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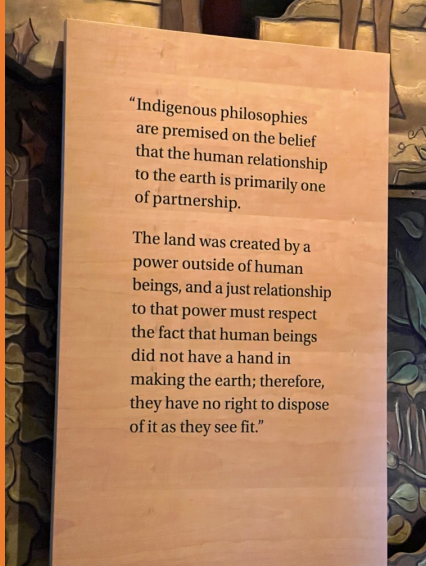
# CCIPR Team Meeting



The Canadian Coalition for  
Invasive Plant Regulation

English ivy spilling into  
Rattray Marsh, Mississauga, ON  
Photo C. Kavassalis – November 12, 2023





“... the human relationship to the earth is primarily one of partnership.”

- Indigenous philosophy

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

I acknowledge and give thanks to the land on which we live and work, and to the people who have cared for it.



*I am speaking to you tonight from land that is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee nations, within the lands protected by the Dish with One Spoon wampum agreement.*



# Agenda

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- Greetings and Introductions
- Progress report
  - Supporter growth
  - Meetings across Canada (a timeline)
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) feedback
- Reflections on the National Horticultural Invasive Species Conference
- Invasive plant lists
- Ten action items
  - Make it real – a photo library
  - Petition for change
  - Make a personal commitment
- Questions and Discussion

