



**Credit Valley
Conservation**
inspired by nature

CVC RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT

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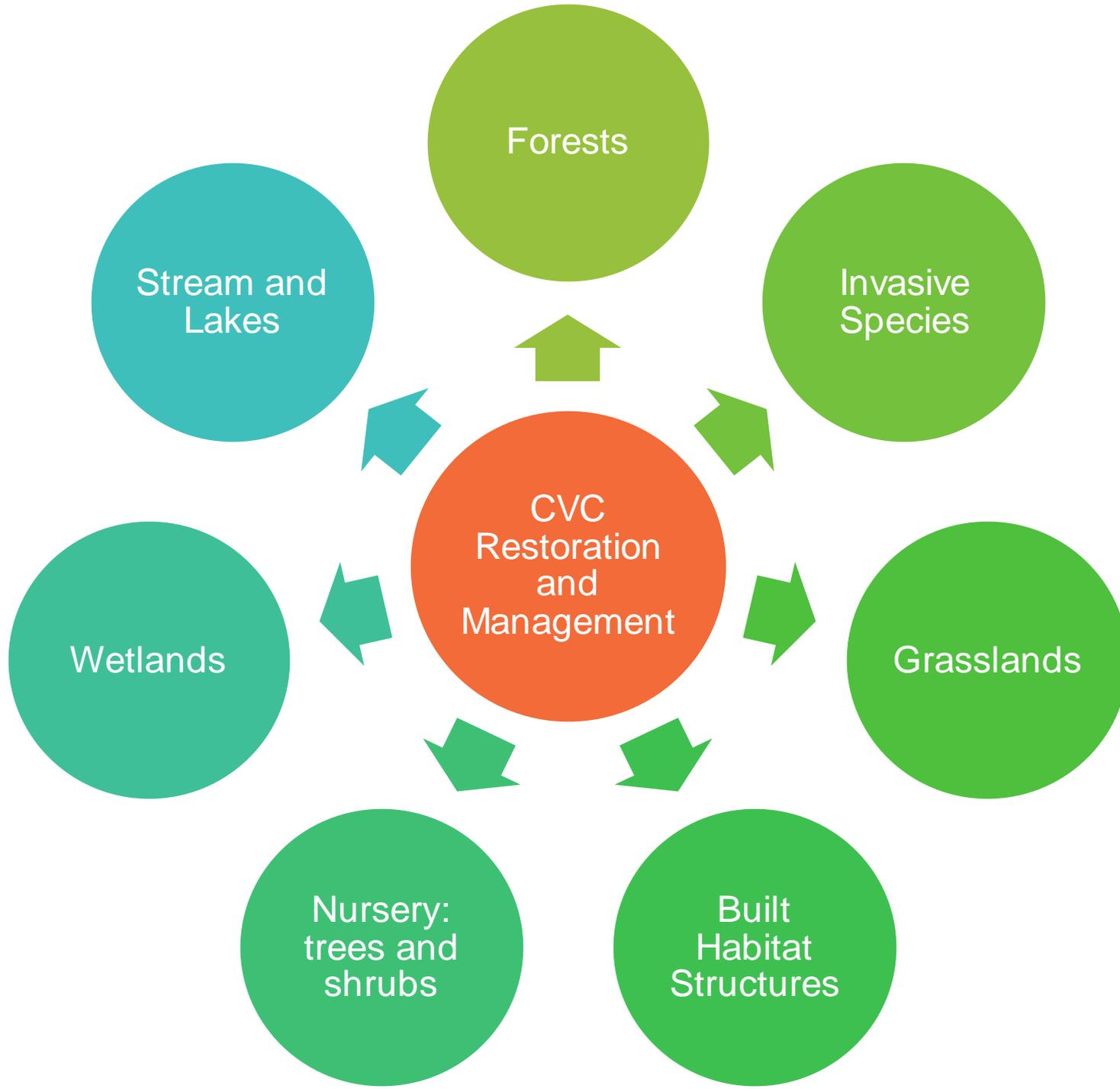
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- CVC Invasive Species Strategy (ISS)
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CVC Restoration and Management

