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**2025 Herbicide Work Summary**

Anchorage Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 15.75 Pesticide Control establishes that the application of non-organic approved pesticides can only be made on municipal property with the approval of the Director (Anchorage Health Department (AHD) or Parks and Recreation (P&R) Department). Control of invasive species is a stated reason in code for use of otherwise 'non-allowed' pesticides. Due to the invasiveness, aggressive growth forms, difficulty to control, and potential to disrupt ecosystems herbicide use has been granted in a limited capacity for certain plant species based on size, infestation, and location. All herbicide applications adhere to public noticing requirements in Title 15.

All proposed herbicide applications are "individual plant treatments" targeted directly at the invasive plants in question. No broadcast applications are allowed. All treatments are made by Alaska DEC Certified Pesticide Applicators who are also biologists trained in the identification of invasive plants.

- Creeping Thistle, Orange Hawkweed, Siberian Peashrub, Bird Vetch, White Sweet Clover, Creeping Buttercup and Oxeye Daisy are spot sprayed with a backpack or handheld sprayer using Milestone (aminopyralid) herbicide.
- Invasive chokecherry (European bird cherry, common chokecherry, Mackeii; together 'Prunus') are hand pulled when feasible/effective (small and isolated stems that can be pulled with their roots intact). Herbicide is required for effective control once the stems are approximately ¾ inch or larger. Prunus spp. require treatments with a variety of application methods (and herbicides) because of its wide variety of growth forms, which includes tree-like, shrubby, suckers, multi-stemmed thickets, and seedling carpets:
  - Glyphosate or imazapyr (EPA Aquatic registered formulations)
    - ◆ Frill (cut and squirt), EZ-Ject stem injection, cut stump, and direct foliar (leaf) spray (growth under six feet tall only) with a backpack or hand-held sprayer
  - Triclopyr 4 plus 2,4-D
    - ◆ Basal bark - stem application with a handheld sprayer

**2025 ANC-CISMA Herbicide Locations- MOA Park Land**

1. Government Hill East Bluff Sunset & Alderwood Park– European Bird Cherry
2. Abbott Loop Community Park–European Bird Cherry
3. Chanshtnu Muldoon Park – European bird Cherry, Mackeii, Bird Vetch, Creeping Buttercup

4. Far North Bicentennial Park - European bird cherry, Orange Hawkweed
5. Chester Greenbelt Spenard to Arctic – European bird cherry, Chokecherry
6. Campbell Park-European Bird Cherry, Chokecherry, Orange Hawkweed
7. Chuck Albrecht Softball Complex-Orange Hawkweed
8. Kincaid Park-European Bird Cherry, Orange Hawkweed
9. Hillside Park-Orange Hawkweed, Bird Vetch
10. Nunaka Valley Park-European Bird Cherry
11. Valley Street Park-European Bird Cherry