Goutweed

Sir Sanford Fleming Park, Halifax, NS

Photo Andrea Gail – May 2023

# A steady increase in support

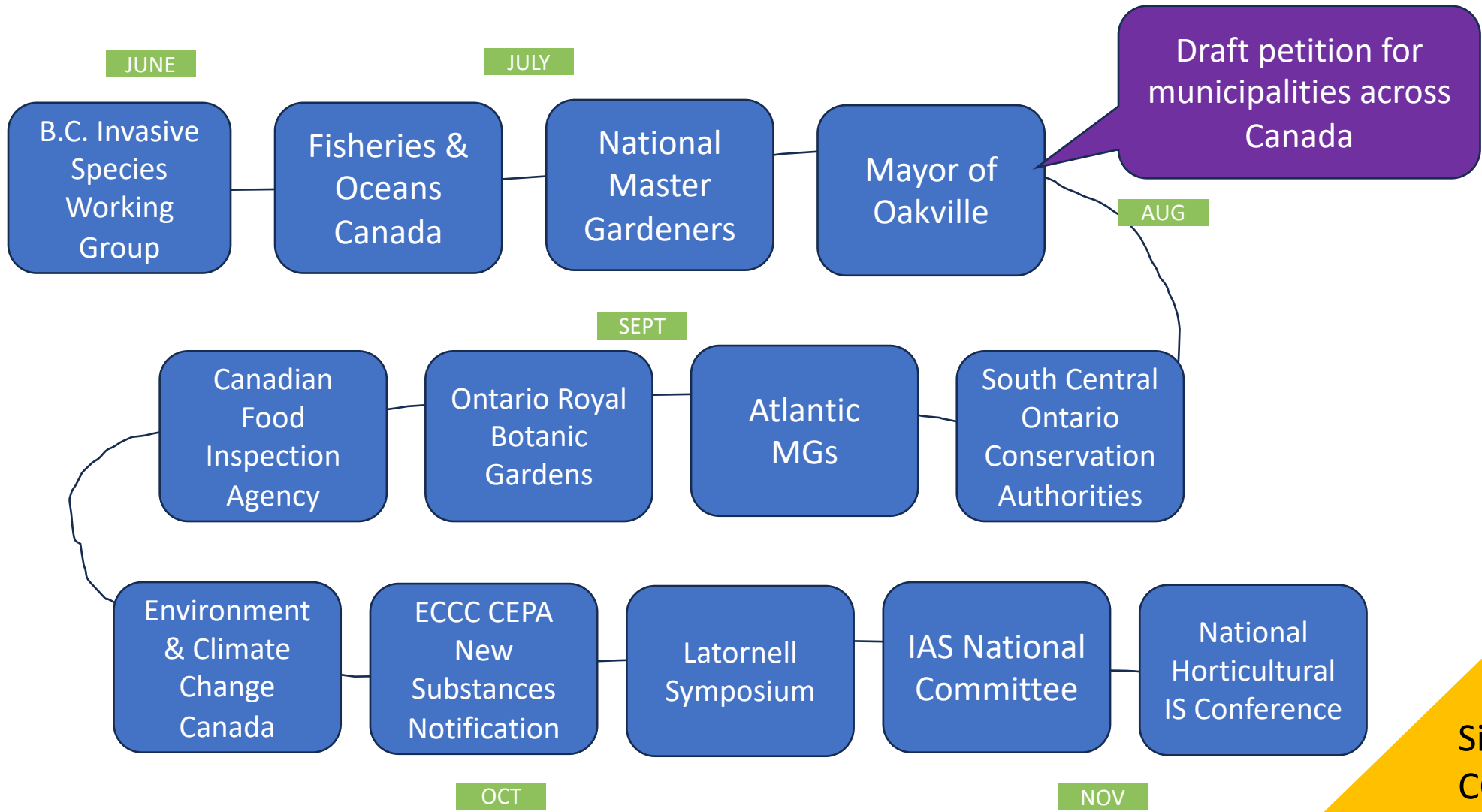
**May 2022**

19 early partners



**Nov 2023**

74 partner logos; 316 supporters; 122 team members



Six months  
CCIPR progress  
steady and  
exciting!

Presentation to the  
Invasive Alien Species  
National Committee (Oct  
2023)

was very well received

Participants included:

- Tim Gingera – **DFO**
- Martin Lajoie & Kelly Torck – **ECCC** (Biodiv)
- Wendy Asbil – **CFIA**
- Bruce Bennett – Yukon  
Invasive Species Council

Secretariat for the Intergovernmental Science-  
Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem  
Services (IPBES), "Invasive Alien Species  
Assessment," 04-09-23.

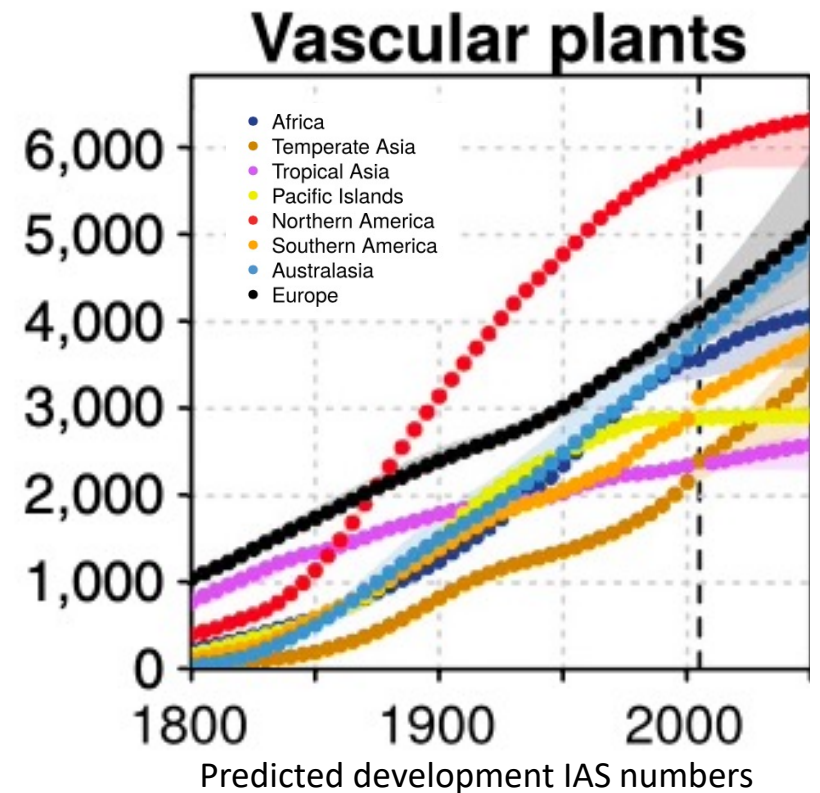
## Drivers of the biodiversity apocalypse



The five horseman. Adapted from...

