

Noxious Weed Plans for Counties and Municipalities Suggested Outline

This suggested outline is a compilation of what may be included in your local entity's noxious weed plan. Depending upon the scope and resources available, a plan may have more or less detail in each of the main topic areas – devise a plan that serves as an actual guide, and then update it once you've checked off your main tasks. Please feel free to contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT NOTE: C.R.S. Section 35-5.5-105 requires the county commissioners of each county to “adopt a noxious weed management plan for all of the unincorporated lands within the county. Such plan shall include all of the requirements and duties imposed by this article.”

- I. Colorado Noxious Weed Act.
 - Requirements of Section 35-5.5-107 (Local advisory board)
 - Other requirements of the Act affecting local entities
 - Responsibilities of landowners, local entities, state agencies
 - State noxious weed list
- II. Status of Noxious Weeds in County/Municipality/Town
 - List A species – extent and location (mapping, if possible)
 - List B species – extent and location (mapping, if possible)
 - List C species – description
- III. Noxious Weed Management Approaches
 - Integrated weed management
 - Mechanical, Chemical, Biological, Cultural
 - For public rights-of-way
 - For public lands (parks, trails, open space, facilities)
 - For private lands
- IV. Management Tools
 - Education/Outreach
 - Brochures, flyers, posters, mailings, door-hangers
 - Events, meetings, community involvement
 - Resources
 - Cost share
 - Fee for service
 - Grants
 - Enforcement
 - On public lands
 - On private lands
 - On utility ROW and state ROW/easements
- V. Noxious Weed Management Plan
 - By species or by region or area, or combination
 - Species/Region A
 - Goal (“By 2017, Canada thistle will be eradicated in our county”)
 - Measurable objectives

- Treatment plan
 - Timeline
- Repeat for each species/region