

2022 Management Plan

For Ottawa County

Kenny Baccus, County Weed Director

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the coming year.

The goals and priorities for Ottawa County Noxious Weed Department for 2022 are to work better with the Ottawa County Highway Department on mowing efforts to control undesirable vegetation from growing to seeding stage as well as blading efforts to control the spread of Field Bindweed. We will closer with Kansas Department of Transportation in our county to control the spread of Musk Thistle and Johnson Grass from reaching blooming stage along with the haying of the ROW's as our KDOT District no longer requires the weed directors' signature in order to hay the state ROW.

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the next five years.

The Ottawa County Noxiouse Weed Department hopes to regain the format to require Kansas Department of Agriculture to obtain the weed directors signature baefore any haying of state highways can be made. To possibly have the KDOT departments across the state mandatorily buy the chemical from the local weed departments in their respective counties in order to save the state money.

Describe the areas which noxious weed species are known to occur within the county and specific locations of new infestations and areas particularly susceptible to new infestations.

Field bindweed	Found throughout the county
Musk thistle	Northwest part of county. Smaller infestations along West edge/West of K-106
Sericea lespedeza	South end of county and Northeast
Johnsongrass	Southwest part of County/ K-18 HWY and 81 Corridor
Bur ragweed	
Canada thistle	
Hoary cress	
Leafy spurge	
Quackgrass	
Kudzu	
Russian knapweed	

List any non-noxious invasive weed species you plan to control and the types of integrated weed control methods you plan on using on them.

Ottawa County Noxious Weed Department will use chemical control on all non-noxious invasive weed species to assure growth of desirable native grasses. Some species of non-noxious invasive species might include but not limited to are Common Mullein, Curly Dock, Iron Weed, Cheat Grass, Palmer Amaranth, and Kochia.

List your planned integrated weed management goals and procedures, including but not limited to biological control agent selection and distribution, pesticide selection and application and cultural and mechanical controls.

Biological Controls

Chemical Controls

Ottawa County Noxious Weed Department utilizes several different chemicals to cover a wide range of species. Typically combining different modes of action to assure of a better kill. Examples might include Milestone, Group 4 with Escort XP, Group 2 for broadleaf control. Examples for grass control might include Plateau, Group 2 with Dryphosate, Group 9.

Cultural Controls

Mechanical Controls

Ottawa County plans to use mowing, chopping and digging as mechanical control.

Estimate the projected personnel, operations, and equipment costs of the proposed program.

Personnel costs	Kenny with 65% of time, \$33,800. John with 65% of time, \$24,336.
Operations costs	\$80,000 in chemical and daily building operation.
Equipment costs	

List the methods you plan to use to encourage compliance and the enforcement actions you will take if necessary.

The Ottawa County Noxious Weed Department Places K.S.A 2-1331(b) General Notice in our local newspaper for three consecutive weeks beginning the first week of March. During the early part of the spray season, we send out K.S.A. 2-1331(a) Warning Notice to notify the landowner of infestation in hopes of cooperation in the said matter. If no cooperation is made between parties the Ottawa County Noxious Weed Department sends out in early fall K.S.A. 2-1331(c) Legal Notice dictating that said landowner must comply with such demands.

List your plans for working with state and/or federal agencies to control the noxious weeds on state and/or federal lands.

The Ottawa County Noxious Weed Department contacts our local Kansas Department of Transportation facility by cell phone and notify them of any noxious weed infestation. Kansas Department of Transportation District 2 no longer offers contracts for spraying and has taken over the spraying efforts in house. KDOT District 2 also does not require County Weed Directors signature on the hay permits for haying of state Right of Ways.

The Ottawa County Lake is owned by Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. I am unaware if they employ a area manager and if there is any efforts being made to control noxious weeds on this state owned property.

Describe your education and outreach plans for the coming year. Include training and professional development for yourself and your staff. (Attend District meetings? Annual Conference? Recertification?)

I attend our monthly district meetings when possible. I am in charge of putting on the County Weed Directors Association of Kansas Annual Conference in which I have selected 6 credit hours in 1A, 6, & 7C and 7 credit hours in 9A. I have one spray operator under my direct supervision with a Private Applicators License and has also passed Basic School. He also attends district meetings when applicable.

List the facilities and equipment available for use in managing the noxious weeds in your county, including a list of the equipment available for rent to the public and the rent you charge.

The Ottawa County Noxious Weed Department has one office building and one shop that houses the spray equipment along with the chemical storage. We currently have a 1999 IHC 4700 with a Raven Chemical Injection System and Agterra Spraylogger mapping system, 2018 Dodge 3500 with a Raven spray system and Agterra Spraylogger mapping system, and a 2010 Kubota RTV 1100 with a 115-gallon tank.

Noxious Weed Department Employees

Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Wd Dept.	# Jobs within the county
Kenny Baccus	Director	16	1
John Hendrick	Spray Operator	10	1

I certify that this is the official 2022 Management Plan of Ottawa County

 _____, County Weed Director March 7, 2022
Date

09 My _____, County Commissioner 3-7-22
Date

Dawn D. Way _____, County Commissioner Mar. 7, 2022
Date

Scott Portimer _____, County Commissioner 3/6/22
Date