# CFIA responds to our white paper

- CFIA:
  - Recognizes IAPs cause environmental harm
  - Focus on plants not yet present
  - Other stakeholders are responsible for ornamental plants present in Canada
- We will update our white paper
- We continue to challenge CFIA – Only 21 plants have been regulated under the PPA over the past ~20 years
- Despite projected increases in invasive plants, no change in policy is expected. CFIA emphasized that **IAS are a shared responsibility**



Overall, established alien species numbers per continent were predicted to increase from 2005 to 2050 by 36%.

# Is education and voluntary industry cooperation the answer? It can be part of the solution, but . . .

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting window. On the left is a video feed of Rebecca Lord. The main content is a slide titled 'National Events' with the following text:

**National Events**

**National Horticulture & Invasive Species Conference**

- Over 120 participants
- Two keynote speakers, over two days
- Two concurrent sessions each day; fourteen expert speakers
- Total of 26 speakers.

Below the text is a word cloud with words such as: cross-sector, co-operative, educational, interesting, informative, inspiring, challenging, connecting, motivating, and collaborative. To the right of the word cloud, it says 'In partnership with:' followed by the logos for the Ontario Invasive Plant Council and the Canadian Council on Invasive Species.

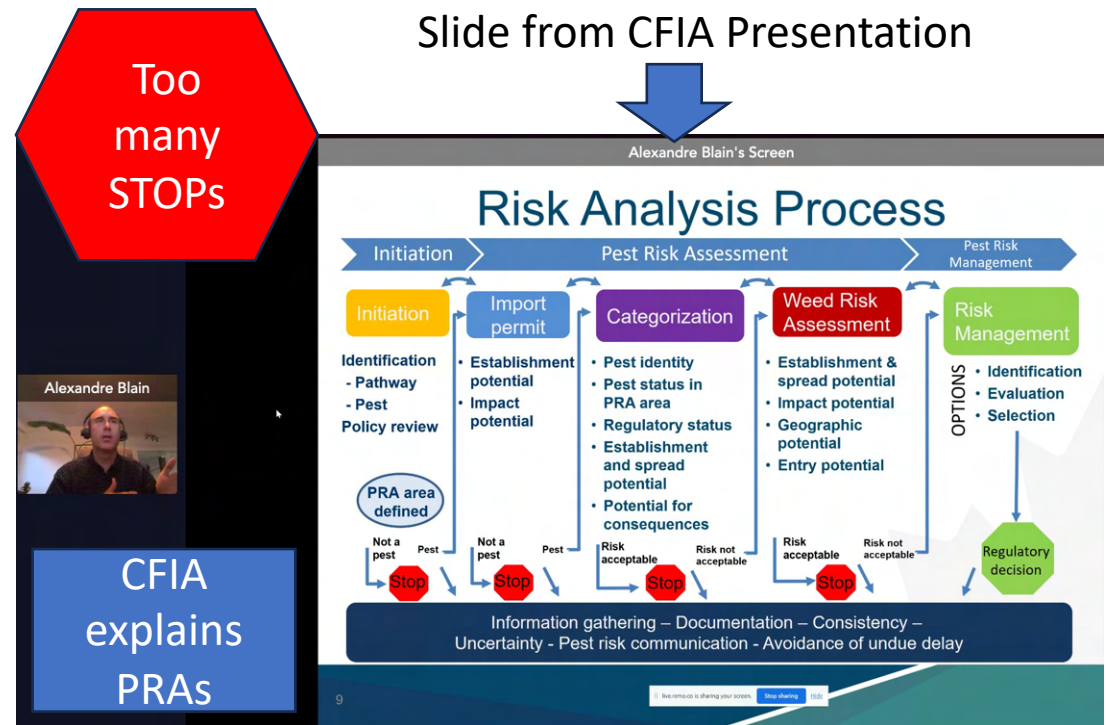
- Canadian Council on Invasive Species hosted a national Horticulture and IAS conference for - *Pathways to Change*
- 120 participants - few in the horticultural trades
- CCIPR was not invited to present
- There were calls for improved biosecurity, but regulatory solutions were not discussed

We have requested to learn how many have adopted the voluntary code or have invasive-free certification



# Key take-aways from the conference

- Invasions are rising with an expected 36% global increase by 2050 (Cuthbert)
- Each \$1 in prevention saves \$53.5 in damages (Cuthbert)
- 60% of invasive plant introductions in the U.S. were intentional (Beaury)
- 83% of invasive plants imported through horticulture are still for sale (Beaury)
- Current horticultural practices will facilitate invasive species range expansion (Beaury)
- CFIA has no plans to address horticultural sales



