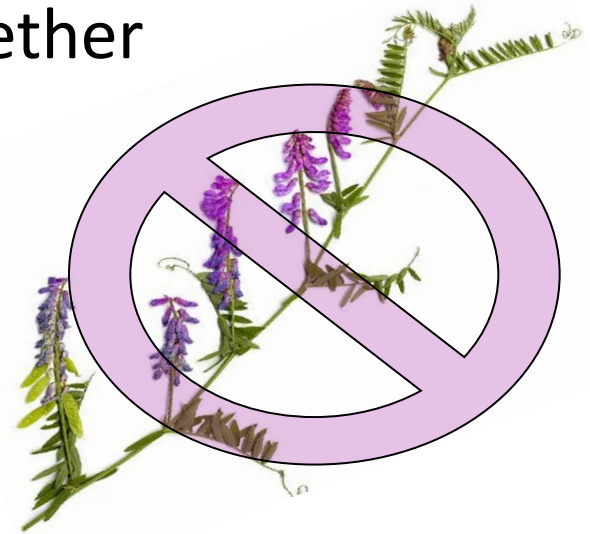
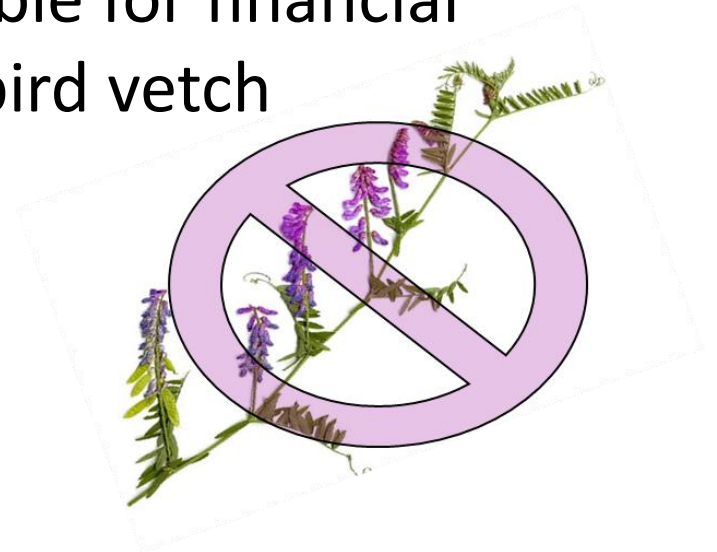


“Vetch Busters” Program

- Many neighborhoods in Fairbanks’ outlying areas are still vetch-free or nearly so
- Residents can keep them vetch-free if they think strategically and work together
- The Fairbanks Cooperative Weed Management Area can help!