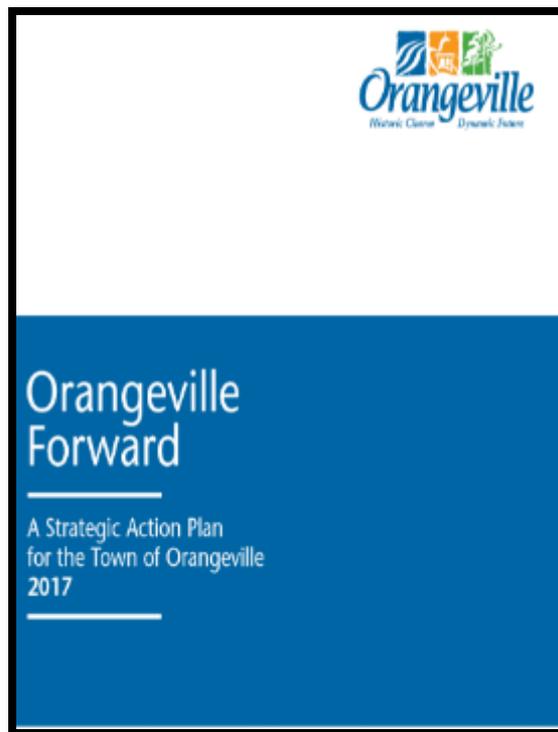




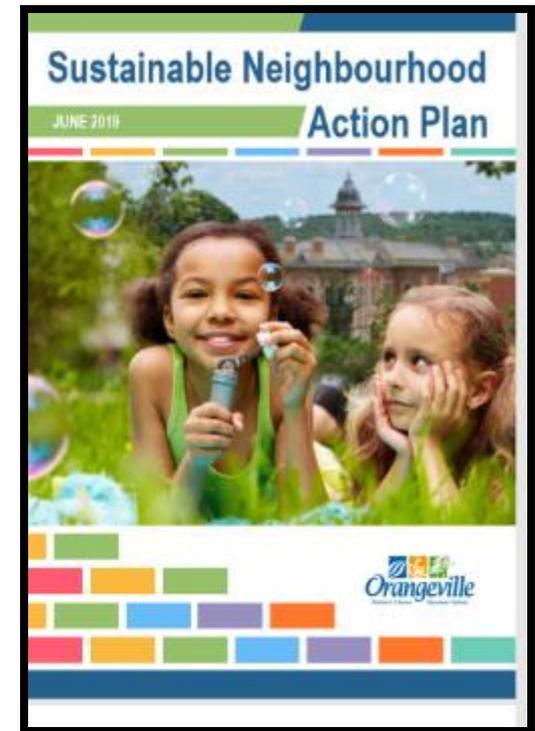
Our Work Aligns with Your Priorities



*Using an ecosystem-based approach, to maintain and **enhance the environmental health** of the Credit River subwatersheds*



*Maintain and protect our built and **natural heritage***



*Protect and **enhance the natural environment***

Looking Back 2010-2020



>700 000
Trees and
Shrubs Planted



>365 000
Trees and
Shrubs Sold



>1400 ha
Terrestrial Habitat

Restored and
Managed



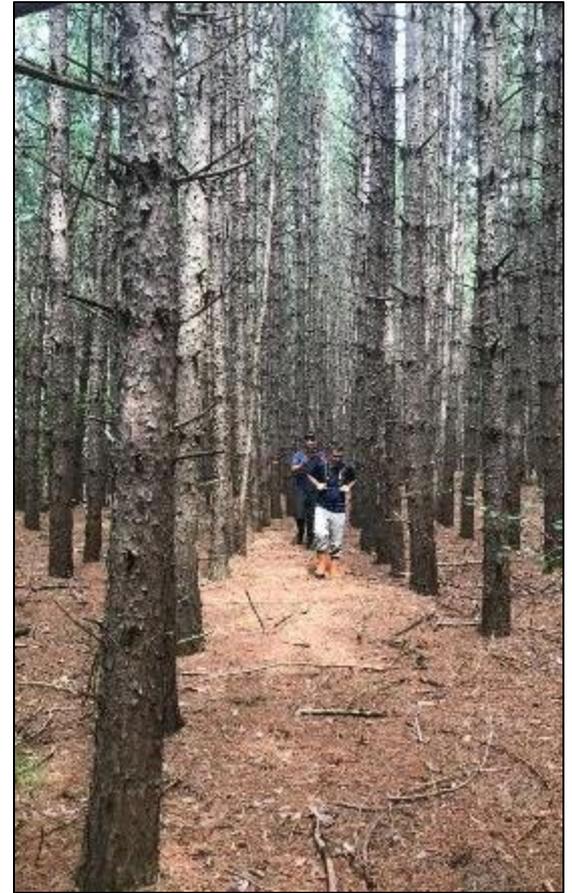
>9000 m
Aquatic habitat



>27 ha
Wetland Habitat

Project Identification





From Science to Restoration

Identifying specific restoration opportunities

CVC properties assessed: 7

Area inventoried: 300 ha



Project Implementation





2010



2019

West Credit River riparian planting, Erin

6.5 ha riparian habitat

12,110 Trees and shrubs



2018



2020

Jacquith Property, Caledon
Emerald Ash Borer Management
564 Ash Trees Felled

Terra Cotta CA: Muskrat Pond mitigation, Halton Hills

200 m stream, 0.9 ha wetland restored

532 trees and shrubs



**Pre-restoration
2016**



**Mid-restoration
2017**



**Post-restoration
2018**

CVC
Sustainable Forest Management Plan
(SFMP)



Why a forest management plan?

