

2022 Management Plan

For THOMAS

County

CLAIR SCHROCK

, County Weed Director

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

For the 2022 growing season, Thomas County Weed Department plans to spray the county right-of-ways solid in late march/early may with a combination of 12 ounces of Dicamba and 16 ounces of Picloram to gain early control of noxious weeds and to limit growth of other non-desirables, aiding the early mowing operation. In the fall, the Weed Department will spot treat the noxious weeds in the right-of way.

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

There are 13 townships in Thomas County and 972 miles of township roads encompassing nearly 4000 acres. One of those 13 townships is maintained by Thomas County. Five additional townships have shown interest in hiring Thomas County to spray their right-of-ways. They will be spot treated for noxious weeds by the county weed department. Each township is responsible for controlling their noxious weeds unless contracted to the county weed department. Township trustees will be notified by the county weed director about complaints and infestations of noxious weeds on their right-of-ways.

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	KDOT & COUNTY RIGHT OF WAYS/FIELDS
Musk thistle	PASTURES/SOME KDOT & COUNTY RIGHT OF WAYS
Sericea lespedeza	N/A
Johnsongrass	PASTURES/KDOT & COUNTY RIGHT OF WAYS
Bur ragweed	N/A
Canada thistle	PASTURES/SOME COUNTY RIGHT OF WAYS
Hoary cress	N/A
Leafy spurge	N/A
Quackgrass	N/A
Kudzu	N/A
Russian knapweed	N/A

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.

Bindweed again is the number one priority with lesser amounts of Musk Thistle, Burr Ragweed and Canada Thistle present.

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

The recommended treatment for townships will be one pint of Picloram or Dicamba plus one pound of 2,4-D applied in June.

Cultural Controls

GRASS SEEDING OF COUNTY RIGHT OF WAYS

Mechanical Controls

MOWING RIGHT OF WAYS

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

Personnel costs	\$39954.17
Operations costs	\$288617.31
Equipment costs	\$26575.16

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

PRIVATE LAND OWNERS AND TOWNSHIP WILL BE NOTIFIED BY CERTIFIED LETTERS AND VISIT WITH THEM BY PHONE TO GET THE BEST RESULTS.

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

The State of Kansas has 129 miles of highway present in Thomas County. Kansas highways 25 and 83 run north and south through the county while highways 24 and 70 run roughly east and west. These right-of-ways encompass nearly 1000 acres. The state has contracted the noxious weed spraying to Thomas County Weed Department. Bindweed again is the major concern on these right-of-ways with very small amounts of Musk Thistle, Burr Ragweed, Canada Thistle and Johnson Grass present. In 2022 the county weed department plans to spot spray for noxious weeds in early summer and again in the fall as needed.

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?)

ATTEND DISTRICT MEETINGS
ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
RECERTIFICATION OF CORA HOURS/CREDIT HOURS
GET ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

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.

There are five towns in Thomas County: Colby (the county seat), Brewster, Rexford, Menlo and Gem. In the cities, I plan to work with the public works directors and report noxious weed infestations and complaints to them.

1999 FORD F-450 SPRAY TRUCK \$45.00
 2012 FORD F-350 SPRAY TRUCK \$45.00
 2014 4-WHEELER \$35.00
 2019 4-WHEELER \$35.00
 2013 ENCLOSED TRAILER

Noxious Weed Department Employees

Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Wd Dept.	# Jobs within the county
CLAIR SCHROCK	WEED DIRECTOR	15 YEARS	2
ANTHONY HERONEME	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1 YEAR	2
LARRY ROGERS	ASSISTANT SPRAYER	5 YEARS	2

I certify that this is the official WEED Management Plan of THOMAS County

Clair Schrock, County Weed Director 03-14-2022
 Date

Miss Boyd, County Commissioner 03-14-2022
 Date

Bud Fegan, County Commissioner 03-14-2022
 Date

Brian Juelde, County Commissioner 03-14-2022
 Date