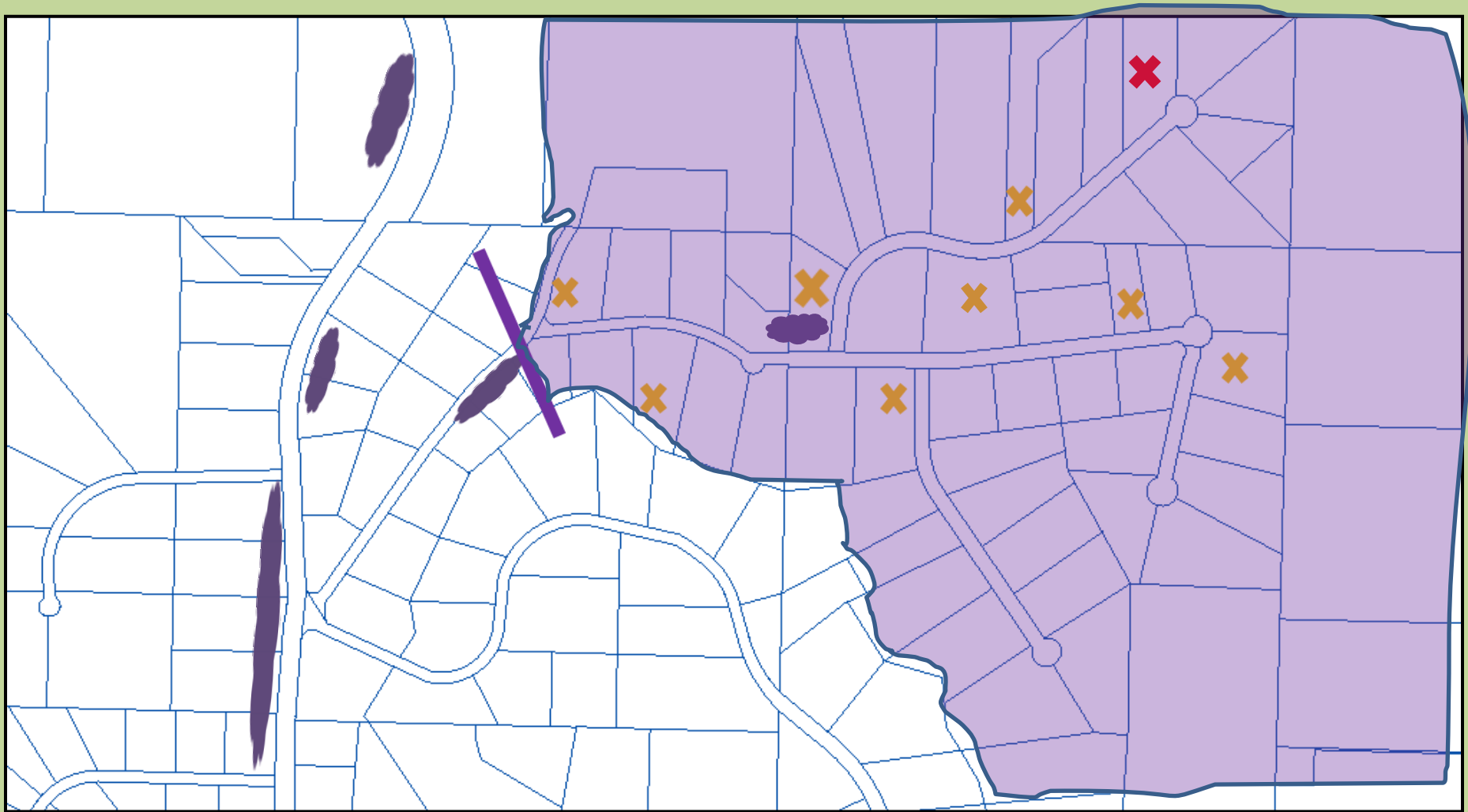
- Several informal “vetch-busters” groups already exist in the borough
- By combining forces, people concerned about bird vetch may gain influence with the borough, the University, GVEA, and DOT
- Organized groups may be eligible for financial assistance in controlling new bird vetch infestations



Three years ago...







How would this work?

You:

- Find out if your neighbors are willing to be involved
- Delineate your “neighborhood;” it can be as small as a single cul-de-sac, or as large as an entire service district
- Host a meeting for your neighborhood to learn how to identify vetch, learn what to do when you find it, how to communicate with each other
- Group members walk the roads, trails and powerlines in your neighborhood regularly during the summer and fall, marking vetch patches
- Group members treat vetch patches in an agreed-upon manner





The Fairbanks CWMA:

- Can help you develop a simple map of the vetch in your neighborhood
- Can teach you and your neighbors how to correctly identify vetch, to distinguish it from native plants that we want to keep
- Can suggest options for control:
 - When pulling is sufficient
 - Areas that might be tarped, mowed, or weed-wacked
 - Advice on spraying, including permits or approvals that are needed, what chemicals to use, referrals to contractors

By combining forces, we can have a much bigger impact than if we work alone

If you are interested in forming a “Vetch Buster” group, check that box on the information form and hand it in.

We’ll be contacting you soon!

