

Noxious Weeds

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

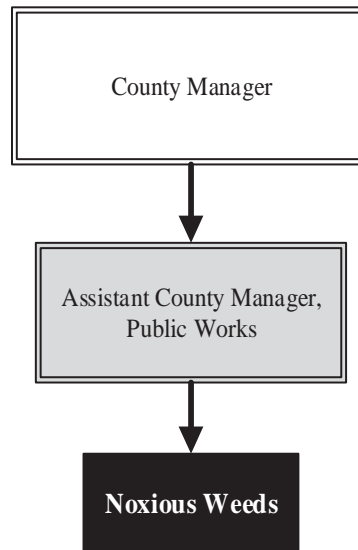
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Overview

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 Division's primary responsibility. The Division 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 right-of-ways
- Control, with the objective of eradication, all *Sericea Lespedeza* in Sedgwick County
- Increase public awareness of noxious weeds

Highlights

- Identified, mapped, and treated all acreage known to have *Sericea Lespedeza*
- Inspected and treated over 1,800 acres of KDOT property for noxious weeds
- Completed erosion control planting along bridges and streams after repair or replacement
- Mapped all musk thistle infestations to aide County employees and land owners precisely target applications and track spread in the County
- Provided vegetation management along 18 miles of bike paths in the County



Accomplishments and Priorities

Accomplishments

The Noxious Weeds Division puts much thought into the purchase of herbicides and equipment each year as the Division 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 Division 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 Division 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, Johnson grass, musk thistle, and 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.

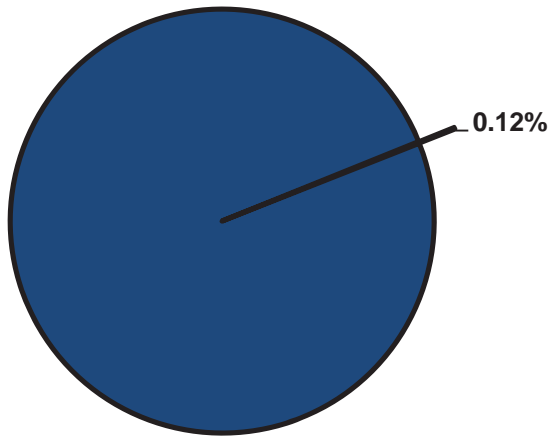


Significant Budget Adjustments

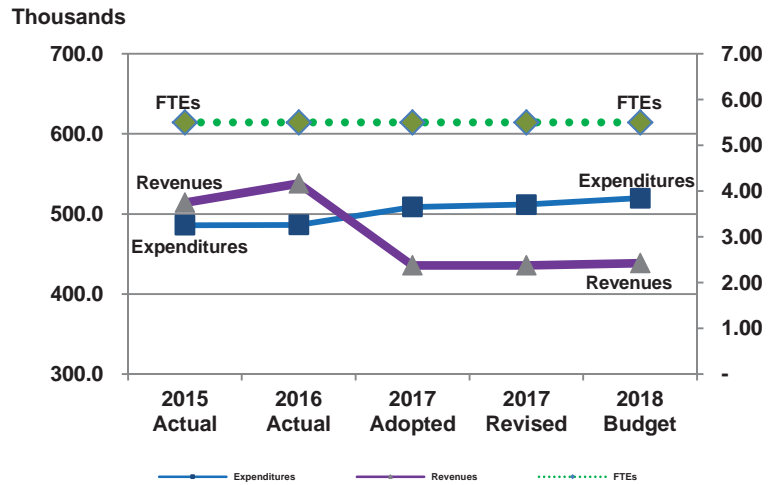
There are no significant adjustments to Noxious Weeds' 2018 budget.

Divisional Graphical Summary

Noxious Weeds
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs
All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Adopted	2017 Revised	2018 Budget	Amount Chg '17 Rev.-'18	% Chg '17 Rev.-'18
Expenditures							
Personnel	303,747	292,407	306,537	309,462	319,382	9,920	3.21%
Contractual Services	102,150	102,927	102,080	102,080	102,640	560	0.55%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	80,095	90,942	100,129	100,129	97,629	(2,500)	-2.50%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	485,991	486,276	508,746	511,671	519,651	7,980	1.56%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	397,900	432,913	321,256	321,256	333,101	11,845	3.69%
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	115,902	105,205	114,260	114,260	105,163	(9,098)	-7.96%
All Other Revenue	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	513,803	538,118	435,517	435,517	438,264	2,747	0.63%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)							
Property Tax Funded	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	-	0.00%
Non-Property Tax Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total FTEs	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	-	0.00%

Budget Summary by Fund

Fund	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Adopted	2017 Revised	2018 Budget	Amount Chg '17 Rev.-'18	% Chg '17 Rev.-'18
Noxious Weeds	485,991	486,276	508,746	511,671	519,651	7,980	1.56%
Total Expenditures	485,991	486,276	508,746	511,671	519,651	7,980	1.56%

Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

Expenditures Revenues FTEs

Total _____ _____ _____

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Adopted	2017 Revised	2018 Budget	% Chg '17 Rev.-'18	2018 FTEs
Noxious Weeds	207	485,991	486,276	508,746	511,671	519,651	1.56%	5.50
Total		485,991	486,276	508,746	511,671	519,651	1.56%	5.50

Personnel Summary By Fund

Position Titles	Fund	Grade	Budgeted Compensation Comparison			FTE Comparison		
			2017 Adopted	2017 Revised	2018 Budget	2017 Adopted	2017 Revised	2018 Budget
Noxious Weed Director	207	GRADE130	54,293	55,363	55,363	1.00	1.00	1.00
Senior Herbicide Applicator	207	GRADE124	37,546	39,100	39,100	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Specialist	207	GRADE123	17,803	18,913	18,913	0.50	0.50	0.50
Herbicide Applicator	207	GRADE117	89,729	92,321	92,321	3.00	3.00	3.00
Subtotal					205,697			
Add:								
Budgeted Personnel Savings					-			
Compensation Adjustments					8,015			
Overtime/On Call/Holiday Pay					2,306			
Benefits					103,365			
Total Personnel Budget					319,382	5.50	5.50	5.50