- Respond to the stressors and challenges facing forests
- Objectives and actions provide coordinated direction
- Aligns with CVC and partner strategies

CVC Sustainable Forest Management Plan 2021-2040



SFMP: Overarching Goal

Maintain and restore forest health, improve biodiversity, and strengthen the resilience of forests in the watershed

- CVC lands
- Private landowners
- Municipal partners



State of the Forest



- Increasing extreme weather events
- Increasing outbreaks of pests and disease that benefit from warmer winters
- Changes in forest composition and biodiversity

Plantations

- Require periodic thinning to move towards natural, sustainable forest
- 80% of watershed plantations are not being properly managed
- 24% could fail in next 20 years
- 45 ha of plantation at ILCA



Plantations	Watershed (ha)	CVC Property (ha)
Area (ha)	3,300	200
Due or overdue for management	2,770 (84%)	160 (80%)
Requires immediate management	790 (24%)	80 (40%)

SFMP: Key Objectives and Actions

Managing plantations:

- Prioritizing on both CVC and private lands
- Reducing risk of wildfire and other hazards

Increasing healthy forest cover:

- Private lands and municipal partners
- Supporting partner climate change action plans



SFMP: Key Objectives and Actions

Improving forest health, diversity and resilience:

- Critical to buffering the impacts of climate change
- Restoring impacted forests in poor health

Managing hazards on CVC properties to keep visitors safe:

- Healthy forests reduce impact of climate change and invasive species
- Manage proactively to reduce risk
- User experience



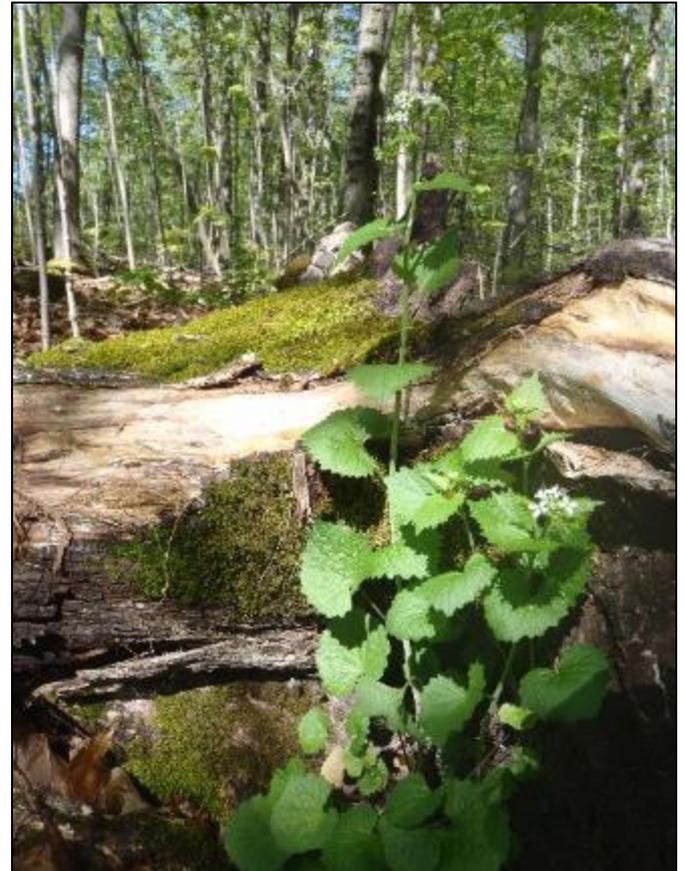
Implementing the SFMP

CVC
Invasive Species Strategy
(ISS)



ISS: Background

- Update needed to existing CVC Invasive Species Strategy
- Within CVC Watershed:
 - 214 invasive species
 - <90% of vegetation communities have one or more invasive species



