What conservation concerns and challenges do you have that PPCN could help to address?

- Stewardship and management
  - Training and oversight of volunteers
- Monitoring populations
  - Sites are often not visited annually
  - Lack capacity to collect habitat integrity info, population viability analysis
  - Information is not readily shared between agencies and organizations
- Getting homeowners involved in plant conservation
  - Resources need to be available for invasive plant management
  - Develop relationships with land trusts, encourage private landowners to put properties into conservation easements
  - Workshops and education about the value of natives vs. exotic
- Need better communication between agencies and organizations
  - Can PPCN ease relationships between orgs?
  - One issue is plants that are found on rights-of-way, and the use of broad scale spraying
- The sale of invasive plant species in the commercial nursery trade

What resources do you want from our network, and what could you contribute?

**Wants**

- Identify, connect, and train volunteers for monitoring, stewardship, and inventory
- Funding/Grants for research, stewardship and monitoring projects
- Tool bank
- Compilation of institutional knowledge and outreach to the next generation of botanists
- Directory of professionals and resources
- Annual meeting with speakers on habitat management, stewardship, successes
- Swag, mileage reimbursement, incentives for participation

**Can Contribute**

- Training on seed collection, propagation, seed banking (ArcheWild)
- Training on survey methodology, etc (PNHP)
- Staff and volunteers (NLT, Master Naturalists)
- PNHP can contribute data and expertise

What concerns do you have about participating in the PPCN?

- Will this program be supported long-term?
- Ability to attend meetings (time and geographic limitations)
- Network needs to leverage partnerships, not duplicate capacity
- Projects need to be well documented and maintained
• Need to make case to partner organizations how PPCN participation will contribute to or further the mission of existing organizations
• Concerns about capacity if there is only 1 full-time staff person devoted to the program
• Red tape
  o How do we get all the agencies and organizations to play together?
  o Better define relationship between PPCN & DCNR
  o Does current infrastructure allow for cool new directions/initiatives?
    ▪ Will turf battles slow up projects even when we have partners ready to go?
• Need to focus on “doing” not “talking”

What should the first PPCN project(s) look like?

• Inclusive, diverse, family friendly!
• Done right and done well
• Along roadsides – invasive removal and replacement with native flowers?
• Partner with an existing project like “Project Wingspan” and “Project Bud Burst”
• Botany or Stewardship Blitz
• Something can be managed long-term
• Something charismatic
• Supports work that has already started and been successful
  o Example: Lupine or Goodyera tesselata
• Something that doesn’t only focus on DCNR owned land
• Multiple small-scale regional projects going at the same time
• Restoration of oil & gas pipeline clearings – possibly funded by oil & gas $$

Results from the Questionnaire

• 23 responses
• Scale was 1-5, with “1” meaning “not important at all” and “5” meaning “critically important”. Scores were averaged and ranked

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• Other resources requested:
  o Trainings from experts
  o Propagation
  o Invasive species control
  o Habitat restoration
  o Monitoring
  o Advocacy
  o Data freely available
  o Grant writing assistance
  o Website/directory of resources
Themes from the Questionnaire

- Interest in relationship between plants and pollinators
- Need for robust invasive species plan/team
- Need to engage every day citizens – plant natives in backyards, school yards, beautification efforts
- Would be beneficial to support undergraduate research projects/ encourage folks to pursue careers in botany