

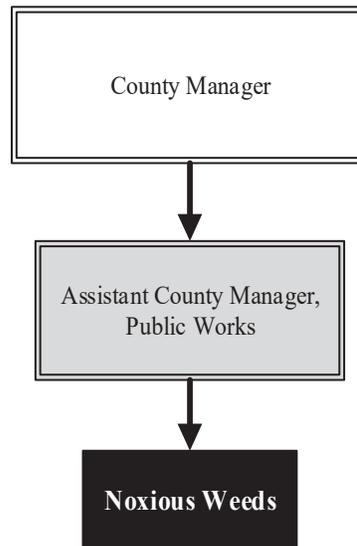
Noxious Weeds

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, 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 over 40 properties for *Sericea Lespedeza*
- Mowed and managed 26 acres along County-maintained bike paths
- Identified, mapped, and treated over 370 properties for musk thistle
- Provided education, treatment options, and chemicals to over 300 citizens for noxious weed control



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.

Strategic Results

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.

Noxious Weeds has completed inspections on 2,000 acres of property owned by Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), fulfilling the goal of completing 100.0 percent of the contracted amount. Additionally, the Division inspected and treated, as needed, 2,322 of 3,260 acres (71.2 percent) of County-owned property for noxious weeds, falling slightly below the goal of 75.0 percent

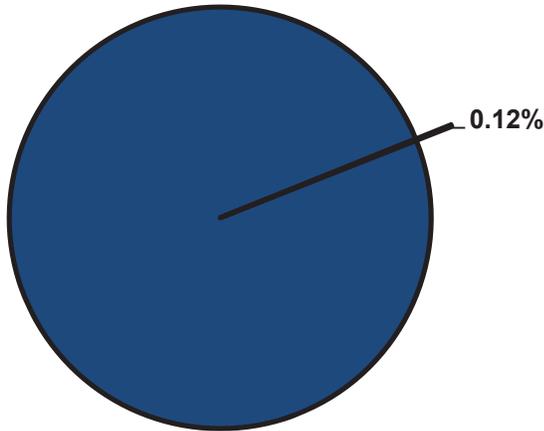


Significant Budget Adjustments

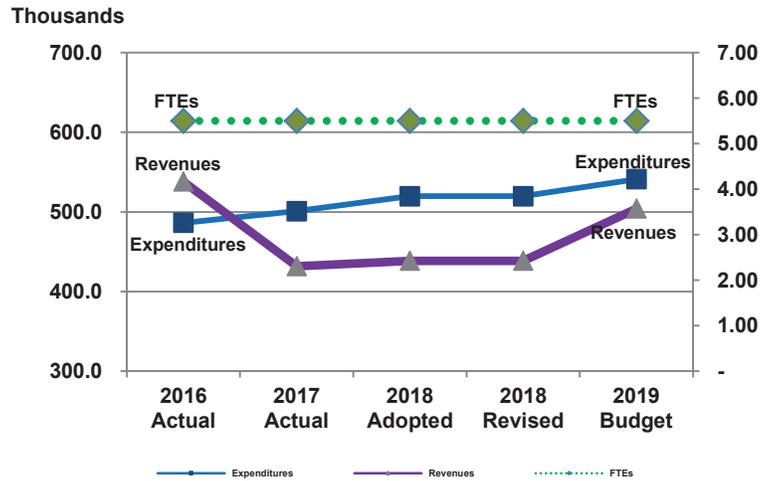
There are no significant adjustments to Noxious Weeds' 2019 budget.

Divisional Graphical Summary

Noxious Weeds
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs
All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Adopted	2018 Revised	2019 Budget	Amount Chg '18 Rev.-'19	% Chg '18 Rev.-'19
Expenditures							
Personnel	292,407	310,024	319,382	319,382	339,258	19,876	6.22%
Contractual Services	102,927	96,888	102,640	102,640	102,240	(400)	-0.39%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	90,942	94,088	97,629	97,629	99,629	2,000	2.05%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	486,276	501,001	519,651	519,651	541,127	21,476	4.13%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	432,913	320,673	333,101	333,101	388,666	55,565	16.68%
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	105,205	110,838	105,163	105,163	115,316	10,153	9.65%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	538,118	431,511	438,264	438,264	503,981	65,718	14.99%
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

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Personnel Summary By Fund

Position Titles	Fund	Grade	Budgeted Compensation Comparison			FTE Comparison		
			2018 Adopted	2018 Revised	2019 Budget	2018 Adopted	2018 Revised	2019 Budget
Noxious Weed Director	207	GRADE130	55,363	56,747	56,747	1.00	1.00	1.00
Senior Herbicide Applicator	207	GRADE124	39,100	40,080	40,080	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Specialist	207	GRADE123	18,913	19,387	19,387	0.50	0.50	0.50
Herbicide Applicator	207	GRADE117	92,321	93,856	93,856	3.00	3.00	3.00
Subtotal					210,069			
Add:								
Budgeted Personnel Savings					-			
Compensation Adjustments					10,420			
Overtime/On Call/Holiday Pay					2,306			
Benefits					116,464			
Total Personnel Budget					339,258	5.50	5.50	5.50