

2026 Management Plan

For Franklin County

Rob Olson, County Weed Director

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

Franklin County Noxious Weed will treat the right-of-way's for noxious and invasive weeds in Franklin County. We will help educate property owners and/or tenants on the proper use of chemicals, application rates, and the proper timing for treating specific noxious weeds. Chemicals will be sold to the public at a reduced cost share rate for noxious weed use.

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

We will continue to build better and stronger bonds between landowners and the Noxious Weed department. We will continue to work toward the eradication of smaller infestations of noxious weeds in Franklin County.

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	Field Bindweed is usually found in the SW and NE areas of the County. This is mainly spread by road maintainers.
Musk thistle	Musk Thistle is found primarily in the NE and SW part of the County. New infestations are being kept to a minimum by our control methods.
Sericea lespedeza	Sericea is spreading. Highest concentration is in the east and SW areas of the County. Working on eradication in these areas, but also aware of surrounding areas.
Johnsongrass	Johnsongrass is a problem in the southern third of the County. River and creek areas are highly susceptible to breakouts, as well.
Bur ragweed	NA
Canada thistle	NA
Hoary cress	NA
Leafy spurge	NA
Quackgrass	NA
Kudzu	NA

Russian knapweed	NA
<u>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.</u>	
<p>We are turning our attention toward Poison Hemlock, as well, as it is a possible health risk. Poison Hemlock will be treated with proper chemicals.</p>	
<p>List your planned integrated weed management goals and procedures, with emphasis on noxious weed control on private land, including but not limited to biological control agent selection and distribution, pesticide selection and application and cultural and mechanical controls.</p>	
<p><u>Biological Controls</u></p> <p>We are still monitoring a small colony of thistle weevils in the SW portion of the County.</p>	
<p><u>Chemical Controls</u></p> <p>We will be using a custom blend of chemicals made up of Tordon 22K, Freelex, HighNoon, Escort and Liberate on Musk Thistle, Field Bindweed, Sericea Lespedeza, and Common and Cut-leaf Teasel.</p> <p>We will be using sulfosulfuron and /or imazapic on johnsongrass.</p>	
<p><u>Cultural Controls</u></p> <p>NA</p>	
<p><u>Mechanical Controls</u></p> <p><u>Arrange with the Road & Bridge Dept to mow spots when necessary.</u></p>	

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

Personnel costs	\$108,803.00
Operations costs	\$215,550.00
Equipment costs	\$20,000

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

Chemicals will continue to be sold to county landowners at a cost share price for noxious weed use.

We will publish the General Notice in the official County newspaper in March.

All warnings/issues/notices to landowners will be sent through the USPS or other carriers, if needed.

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

Franklin County will be in contact with KDOT and/or Kansas Rails for Trails if there are problem areas on their properties. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism will be contacted if the problem areas are on the Rails for Trails. Franklin County will offer assistance to these entities to resolve problem areas.

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?)

We have brochures available to the public identifying noxious weeds.

We will attend District meetings, attend producer meetings, as time allows, and attend the CWDAK Annual Conference to gain certification training.

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.

Franklin County has three trucks equipped with 400 gallon spray units. These are used to maintain the approximately 2000 miles of roadside and other County properties. We have a chemical storage facility that has a berm and also houses our truck loading/mixing area.

Franklin County offers 5 pull-type spray units to the public for their use in treating noxious weeds. These are easily pulled with a truck, small tractor or UTV. We offer (2) 200 gal, (2) 300 gal and (1) 400 gal units. These are available to rent from Franklin County for a daily rental fee of \$20.00.

Noxious Weed Department Employees

Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Weed Dept.	# Jobs within the county
Rob Olson		6	2

Weed Program Funding		Cost Share Sales	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Millage	<input type="checkbox"/> General Funds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct County Sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Voucher Program

I certify that this is the official 2026 Management Plan of Franklin County

_____, County Weed Director _____ Date

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