed Control**

<b>Operating</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>2020 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Senior Government Grants	12,500	12,500	-
Requisition	28,756	33,300	4,544
Prior Years Surplus	6,016	1,700	(4,316)
	<b>\$ 47,272</b>	<b>\$ 47,500</b>	<b>\$ 228</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Operating	42,272	42,500	228
Tsfr Other Functions	5,000	5,000	-
	<b>\$ 47,272</b>	<b>\$ 47,500</b>	<b>\$ 228</b>



Stand of Giant Knotweed



## Invasive Species Alert Knotweed



Knotweed stem

### Habitat and biology

- Perennial shrub-like herb from rhizomes; Polygonaceae (buckwheat) family
- Found especially in disturbed soil and open habitats; roadsides, watercourses, gardens and drainage systems
- Reproduction primarily by rhizome and some seed production (especially Bohemian); reproduces also from stems fragments and buds in root crowns
- Overwintering rhizomes spread rapidly, extending 15-20m laterally, to a depth of 3m; can remain dormant up to 20 years
- Dispersal: primarily by rhizome and fragments of stem, through human activities and by water

### What should you do?

*Please report any sightings of this species to the contacts below.*

- **Spread the word, not the weed:** don't purchase, grow or trade knotweed
- **Contact:** There is a special treatment program for this species in the CVRD. Please contact the Coastal Invasive Species Committee (below) for assistance with treating and disposing of this species
- **Avoid:** digging and cutting this species as this can cause further spread
- **Wash:** plant parts and seeds from vehicles, equipment and personal gear before leaving infested sites
- **Dispose:** of any knotweed parts and contaminated soils in the proper manner (below)
- **Monitor:** knotweed sites to avoid spread and for ongoing treatment until eradicated
- **Soil and gravel:** use soil and gravel that are not contaminated and follow safe procedures to treat or dispose of contaminated soils and gravel
- **Pesticides:** depending on what jurisdiction you are in, a pesticide permit may be required for treatment.

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### Proper Disposal

- It's best to have a professional remove this plant for you. However if you remove knotweed yourself, alert the landfill attendees and they will ensure proper disposal.
- **DO NOT COMPOST KNOTWEED!** Home composting is likely to spread the problem.

Spread the *Word*  
Not the *Weed*

Reporting & assistance in the CVRD: Call 250-334-6000  
Email [info@coastalisc.com](mailto:info@coastalisc.com)  
Provincial Report-a-Weed: [www.reportaweedbc.ca](http://www.reportaweedbc.ca)

# Questions?