

# Noxious Weeds

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

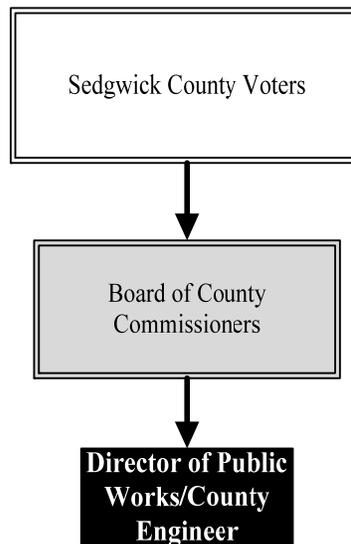
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## Overview

Noxious Weeds controls and eradicates noxious weeds in Sedgwick County, as required by K.S.A. 2-1318. Control of noxious weeds on County property and right of ways is the Department's primary responsibility. The Department also operates a vegetation management program, suppressing perennial grasses and undesirable vegetation infesting shoulders and ditches. Each staff member holds a Commercial Applicator license from the Kansas Department of Agriculture and enforces State noxious weed laws and helps citizens fulfill their responsibilities through education on effective techniques and products. A variety of equipment, including truck and ATV mounted spray units, is used for efficient and environmentally responsible treatment of infestations.



## Strategic Goals:

- Fully treat all noxious weed infestations on all County properties and rights-of-way
- Control, with the objective of eradication, all *Sericea Lespedeza* in Sedgwick County
- To increase public awareness of noxious weeds

## Highlights

- Habitat restoration along Dry Creek and Cowskin Creek for endangered species
- Vegetation management along approximately 25 miles of bike paths in the County
- Erosion control planting along bridges after repair and replacement
- Spray common weeds on over 600 miles of County owned roads and right of way to help reduce mowing cycles



# Accomplishments and Priorities

## Accomplishments

The Noxious Weeds Department puts much thought into the purchase of herbicides and equipment each year as the Department reviews existing programs to evaluate the need, desired results and costs involved. Noxious Weeds also works to improve efficiencies and mitigate environmental impact by constantly looking at potential application techniques, improved equipment, and materials that work better, faster, are safe to the environment and more cost effective.

The Noxious Weeds Department also provides vegetation management for Public Works projects. This includes planting and treatment after road and bridge project completion to maximize a weed free environment; planting native grasses along revitalized stream banks to help control erosion; and mowing, treatment and planting along County maintained bike paths to ensure public safety and enjoyment.

## Priorities

The Noxious Weeds Department focuses on increasing crop production by reducing weed competition thus increasing the profit and sustainability of the County's agriculture partners. As an example, surveys in the early 1900's indicated that the bindweed acreage in Kansas was doubling about every five years. At that rate, bindweed would have covered seven 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 and Sedgwick County cropland and rangeland from such invasive noxious weeds as the field bindweed, musk thistle and the newest threat, Sericea Lespedeza. Another priority is to continue the sale of discounted herbicides for noxious weeds. This program allows landowners to purchase herbicides at a reduced rate to treat their own property and is important to the control of noxious weeds on private lands. Additional priorities include working with landowners on custom prescribed vegetation management plans and public educational messages.



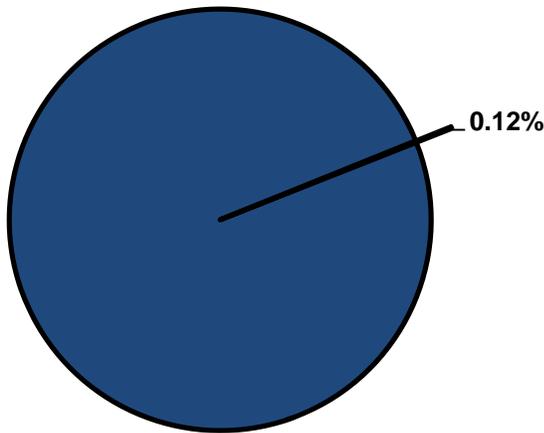
## Significant Budget Adjustments

There are no significant adjustments to Noxious Weeds' 2016 budget.

