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**Mission:**

- 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 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 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 has helped protect Kansas cropland and rangeland from such invasive noxious weeds as the field bindweed, musk thistle and the newest threat, sericea lespedeza.

**Budget Adjustments:**

Item:	Amount:
• No Adjustments	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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.

Noxious Weeds is developing, together with County GIS staff, a GPS-based database and system to catalog, treat and monitor noxious weed infestations. Staff is currently evaluating various devices for utility and durability.

**Budget Summary by Category**

	2006 Actual	2007 Adopted	2007 Revised	2008 Budget	% Chg. 07-08
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	233,392	241,865	241,865	251,472	4.0%
Contractual Services	90,256	97,822	97,822	100,098	2.3%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	96,185	110,431	110,431	105,925	-4.1%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>419,833</b>	<b>450,118</b>	<b>450,118</b>	<b>457,495</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Taxes	352,036	378,470	378,470	384,743	1.7%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	64,997	71,146	71,146	63,521	-10.7%
Other Revenue	2,506	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>419,539</b>	<b>449,616</b>	<b>449,616</b>	<b>448,264</b>	<b>-0.3%</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**

	2007 Revised	2008 Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>		
General Fund	450,118	457,495
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>450,118</b>	<b>457,495</b>



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**Department Performance Measures and Goals**

Type of Measure	Performance Measure	2006 Actual	2007 Est.	2008 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	4427	4515	4606	
<b>Efficiency:</b> Inputs consumed to produce a unit of output	Percent of infestation controlled on County property	95%	97%	97%	
<b>Service Quality:</b> Client satisfaction, and timeliness	Percentage of timely treatment made during optimum control period	50%	50%	50%	
<b>Outcome:</b> Qualitative consequence associated with the service	Percent of noxious weed nurseries along roads eliminated in compliance with state law	97%	97%	97%	

