



# 2025 TOWNSHIP COOPERATIVE WEED & BRUSH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

## PROGRAM GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The primary goal of this program is to assist Scott County Townships with their management of noxious weeds and brush. Enrollment in this program will provide your township with the resources and services needed to meet the MN statutes (18.75-18.91) and all the required duties it outlines. All planning and coordination will be done by the SWCD to ensure that management is done in a timely and cost-effective manner.

## BASE PROGRAM SERVICES



### Program Administration

- Plan and host annual workshops for township officials
- Apply for and administer grant funding to offset program costs
- Maintain regular communication with townships and serve as liaison between county and state partners



### GPS Mapping and Monitoring

- Comprehensive mapping of all Township roads for noxious weeds & brush
- Collect data on infestation occurrences with high level accuracy
- Monitor and evaluate results of eradication efforts
- Developed & host a platform for all township supervisors to access data



### Technical Assistance

- Serve as clearinghouse of weed identification, best management practices and resources for constituents and elected officials
- Provide custom management plans, recommendations and costs for annual treatment
- Assist implementation of "No-Spray" program to residents

### Weed & Brush Management

- Plan and implement a spray program to target noxious weeds & brush
- Solicit bids, negotiate rates and enter into contracts on behalf of townships
- Coordinate with selected contractor to ensure regular and timely treatment efforts that fit each township budget and needs
- Issue public notices of spraying



## 2024 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

6

TOWNSHIPS  
PARTICIPATED

\$30,000

GRANT FUNDS  
AWARDED

68

ACRES OF  
NOXIOUS WEEDS  
TREATED

27

ACRES OF BRUSH  
TREATED



# PROGRAM SUMMARY & UPDATES

- In 2024, Hired 4-Control to treat 150 miles of road ROW for 6 townships
  - SWCD staff monitored and documented progress of treatment
  - Prepared custom management plans for each Township
- February 2025 posted RFQ and sought bids - selected 4-Control as 2025 Spray Contractor
  - The SWCD will enter into a contract on behalf of Townships and will coordinate treatments
  - Program partners will be eligible to utilize services as needed
- Applied for and awarded \$30,000 in grant funds from MDA & BWSR. Grant funds will be used to:
  - Support the "Community Herbicide Shed" which will provide equipment and herbicide to residents
  - Cover up to 100% of Noxious Weed ROW Treatment
  - Support staff time to map roads in Summer 2025

## 2025 PROGRAM COST

### BASE PROGRAM

**\$50/MILE OF ROAD**

This annual cost will cover the coordination, mapping, monitoring, outreach, reporting, technical assistance, and all other services as outlined in program overview. This fee is pro-rated based on number of miles of ROW within each township.

### SPRAY PROGRAM

2 treatment options available to base program partners. SWCD will provide recommendations and coordinate treatments based on township budget and needs. Townships will be invoiced for services upon completion.

\*Grant funds will be used to further offset these costs on a pro-rated basis

TREATMENT	TARGETED SPECIES	DATES	PRICE
Noxious Weed Herbicide Application	Broadleaf & noxious weeds including Wild Parsnip, Thistles, Leafy Spurge, Spotted Knapweed and Sweet Clover	June 1 - July 1	<b>\$185/Acre</b>
Brush Herbicide Application	Woody vegetation, brush, overhanging trees, etc.	Aug 1 - Sept 15	<b>\$325/Acre</b>

### IMPORTANT DATES

- April 15** Notify SWCD of program participation
- May 15** Finalize budget, treatments and locations for Spray Program
- May 20** Spring Noxious Weed Training
- June - Sept** SWCD coordinates treatments, conducts monitoring & mapping
- Oct - Nov** SWCD will send monitoring data and management proposals to Boards



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