National Horticulture and Invasive Species Conference

Roth Cuthbert – Advances in economic cost assessments of biological invasions

Evelyn Beaury – Horticulture could facilitate invasive plant range infilling and range expansion with climate change

Kristina Pauk – CFIA National Invasive Plants Program; Alexandre Blain – CFIA's Weed Risk Assessment Process

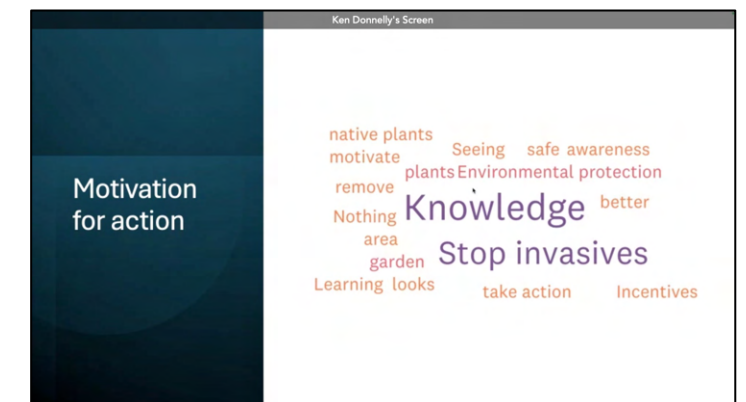
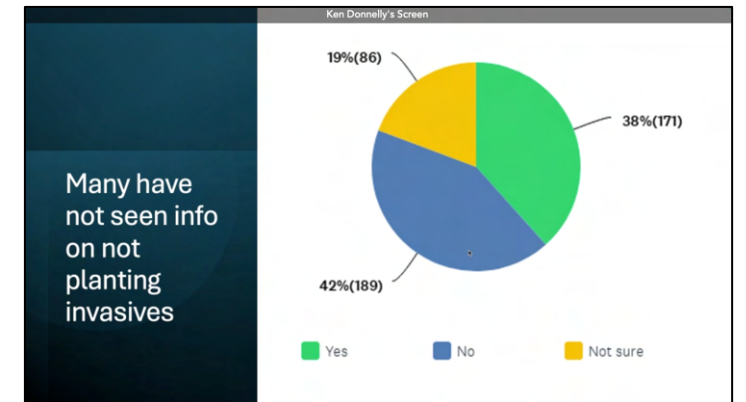
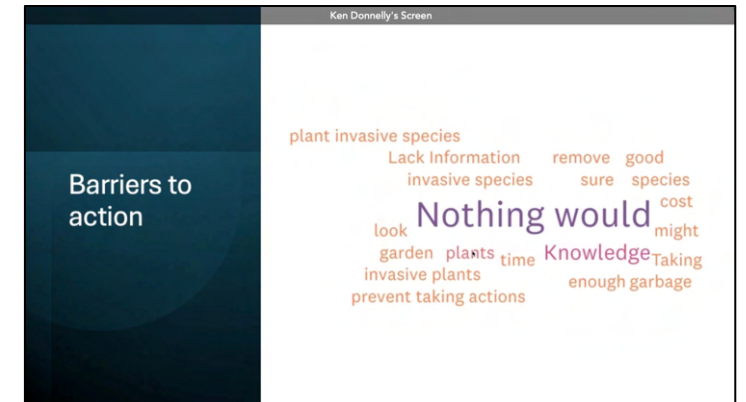
# Polling Canadians . . .

## 2023 Behaviour Change Report (Ken Donnelly)

- Nine in 10 Canadians say nature is important
- Two in three are concerned about invasive species
- Only one in four Canadians are aware of invasive species (inconsistent with the above)

### They did not ask:

- Should the sales of high-risk plants be regulated?
- Should plants that can do harm carry warning labels to EDUCATE CONSUMERS?



Can invasive species and plant councils deliver the needed education?

### Ontario Invasive Plant Council (OIPC)

- Funding is scant
- *Best Management Practices* are prepared upon request for a fee
- *Grow me instead* guides are out of date
- They do not have the capacity to assess risk of plants in the trades
- They are reactive and not proactive

CCIS lists ten chapters: **AB, BC, MB, ON, NB, NS, NT, PEI, SK**. Not all are functioning – (Manitoba and Quebec Plant Council are no longer operational; NL and NU have no chapter.)

