

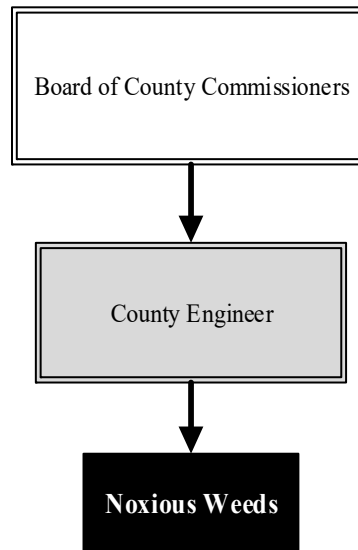
Noxious Weeds

Mission: Promote and perform sustainable noxious weed management practices that maintain or improve agricultural productivity in 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 growing on 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 all-terrain vehicle (ATV) mounted spray units, is used for efficient and environmentally responsible treatment of infestations.



Strategic Goals:

- Increase property owners' voluntary compliance with State laws related to noxious weeds
- Where voluntary compliance control cannot be achieved, ensure that infected privately owned sites received direct treatment for noxious weeds
- Maintain partnerships with public agencies to ensure that right-of-ways and public properties are free of noxious weeds

Highlights

- Inspected and treated as needed over 400 properties with Musk Thistle, over 50 properties with Sericea Lespedeza, and properties with other noxious weeds upon request
- Seeded several Public Works projects including ditches that were cleaned, widened, and regraded in several areas of the County



Accomplishments and Strategic Results

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 and roadways. 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 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, 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 and treatments on 2,200 acres of property owned by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), fulfilling the goal of completing 99.0 percent of the contracted amount. Additionally, the Department inspected and treated, as needed, 2,650 of 3,260 acres (81.0 percent) of County-owned property for noxious weeds, just above the goal of 75.0 percent

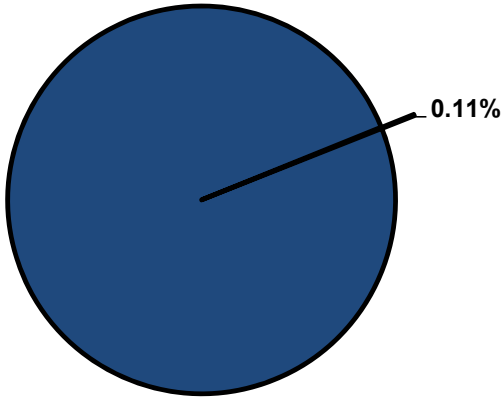


Significant Budget Adjustments

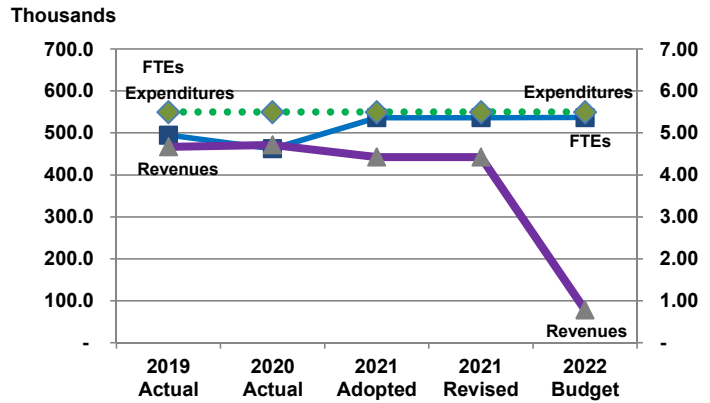
Significant adjustments to Noxious Weeds' 2022 Recommended Budget include a decrease in tax revenues due to the consolidation of the Noxious Weed Fund into the General Fund (\$349,438).

Departmental Graphical Summary

Noxious Weeds
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs
All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Adopted	2021 Revised	2022 Budget	Amount Chg '21 Rev.-'22	% Chg '21 Rev.-'22
Expenditures							
Personnel	308,537	271,771	343,442	343,442	360,103	16,662	4.85%
Contractual Services	104,278	100,464	93,281	93,281	76,801	(16,480)	-17.67%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	81,909	90,266	99,629	99,629	99,629	-	0.00%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	494,725	462,501	536,352	536,352	536,533	182	0.03%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	377,444	395,794	349,438	349,438	-	(349,438)	-100.00%
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	89,619	73,090	93,240	93,240	76,042	(17,198)	-18.44%
All Other Revenue	-	2,839	-	-	2,953	2,953	-
Total Revenues	467,063	471,722	442,678	442,678	78,995	(363,683)	-82.16%
Full-Time Equivalentents (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	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Adopted	2021 Revised	2022 Budget	Amount Chg '21 Rev.-'22	% Chg '21 Rev.-'22
Noxious Weeds	494,725	462,501	536,352	536,352	-	(536,352)	-100.00%
General Fund	-	-	-	-	536,533	-	-
Total Expenditures	494,725	462,501	536,352	536,352	536,533	(536,352)	0.03%

Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

	Expenditures	Revenues	FTEs
Decrease in tax revenues due to consolidation of the Noxious Weeds Fund into the General Fund		(349,438)	
Total	-	(349,438)	-

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Adopted	2021 Revised	2022 Budget	% Chg '21 Rev.-'22	2022 FTEs
Noxious Weeds	Multi.	494,725	462,501	536,352	536,352	536,533	0.03%	5.50
Total		494,725	462,501	536,352	536,352	536,533	0.03%	5.50

Personnel Summary By Fund

Position Titles	Fund	Grade	Budgeted Compensation Comparison			FTE Comparison		
			2021 Adopted	2021 Revised	2022 Budget	2021 Adopted	2021 Revised	2022 Budget
Noxious Weed Director	110	GRADE133	-	-	61,853	-	-	1.00
Senior Herbicide Applicator	110	GRADE124	-	-	42,856	-	-	1.00
Administrative Support III	110	GRADE122	-	-	16,806	-	-	0.50
Herbicide Applicator	110	GRADE118	-	-	91,353	-	-	3.00
Noxious Weed Director	207	GRADE130	59,474	59,474	-	1.00	1.00	-
Senior Herbicide Applicator	207	GRADE124	42,006	42,016	-	1.00	1.00	-
Administrative Support III	207	GRADE123	17,650	17,659	-	0.50	0.50	-
Herbicide Applicator	207	GRADE117	83,690	88,008	-	3.00	3.00	-
Subtotal					212,868			
Add:								
Budgeted Personnel Savings					-			
Compensation Adjustments					10,177			
Overtime/On Call/Holiday Pay					2,306			
Benefits					134,752			
Total Personnel Budget					360,103	5.50	5.50	5.50