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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.

Noxious Weeds staff use 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.

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 Summary by Category

	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
Expenditures					
Personnel	223,690	232,845	232,845	241,865	3.9%
Contractual Services	88,866	89,308	89,308	97,822	9.5%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	94,132	115,191	115,191	104,831	-9.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	5,300	-	-	5,600	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	411,988	437,344	437,344	450,118	2.9%
Revenue					
Taxes	283,492	354,671	354,671	378,470	6.7%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	68,847	70,051	70,051	71,146	1.6%
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	352,339	424,722	424,722	449,616	5.9%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.0%

Budget Summary by Fund

	2006 Revised	2007 Budget
Expenditures		
General Fund	437,344	450,118
Total Expenditures	437,344	450,118

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Department Performance Measures and Goals

Type of Measure	Performance Measure	2005 Actual	2006 Est.	2007 Proj.
Input: Resources needed to produce a unit of output	Full time Equivalent (FTE)	5	5	5
Output: Amount of product or service provided	Acres treated through department	4058	4058	4058
Efficiency: Inputs consumed to produce a unit of output	Percent of infestation controlled on County property	92%	90%	90%
Service Quality: Client satisfaction, and timeliness	Percentage of timely treatment made during optimum control period	50%	50%	50%
Outcome: Qualitative consequence associated with the service	Percent of noxious weed nurseries along roads eliminated in compliance with state law	97%	97%	97%

- Goals:**
- 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
 - To provide prompt service