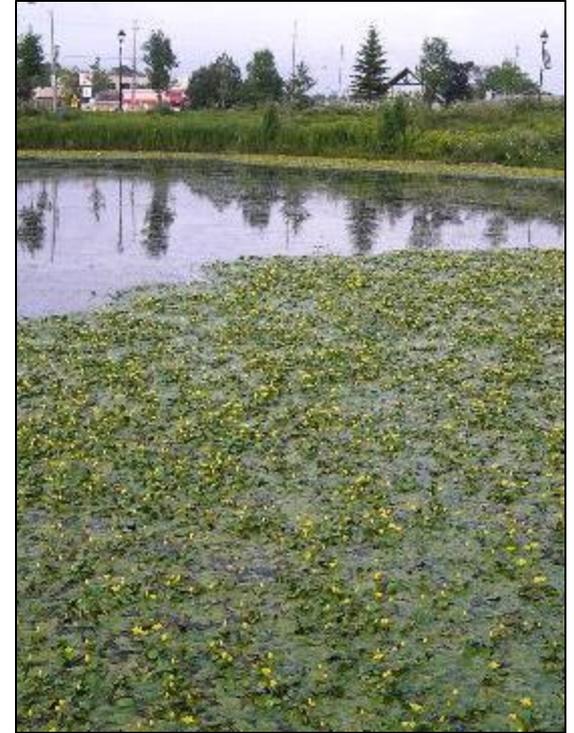
Ecological Impacts of Invasive Species



Dominate ecosystems



**Directly or indirectly
cause harm**



Reduce biodiversity

Socio-Economic Impacts of Invasive Species

- Maintenance Costs
- ISC Study: [Estimated Expenditures on Invasive Species in Ontario](#) (2019)
 - How the money was spent:



ISS: Key Objectives and Actions

Management: Prevent further population expansions of invasive species that are management priorities.



ISS: Key Objectives and Actions

Collaboration with municipal partners, stakeholders and the public



ISS: Key Objectives and Actions

Ensure Public Health and Safety





2011



2017

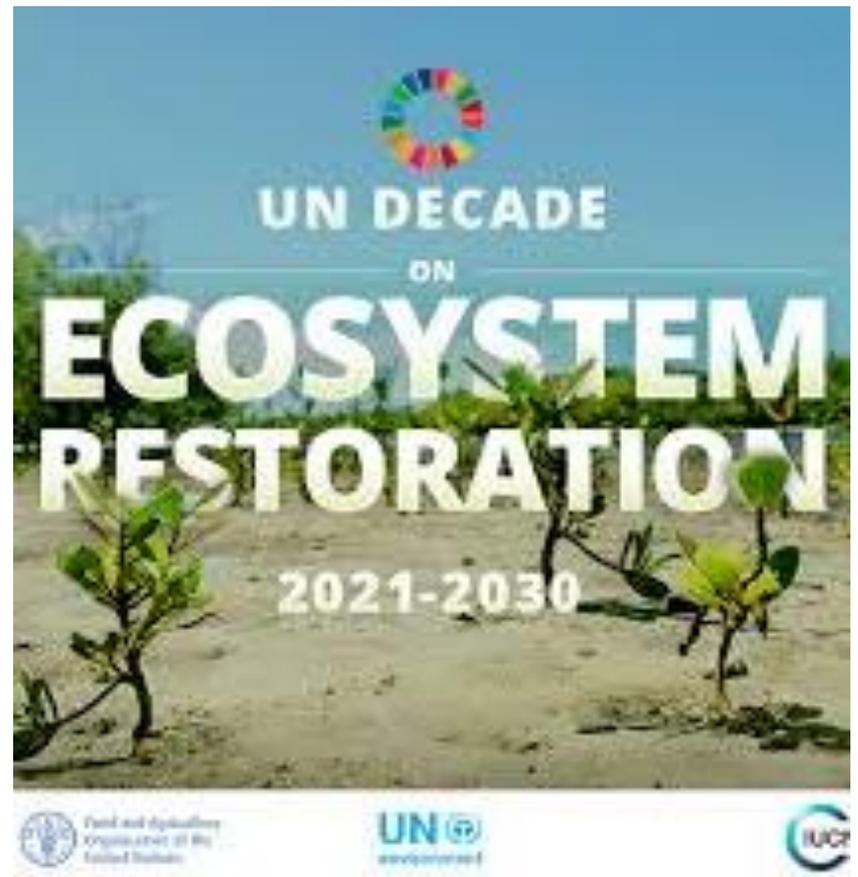
Implementing the ISS

Looking Ahead



Looking Ahead: 2021-2030

Global call to action (to) draw together political support, scientific research and financial muscle to **massively scale up restoration** from successful pilot initiatives to areas of millions of hectares.



How we can help you...

Create, expand and improve natural areas



Native tree and shrub planting



Invasive species management



Habitat structure installation

questions?

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