## Ontario Invasive Plant Council Inc. Notes to the Financial Statements

March 31, 2023

### 6. Going concern

The Council previously lost its core funding from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, which amounted to \$100,000 in 2019. Due to the loss of this funding source, the Council's results of operations for the year ended March 31, 2023 was a deficiency of revenue over expenses

“Significant doubt as to whether the Council will have the ability to continue is a growing concern”

Management has prepared a financial forecast for fiscal 2024 which projects a deficiency of revenue over expenses of \$1,780. Based on net assets of \$32,233 at March 31, 2023, the Council is expected to have sufficient reserves to continue operating as a going concern throughout fiscal 2024.

In addition to continued implementation of the strategic operating plan, the entity is working with and utilizing human capital and other resources through an organization with similar values that undertakes invasive plant education and remediation projects at a national level with a goal of integrating the operations of the organizations to provide efficiencies and cost savings in administration, as well as providing access to a more broad range of programs, projects and funding. This Council is furthermore able to leverage the expertise and human capital resources of this partnered organization to deliver projects in a more cost controlled manner. The two organizations remain separate legal entities and plan to continue to operate in this manner.

The Council's ability to continue as a going concern beyond fiscal 2024 is dependent upon its success in achieving the strategic priorities set-out in its Strategic Operations Plan and finding new revenue sources and/or continuing to reduce expenses.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations which assumes that the Council will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations. If the going concern assumption was not appropriate for these financial statements then adjustments would be necessary to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities.

# Plant list progress

- Candi update on UBC Plant App Project (enter names or photos and learn invasive potential)
- CCIPR now has compiled lists of plants regulated across Canada and US border states
- Difficult to navigate all the lists
- Need to rewrite CCIPR webpage on invasive plant lists

| A few plants that should be federally regulated |                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common name                                     | Provinces and States with Regulations                                                             |
| Tree of heaven                                  | AB ME MN NH OH PA VT WA WI                                                                        |
| Japanese Barberry                               | CAN* ME MN NH NY PA VT WI                                                                         |
| Yellow flag iris                                | AB BC MB SK ID ME MN MT NH NY OH VT WA WI plus CT, IL, IN, MA, MD, OR                             |
| Amur honeysuckle                                | ME MN NH NY OH PA VT WI                                                                           |
| Parrot's feather                                | MB ON NU ID ME MI MN MT ND NH OH PA VT WA WI plus AL, CA counties, CO, CT, IL, IN, MA, NE, OR, PR |
| Yellow floating heart                           | AB MB ON NU SK ID ME MI NH NY OH PA VT WA WI plus CT, FL, IL, IN, LA, MA, NC, NE, OR              |

# CCIPR is doing important work – Ten Actions

1. **Be informed** –high-risk invasive plants; sold and regulated
2. **Be a role model** – refuse & remove from home, encourage others
3. **Educate** – posts, posters, stories, “It’s not invasive in my yard”
4. **Make it real** – share photos & videos of invaded natural areas
5. **Speak out** (respectfully) – nurseries, public gardens
6. **Write about it** – blog, post, news article, tell your story
7. **Spread the word** about CCIPR
8. **Volunteer** with a stewardship group that removes invasives
9. **Reach out** to other environmental groups, garden and service clubs
10. **Contact our politicians and** write to (or cc) Ministers of CFIA, ECCC, DFO and Prime Minister to express concern about this issue
  - **Municipal/mayor** – in person, strategic plan, bylaws, share resolution
  - **MLA/MPP** – improve provincial regulations
  - **MP** – share our white paper, ask for federal action



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# Reach One - Spread the Word

- Put in chat – Who will you contact?
- Lynne Patenaude – a success story
- Julianne Labreche – a success story