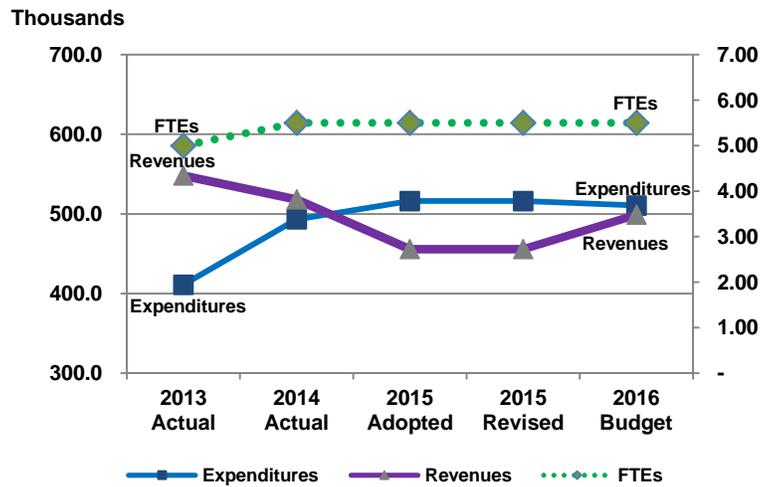


**Departmental Graphical Summary**

**Noxious Weeds**  
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



**Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs**  
All Operating Funds



**Budget Summary by Category**

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Adopted	2015 Revised	2016 Budget	Amount Chg '15 Rev.-'16	% Chg '15 Rev.-'16
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Personnel	242,087	290,021	321,226	321,226	308,417	(12,809)	-3.99%
Contractual Services	101,831	109,349	94,302	94,302	102,006	7,704	8.17%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	66,948	93,721	100,629	100,629	100,129	(500)	-0.50%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>410,866</b>	<b>493,091</b>	<b>516,157</b>	<b>516,157</b>	<b>510,552</b>	<b>(5,606)</b>	<b>-1.09%</b>
<b>Revenues</b>							
Tax Revenues	495,454	416,725	400,390	400,390	433,615	33,225	8.30%
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	52,382	101,310	54,755	54,755	65,342	10,587	19.33%
All Other Revenue	290	-	292	292	-	(292)	-100.00%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>548,126</b>	<b>518,035</b>	<b>455,437</b>	<b>455,437</b>	<b>498,956</b>	<b>43,519</b>	<b>9.56%</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>							
Property Tax Funded	5.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	-	0.00%
Non-Property Tax Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total FTEs</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

**Budget Summary by Fund**

Fund	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Adopted	2015 Revised	2016 Budget	Amount Chg '15 Rev.-'16	% Chg '15 Rev.-'16
Noxious Weeds	410,866	493,091	516,157	516,157	510,552	(5,606)	-1.09%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>410,866</b>	<b>493,091</b>	<b>516,157</b>	<b>516,157</b>	<b>510,552</b>	<b>(5,606)</b>	<b>-1.09%</b>

**Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget**

Expenditures      Revenues      FTEs

**Total**      -      -      -

**Budget Summary by Program**

Program	Fund	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Adopted	2015 Revised	2016 Budget	% Chg '15 Rev.-'16	2016 FTEs
Noxious Weeds	207	410,866	493,091	516,157	516,157	510,552	-1.09%	5.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>410,866</b>	<b>493,091</b>	<b>516,157</b>	<b>516,157</b>	<b>510,552</b>	<b>-1.09%</b>	<b>5.50</b>

**Personnel Summary By Fund**

Position Titles	Fund	Grade	Budgeted Compensation Comparison			FTE Comparison		
			2015 Adopted	2015 Revised	2016 Budget	2015 Adopted	2015 Revised	2016 Budget
Noxious Weed Director	207	GRADE130	52,639	53,639	53,639	1.00	1.00	1.00
Senior Herbicide Applicator	207	GRADE124	35,705	36,835	36,835	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Specialist	207	GRADE123	17,082	17,453	17,453	0.50	0.50	0.50
Herbicide Applicator	207	GRADE117	87,049	88,566	88,566	3.00	3.00	3.00
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>196,493</b>			
Add:								
Budgeted Personnel Savings					-			
Compensation Adjustments					5,380			
Overtime/On Call/Holiday Pay					2,217			
Benefits					104,327			
<b>Total Personnel Budget</b>					<b>308,417</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.50</b>