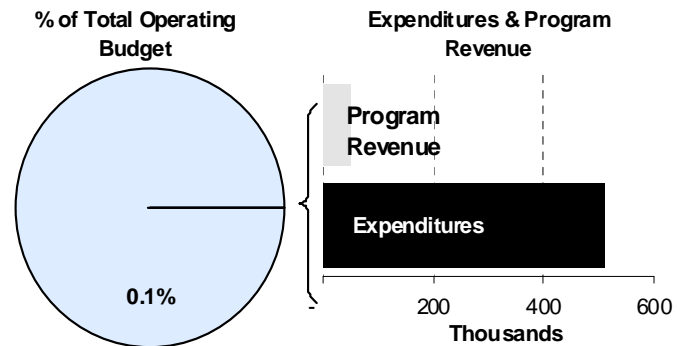
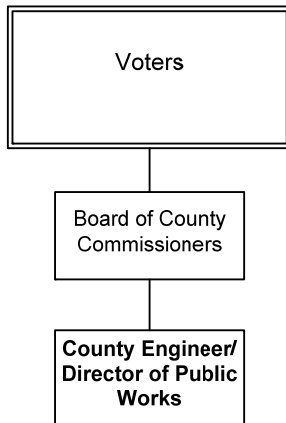




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Mission:
 To control and eradicate noxious weeds on all property within Sedgwick County.



Description of Major Services

The Noxious Weeds Department controls and eradicates noxious weeds on all property within Sedgwick County, as required by state law (KSA 2-1318). The Department’s 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. Noxious Weeds also 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 5 years. At that rate, 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 has helped protect Kansas cropland and rangeland from such invasive noxious weeds as the field bindweed, musk thistle and the newest threat, sericea lespedeza.

Programs and Functions

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.

The Noxious Weeds Department contracts with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the treatment of the noxious weeds that are growing on their right-of way areas. The department also assists and advises the City of Wichita and McConnell Air Base on a variety of vegetation control issues. In recent years the department worked closely with the Kansas Department of Wildlife

and Parks on re-establishing Spotted Skunk habitat in disturbed areas.

Current and Emerging Issues

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. The Department's control of noxious weeds along the County right of way is an essential part of the strategy to prevent their spread to cropland.

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. 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 educates and counsels its customers on the proper handling, mixing, and application of herbicides.

Noxious Weed staff is all experienced, have longevity in their field and hold Commercial Applicator licenses issued by the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Budget Adjustments

Changes to the Noxious Weeds 2013 budget include a reduction of \$25,572 in revenue from charges for service due to revised projections of actual collections, despite an increase in rate for service in state contract renewal.

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 on noxious weeds, the threat they present and how to treat them how to treat them

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**
- **To increase public awareness of noxious weeds**

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Significant Adjustments From Previous Budget Year

	Expenditures	Revenue	FTEs
● Reduced charges for service due to actual collections despite increased rate from state contract renewal		(25,572)	
Total	-	(25,572)	-

Budget Summary by Category						Budget Summary by Fund		
	2011 Actual	2012 Adopted	2012 Revised	2013 Budget	% Chg. '12-'13	Expenditures	2012 Revised	2013 Budget
Expenditures								
Personnel	304,817	304,889	304,889	295,435	-3.1%	Noxious Weeds-207	510,400	509,708
Contractual Services	102,848	105,349	105,349	114,111	8.3%			
Debt Service	-	-	-	-				
Commodities	79,809	100,162	100,162	100,162	0.0%			
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-				
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-				
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-				
Total Expenditures	487,474	510,400	510,400	509,708	-0.1%	Total Expenditures	510,400	509,708
Revenue								
Taxes	412,390	423,318	423,318	490,697	15.9%			
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-				
Charges For Service	41,810	76,987	76,987	51,415	-33.2%			
Other Revenue	0	-	-	-				
Total Revenue	454,200	500,305	500,305	542,112	8.4%			
Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.0%			

Budget Summary by Program						Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs)				
Program	Fund	Expenditures				2013 Budget	% Chg. '12-'13	Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs)		
		2011 Actual	2012 Adopted	2012 Revised	2012 Adopted			2012 Revised	2013 Budget	
Noxious Weeds	207	487,474	510,400	510,400	509,708	-0.1%	5.00	5.00	5.00	
Total		487,474	510,400	510,400	509,708	-0.1%	5.00	5.00	5.00	

Personnel Summary by Fund

Position Title(s)	Fund	Band	Budgeted Personnel Costs			Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)			
			2012 Adopted	2012 Revised	2013 Budget	2012 Adopted	2012 Revised	2013 Budget	
HHW/Noxious Weed Director	207	B428	43,404	43,576	43,576	0.50	0.50	0.50	
Senior Herbicide Applicator	207	B321	49,812	49,812	49,812	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Administrative Specialist	207	B219	15,670	15,670	15,670	0.50	0.50	0.50	
Herbicide Applicator	207	B216	101,251	88,043	88,043	3.00	3.00	3.00	
Subtotal					197,101		5.00	5.00	5.00
Add:									
Budgeted Personnel Savings (Turnover)					-				
Compensation Adjustments					-				
Overtime/On Call/Holiday Pay					2,217				
Benefits					96,117				
Total Personnel Budget					295,435				

