

# Rogers Park Community Council

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To: Mayor Ethan Berkowitz  
Anchorage Assembly  
Federation of Community Councils

Anchorage Park Foundation  
State DNR, Div. of Agriculture

## **INVASIVE BIRD CHERRY TREE CONTROL PROJECT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03**

Whereas, invasive species cause harm to Alaska's environment, economy, and people; and

Whereas, Alaska is currently relatively free from invasive species, but several harmful species are present and spreading rapidly; and

Whereas, the Invasive Plant Program of the Anchorage Park Foundation strategically manages invasive plants in Anchorage; and

Whereas, due to public safety and ecological concerns, local residents have asked for help from the Invasive Plant Program to control invasive European bird cherry trees in Valley of the Moon Park and Chester Creek greenbelt; and

Whereas, the Invasive Plant Program follows an "Integrated Vegetation Management" approach and considers all (prevention, manual, mechanical, chemical, and biological) control methods, but in the case of the species in question, herbicides are the only effective control option; and

Whereas, the proposed project methods include limited, direct herbicide applications (stem injections, frill/'hack and squirt', basal bark, and cut stump<sup>1</sup>) with very low risk of off target impacts; and

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<sup>1</sup> This resolution as originally proposed included the terms "and direct foliar". The original resolution was voted down at our April 2019 meeting. It passed only after: a) deletion of the phrase "and direct foliar"; and b) inclusion of a one year sunset clause, set forth below.

Whereas, the proposed project area includes large, mature trees (that are source of the problem) along the Chester Creek Trail; and

Whereas, Mr. Tim Stallard of Alien Species Control, LLC contract coordinator of the Invasive Plant Program presented this proposed project to the Rogers Park Community Council; and

Whereas, Mr. Stallard and staff will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations and take all reasonable measures possible to ensure public and environmental health and safety; and

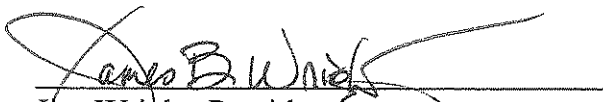
Whereas, in accordance with Municipal code, Mr. Stallard and staff will post herbicide treatment areas two days in advance of any herbicide applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ROGERS PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL that we allow the “Valley of the Moon/Chester Creek Greenbelt – Invasive Bird Cherry Tree Control Project” as described by Mr. Stallard to proceed for 2019 through 2020, subject to a one year sunset on this resolution – i.e., that this community council’s support for the project shall expire one year from the date of this resolution (i.e., May 13, 2019 to May 13, 2020).

And further BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ROGERS PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL that we ask the State of Alaska Division of Agriculture to add European bird cherry to the Alaska Noxious Weeds list so this harmful invasive species is no longer sold.

I certify that the Rogers Park Community Council duly adopted this resolution at its meeting held on May 13, 2019. The vote was 18 in favor; 14 against, and 1 abstention.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of May, 2019.

  
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Jim Wright, President  
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