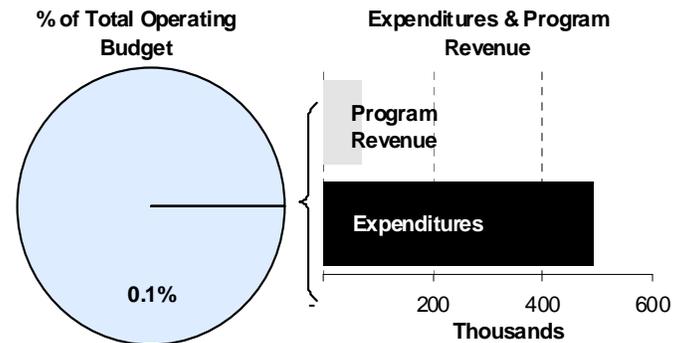
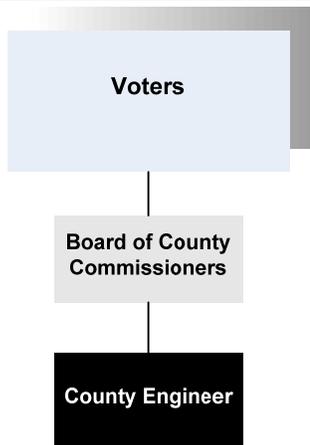




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Mission:
 To control and eradicate noxious weeds on all property within Sedgwick County.



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 five years. At that rate of spread, 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-up 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 a GPS-based mapping system to catalog, and monitor noxious weed infestations. Current updates to GIS software packages promise to allow a smooth interface between the two systems resulting in an industry leading approach.

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.

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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.

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**
- **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

Department Accomplishments

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

Budget Adjustments

Changes to the Noxious Weeds 2011 budget reflect a one percent increase in contractual, commodity, and capital equipment based on 2009 actual expenditures for property tax supported funds as well as a \$11,795 reduction in fleet charges.

Significant Adjustments From Previous Budget Year

- Reduction in departmental fleet charges

Expenditures	Revenue	FTEs
(11,795)		

Total	(11,795)	-	-
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Budget Summary by Category

	2009 Actual	2010 Adopted	2010 Revised	2011 Budget	% Chg. '10-'11
Expenditures					
Personnel	277,813	288,764	288,764	300,918	4.2%
Contractual Services	105,571	110,076	110,076	90,400	-17.9%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	97,380	102,198	102,198	100,162	-2.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	480,764	501,038	501,038	491,480	-1.9%
Revenue					
Taxes	447,927	389,808	389,808	410,829	5.4%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	64,171	74,428	74,428	71,123	-4.4%
Other Revenue	(0)	41	41	-	-100.0%
Total Revenue	512,098	464,277	464,277	481,952	3.8%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.0%

Budget Summary by Fund

Expenditures	2010 Revised	2011 Budget
Noxious Weeds-207	501,038	491,480
Total Expenditures	501,038	491,480

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	Expenditures					Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)		
		2009 Actual	2010 Adopted	2010 Revised	2011 Budget	% Chg. '10-'11	2010 Adopted	2010 Revised	2011 Budget
Noxious Weeds	207	480,764	501,038	501,038	491,480	-1.9%	5.00	5.00	5.00
Noxious Weeds Chem	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		480,764	501,038	501,038	491,480	-1.9%	5.00	5.00	5.00



Personnel Summary by Fund

Position Title(s)	Fund	Band	Budgeted Personnel Costs			Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)		
			2010 Adopted	2010 Revised	2011 Budget	2010 Adopted	2010 Revised	2011 Budget
HHW/Noxious Weed Director	207	B428	42,141	42,141	43,762	0.50	0.50	0.50
Senior Herbicide Applicator	207	B321	47,757	48,691	50,564	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Specialist	207	B219	-	15,310	15,899	-	0.50	0.50
Herbicide Applicator	207	B216	97,744	99,673	103,507	3.00	3.00	3.00
Fiscal Associate	207	B216	13,823	-	-	0.50	-	-
Subtotal					213,732	5.00	5.00	5.00
Add:								
Budgeted Personnel Savings (Turnover)					-			
Compensation Adjustments					-			
Overtime/On Call/Holiday Pay					4,108			
Benefits					83,078			
Total Personnel Budget*					300,918			

* The 2011 personnel budget accommodates one additional payroll posting period. The budget is not reflective of an individual employee's annual salary due to the timing variance between the posting of payroll and the employee's receipt of compensation.

