

### Noxious Weed

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#### Department Overview

Noxious Weed District is administered by the Noxious Weed Board, which is appointed by the County Commission. The Board hires a Noxious Weed Coordinator who is responsible for the control of weeds that have been identified and adopted as Noxious Weeds within Gallatin County and the State of Montana.

The Board and its coordinator have identified four essential components of a successful County noxious weed management department. Each component of the District policy reinforces, strengthens and contributes to the success of the other components. The four components are:

- **Management:** The District, with the help of Commercial Applicators, treat County properties for noxious weeds and assist municipalities on a critical need basis.
- **Education:** The District participates in many activities to provide information and technical assistance to County residents regarding noxious weed management on their property. The District participates in small acreage inspections/workshops, weed pulls, seminars, Home Owner's Association (HOA) meetings, trade shows, Farm Fair and develop grant project areas.
- **Enforcement:** The District contacts both private and public landowners regarding uncontrolled noxious weed infestations on their property after a formal complaint has been filed. The enforcement program focuses on complaints from previous years, new complaints and educating landowners.
- **Cooperative Projects:** The Weed District works with all public entities; Federal, State, County and City to coordinate noxious weed management efforts on public lands located within the County. Spray days, weed pulls and education are part of these projects.

#### Department Goals

- Act as coordinating agency for noxious weed management with Federal, State, County and local agencies and the public.
- Manage noxious weeds on County owned properties.
- Conduct PROACTIVE program to increase public awareness and on-the-ground management of noxious weeds with landowners.
- Conduct PROACTIVE program to increase compliance with noxious weed law.

#### Recent Accomplishments

- Cooperative spray/educational projects with Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance (GISA), Montana State University (MSU), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), United States Forest Service (USFS), Gallatin Valley Land Trust, Montana Department of Transportation, Madison County, City of Bozeman and the Town of Three Forks.
- 6th Annual Spray Day in Big Sky with GISA and Madison County Weed District.
- Continued Gravel Pit Certification Program for those Pits that want to be Certified.
- Investigated formal complaints for violations of the Noxious Weed Law. A court order was obtained for treating one property in 2018. This was a court order for 3 years of treatment. The court order from 2017 was also for 3 years of treatment.
- Conducted annual County Weed Manager's meeting for public agencies: Meeting focused on (1) identifying cooperative treatment projects (2) Overview of agency projects from 2018 and (3) proposed agency projects for 2019.
- Collaborated and assisted with a Ventenata education tour with Bayer Crop Science in FY2019. Assist Montana State University with mapping and research on Ventenata in 2019.
- Contracted out most of the county road system to commercial applicators and did not hire a seasonal spray crew, which has been a cost savings.
- Applied for and was awarded \$15,000 for a Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant to assist several landowners in the North Bridgers Weed Management Area.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Noxious Weed

### Department Budget

Object of Expenditure	Actual		Estimated		Request FY 2020	Preliminary FY 2020	Final FY 2020
	FY 2017	Final FY 2019	Actual FY 2017	Start Up FY 2020			
Personnel	\$ 195,226	\$ 207,643	\$ 207,572	\$ 217,905	\$ 217,906	\$ 217,905	\$ 220,216
Operations	129,694	149,129	132,569	160,243	152,614	145,673	145,673
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	69,958	-	63,761	69,958	68,902	68,902
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 324,920</b>	<b>\$ 426,730</b>	<b>\$ 340,141</b>	<b>\$ 441,909</b>	<b>\$ 440,478</b>	<b>\$ 432,480</b>	<b>\$ 434,791</b>

#### Budget by Fund Group

General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds	324,920	396,730	340,141	411,909	410,478	402,480	404,791
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds	-	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Enterprise Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 324,920</b>	<b>\$ 426,730</b>	<b>\$ 340,141</b>	<b>\$ 441,909</b>	<b>\$ 440,478</b>	<b>\$ 432,480</b>	<b>\$ 434,791</b>

#### Funding Sources

Tax Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Tax Revenues	322,575	325,817	333,317	325,817	334,117	326,117	-
Cash Reappropriated	2,345	100,913	6,824	116,092	106,361	106,363	434,791
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 324,920</b>	<b>\$ 426,730</b>	<b>\$ 340,141</b>	<b>\$ 441,909</b>	<b>\$ 440,478</b>	<b>\$ 432,480</b>	<b>\$ 434,791</b>

### Department Personnel

No. of Positions	FT/PT	Title	FTE 2018	FTE 2019	FTE 2020
1	Full-Time	Weed District Coordinator	1.00	1.00	1.00
1	Full-Time	Program Assistant	0.75	0.75	0.75
1	Full-Time	Assistant Coordinator/Foreman	1.00	1.00	1.00
0	Seasonal	Seasonal Spray Techs	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.00		Total Program	2.75	2.75	2.75