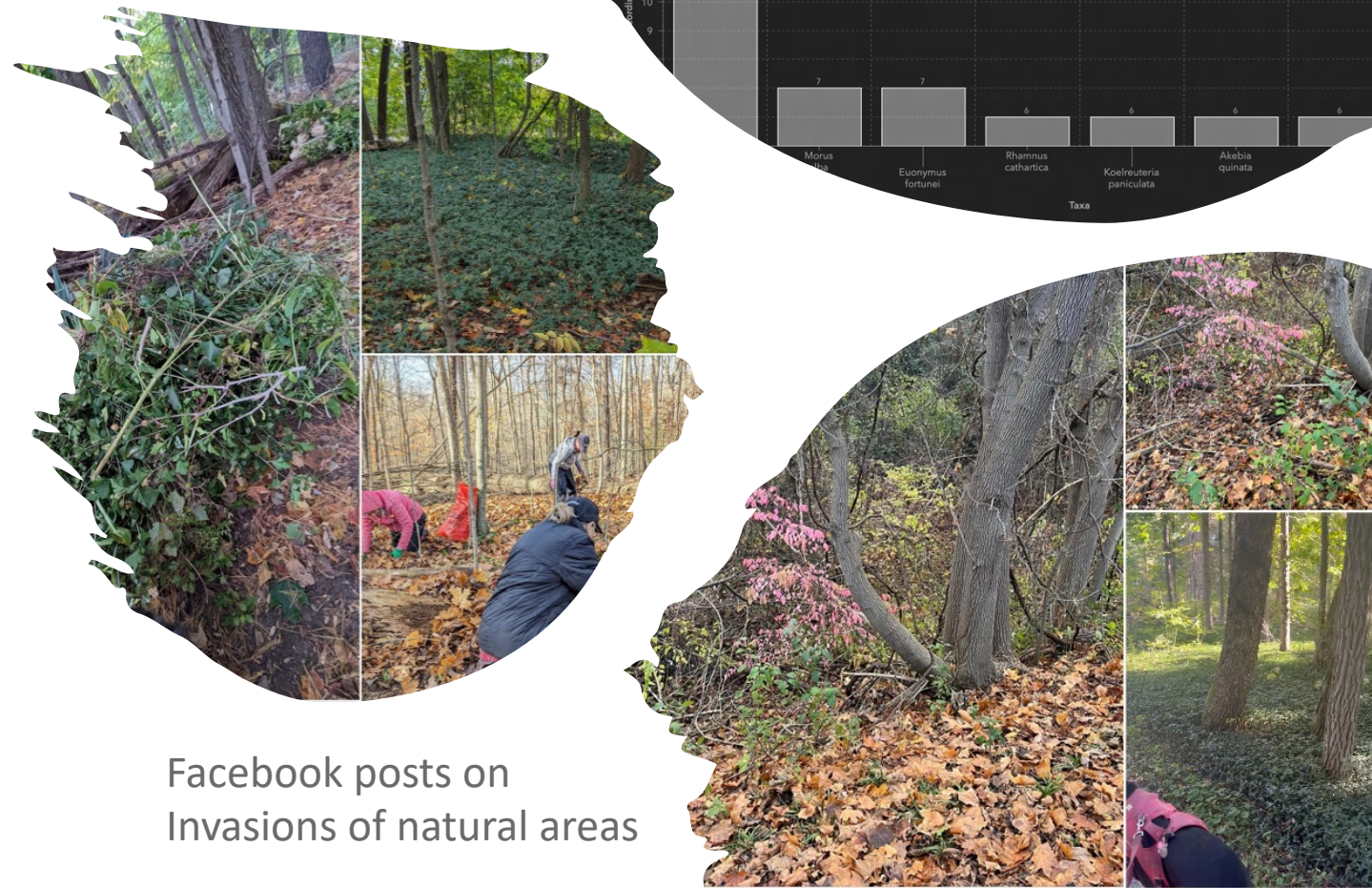
# Petitions and politicians

- CCIPR has drafted a petition for municipalities
- This needs to be pursued
- We need to develop a federal petition
- We need your help to contact representatives



# Documenting infestations – photo library

- Public garden portal - PGSIPD
- CCIPR library of images - **flexible, accessible, easily, managed**
  - Subdomain on CCIPR; a new website?
  - Facebook posts using hashtags
  - Short videos of invaded lands (Tiktok, YouTube, Facebook, Instagram . . .)
  - Creating a new iNaturalist project for CCIPR (ISpy - a CCIS project)



Facebook posts on  
Invasions of natural areas



# Questions and discussion

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- Thank you for joining our team
- We are grateful for your efforts
- We ARE making progress

Yellow archangel in a forest floor in Haliburton, Ontario.  
Photo: Margaret Unger MGOI FB