



Noxious Weeds
2022-2023

Noxious Weeds IN NUMBERS

150

Acres controlled for noxious
weeds county wide.

250

Road-miles surveyed

10

Acres of PUD corridor
managed for Scotch
Broom

65

Miles of county roads
controlled for Wild
Chervil, Tansy Ragwort,
and Knotweed species



ISSUE

Noxious weeds can reduce crop yields, destroy native plant and animal habitat, damage recreational opportunities, clog waterways, lower land values, create erosion problems and fire hazards, as well as poison humans and livestock. In Washington State, noxious weeds are a legally defined term in the RCW 17.10. The Jefferson County Weed Control Board has a stated mission “To serve as responsible stewards of Jefferson County by protecting the land and resources from the degrading impact of noxious weeds.”

RESPONSE

The Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board has focused their efforts on controlling a variety of noxious weeds through work with the Washington Conservation Corps, spreading awareness through outreach campaigns, and by providing technical support to the public. This year’s targeted species were poison hemlock, wild chervil, teasel, Scotch broom, and tansy ragwort. The weed board has worked to control these species through contracting 1000 hours of AmeriCorps Crews. We also provided active outreach to private landowners with infestations through site visits, letters, and phone calls.



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11

Acres of Poison Hemlock controlled within the City of Port Townsend

1000

Hours of AmeriCorp crews (WCC & EarthCorps) "boots on the ground" work

400+

Citizen interactions



IMPACTS

- The Jefferson County Weed Board provided technical support to over 400 homeowners and landowners during the 2023 calendar year. The program advised on the control of specific noxious weeds and recommended revegetation strategies.
- The program also surveyed city and county roads and rights-of-way for new and established noxious weeds.
- Public Outreach events included tabling at the Farmers Market, providing education and materials to garden clubs, giving presentations at schools, and working with Habitat for Humanity to ensure education for new homeowners.
- The program has achieved an increased awareness surrounding noxious weeds within the public entities of Jefferson County shown by our partnerships. Our main partners are the Public Utility District, the County Public Works Department, the City of Port Townsend, Fort Worden State Park, and the Jefferson County Solid Waste Facility. We also advised a number non-profits and conservation organizations on the applications of herbicide when needed.

