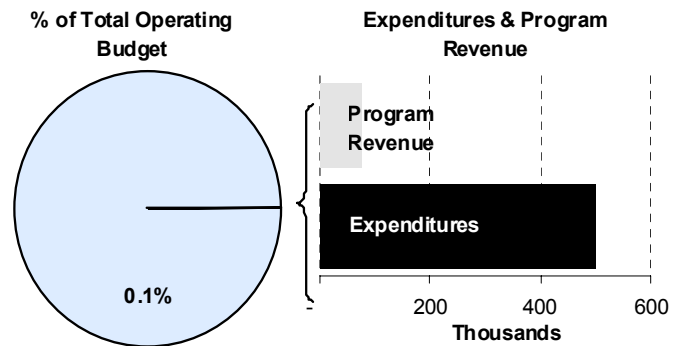
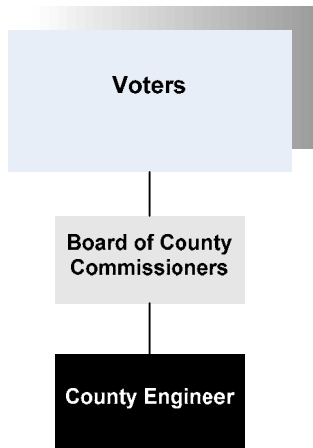




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Mission:
 To control and eradicate noxious weeds on all property within Sedgwick County.



Program Information

The Noxious Weeds Department controls and eradicates noxious weeds on all property within Sedgwick County, as required by state law (KSA 2-1318). Its primary responsibility is controlling noxious weeds on County property and rights-of-way. The Department also operates a vegetation management program to suppress perennial grasses and undesirable vegetation on shoulders and in ditches. Finally, it enforces state noxious weed laws and assists citizens in meeting their noxious weed control responsibilities by providing information on effective techniques and products.

Control of noxious weeds is important to the economy of Kansas. As an example, surveys in the early 1900's indicated that the bindweed acreage in Kansas was doubling about every 5 years. At that rate of spread, bindweed would have covered 7 million acres of cropland by 1964 had there been no organized control

program. The initial Kansas Noxious Weed law, passed in 1937, and follow-on legislation has helped protect Kansas cropland and rangeland from such invasive noxious weeds as the field bindweed, musk thistle and the newest threat, sericea lespedeza.

Noxious Weeds staff uses a wide variety of equipment from truck-mounted hydraulic spray units to treat road shoulders and roadsides efficiently to spray-equipped all-terrain vehicles that can find and treat noxious weed infestations quickly with minimum environmental impact.

Noxious Weeds is developing, together with County GIS staff, a GPS-based database and system to catalog, treat and monitor noxious weed infestations. Staff have now acquired a notebook computer with GPS capability and intend to use it to map and document sericea lespedeza infestations.

Departmental Sustainability Initiatives

Noxious Weeds makes a major contribution to the economic sustainability of the County by helping farmers fully realize the production potential of their land. The department is dedicated to increasing crop production by reducing weed competition thus increasing the profit and sustainability of our agriculture partners. This is done through discounted herbicide sales for noxious weeds, custom prescribed vegetation management plans and educational messages.

Noxious Weeds also works to mitigate its impact on the environment by constantly looking at potential application techniques, equipment and materials that work better, faster, are safer in the environment, and offer cost savings to the department. Noxious Weeds fully counsels its customers on the proper handling, mixing, and application of herbicides. Much thought goes into the purchase of herbicides and equipment each year as the department reviews existing programs to evaluate the need, the desired results, and the costs involved. The Department also works to mitigate its impact on the environment by participating in the County waste minimization program. It recycles paper, aluminum cans and plastic herbicide containers.

Department Accomplishments

Noxious Weeds staff rigorously maintains much of their own specialized spray equipment.

Budget Adjustments

Changes to the 2009 Noxious Weeds budget reflect increases in benefit costs and a 4.0 percent salary pool for employees. The budget also reflects a 3.0 percent increase in contractals commodities and capital equipment from the 2008 Adopted Budget.

Alignment with County Values

- **Equal Opportunity -**
Provide noxious weed treatment wherever it is needed across the county
- **Commitment -**
To protecting county agriculture from economic damage
- **Open Communication -**
Keeping customers and general public fully informed

Goals & Initiatives

- **Fully treat all noxious weed infestations on all County properties and rights of way**
Initiative
- **Control with the objective of eradication, all Sericea Lespedeza in Sedgwick County**
Will use GPS notebook to map and document this threat. This should improve treatment efficiency
- **To increase public awareness of noxious weeds**
Regular education efforts continue

Awards & Accreditations

- Staff maintain appropriate environmental and safety training

Budget Adjustments From Previous Fiscal Year

- Adjusted departmental fleet charges
- Cost allocation plan adjustment

Expenditures	Revenue	FTEs
10,650		
8,575		
Total	19,225	-

Budget Summary by Category

Budget Summary by Fund

Expenditures	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.	Expenditures	2008	2009
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09		Revised	Budget
Personnel	251,440	251,472	251,472	276,829	10.1%	Noxious Weeds	457,495	502,332
Contractual Services	91,070	100,098	100,098	123,260	23.1%			
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-			
Commodities	96,336	105,925	105,925	102,243	-3.5%			
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-			
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-			
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-			
Total Expenditures	438,847	457,495	457,495	502,332	9.8%	Total Expenditures	457,495	502,332
Revenue								
Taxes	381,073	384,744	384,744	436,812	13.5%			
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-			
Charges For Service	70,878	63,520	63,520	75,333	18.6%			
Other Revenue	55	-	-	57				
Total Revenue	452,006	448,264	448,264	512,201	14.3%			
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.0%			

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	Expenditures					Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)		
		2007 Actual	2008 Adopted	2008 Revised	2009 Budget	% Chg. 08-09	2008 Adopted	2008 Revised	2009 Budget
Noxious Weeds	207	438,847	457,495	457,495	502,332	9.8%	5.00	5.00	5.00
Total		438,847	457,495	457,495	502,332	9.8%	5.00	5.00	5.00



