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- ❑ The mission of Noxious Weeds Department is to control and eradicate noxious weeds on all property within Sedgwick County. To achieve this, the department provides unbiased information to the public on vegetation control based on proven techniques and products. It also designs and implements an integrated vegetation management program on county roadsides and properties.

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 law 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 have 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 use 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.

**Budget Summary by Category**

	2004 Actual	2005 Adopted	2005 Revised	2006 Budget	% Chg. 05-06
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	237,601	234,412	234,412	232,845	-0.7%
Contractual Services	84,638	93,493	88,193	89,308	1.3%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	94,347	96,754	96,754	115,191	19.1%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	(47)	-	5,300	-	-100.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>416,539</b>	<b>424,659</b>	<b>424,659</b>	<b>437,344</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Taxes	282,391	274,729	274,729	353,791	28.8%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	67,220	93,345	93,345	70,051	-25.0%
Other Revenue	2,260	52	52	-	-100.0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>351,871</b>	<b>368,126</b>	<b>368,126</b>	<b>423,842</b>	<b>15.1%</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Budget Summary by Fund**

	2005 Revised	2006 Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Noxious Weed	424,659	437,344
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>424,659</b>	<b>437,344</b>

### Department Performance Measures and Goals

Type of Measure	Performance Measure	2004 Actual	2005 Est.	2006 Proj.	Goals:
<b>Input:</b> Resources needed to produce a unit of output	Full time Equivalent (FTE)	5	5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully treat all noxious weed infestations on all county properties and rights of way</li> <li>Control with the objective of eradication, all Sericea Lespedeza in Sedgwick County</li> <li>To increase public awareness of noxious weeds</li> <li>To provide prompt service</li> </ul>
<b>Output:</b> Amount of product or service provided	Acres treated through department	3882	4058	4058	
<b>Efficiency:</b> Inputs consumed to produce a unit of output	Percent of infestation controlled on County property	88	92	90	
<b>Service Quality:</b> Client satisfaction, and timeliness	Percentage of timely treatment made during optimum control period	55	50	50	
<b>Outcome:</b> Qualitative consequence associated with the service	Percent of noxious weed nurseries along roads eliminated in compliance with state law	93	97	97	