



Maine Board of Pesticides Control
28 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0028

April 6, 2026

To the Members of the Maine Board of Pesticides Control,

I am writing on behalf of Friends of Lower Kenduskeag Stream (FOLKS) to support allowing volunteers to apply herbicides on public lands under the supervision of a licensed applicator.

FOLKS is a volunteer-led organization focused on restoring and protecting the Lower Kenduskeag Stream corridor. A key challenge in this work is managing invasive plant species, which can quickly dominate streambanks, degrade habitat, and outcompete native vegetation.

In certain cases, the most effective approach involves targeted methods such as cut-stump and hack-and-squirt applications. These techniques are precise, low-risk, and widely recognized as safe when used properly. Current regulations restrict pesticide application on public lands to licensed applicators, however, which restricts our ability to involve trained volunteers, even when a licensed applicator is present and overseeing the work. Since there are very few licensed applicators with the necessary expertise and availability, this limits our ability to keep up with the scale of the problem.

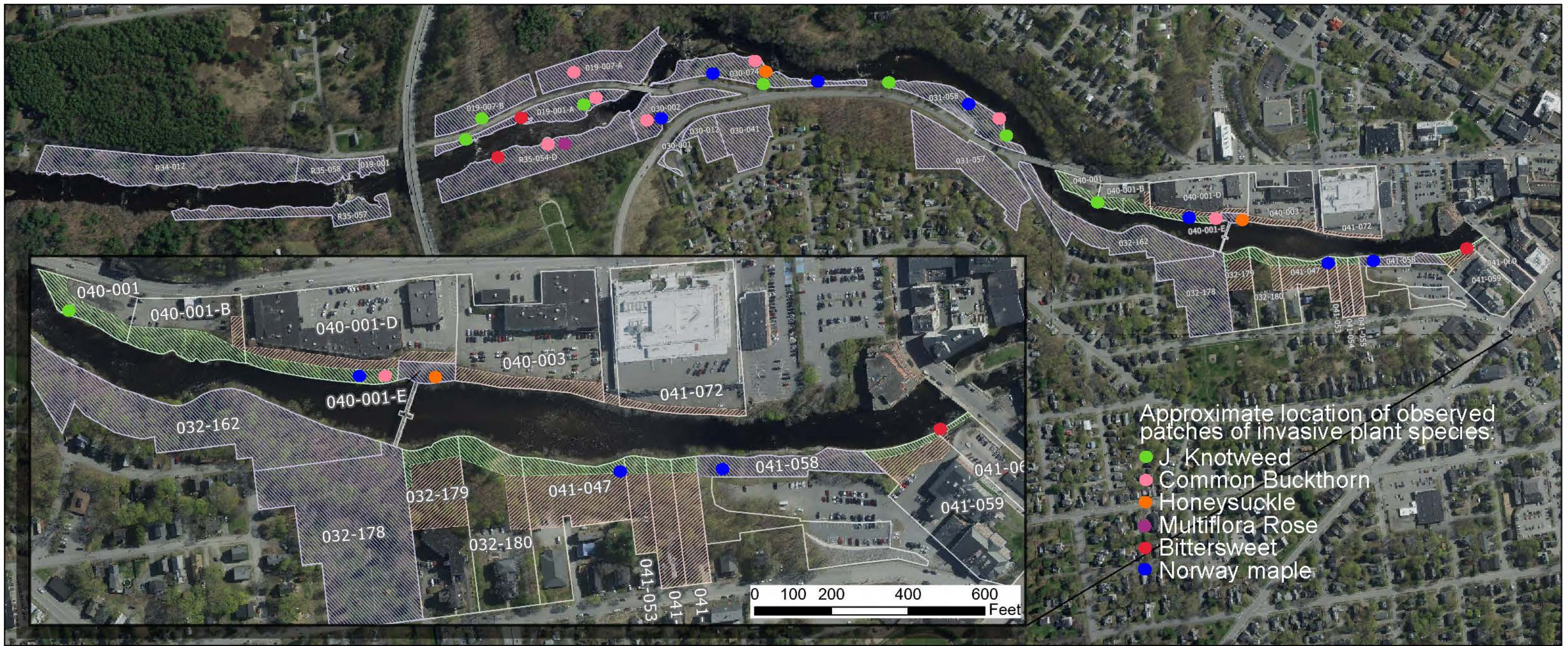
Allowing supervised volunteer participation would meaningfully expand our capacity while maintaining appropriate safeguards. With proper training and oversight, volunteers can safely assist in these limited, low-risk applications that are essential to restoring native habitat and protecting water quality.

We believe this is a practical, balanced approach that supports both environmental protection and community-based stewardship. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

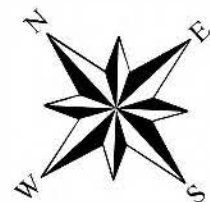
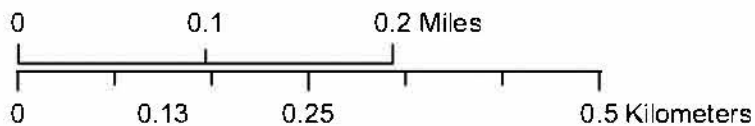
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Legend

- Parcels (white border)
- Type A Easement (3.8 acres)
- Type B Easement (1.9 acres)
- Owner: City of Bangor (37.5 acres)



Parcels and Easements along Kenduskeag Stream Trail Bangor, Maine

Unofficial map prepared on behalf of Friends of Lower Kenduskeag Stream (FOLKS) August 2024. Revised November 2024. Revised with approximate location of invasive plant species April 2026.

Easement Descriptions:

- Type 'A': Right to fill, cut, grade, construct, open rock drain, plant trees, loam and seed and maintain.
- Type 'B': Right to construct improvements, including planting, grading, open rock drain and a foot path for public access.

Sources: Bangor Aerials 2019, Parcel Viewer, and georeferenced scan of Kenduskeag Stream Park Walkway Easements (8 NOV 1976). Easement boundaries are approximate. Spatial Reference: NAD 1983 StatePlane Maine East FIPS 1801 Feet.