



Resolution No. 2002-047

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF SHERWOOD WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the United States Plant Protection Act of 2000 defines Noxious Weeds as "...any plant or plant product that can directly or indirectly injure or cause damage to crops...or other interests to agriculture, irrigation, navigation, the natural resources of the United States, the public health, or the environment."; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Weed Board defines Noxious Weeds as "...exotic, non-indigenous, species that are injurious to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife, or any public or private property."; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Revised Statute 570.505, Necessity Of Eradication Of Weeds; Cooperation In Control And Eradication, states: "Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on state, county and federally owned lands, as well as on property in individual ownership...that they hereby are declared a menace to the public welfare. While it is recognized that complete eradication may not be practicable, it hereby is established that steps leading to eradication and control are necessary..."; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Revised Statute 570.540, Eradication Of Weeds On Public Lands And Rights Of Way, states: "...municipalities shall destroy or prevent the spread or seeding of any noxious weed...on any land owned by them or constituting the right of way."; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 8, Environmental Resources, of the City of Sherwood Zoning and Development Code states: the City of Sherwood will "...protect, preserve, and otherwise properly manage the City's natural and environmental resources for the benefit of the general public..."; and

WHEREAS, many of the City's properties are infested with noxious vegetation and these outbreaks have not been addressed in a comprehensive and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, property owners are encroaching into adjacent public natural areas with the intent of removing weed infestations, resulting in damage to existing native vegetation and the introduction of other non-native plants; and

WHEREAS, the city currently lacks a program to identify the extent, size and species of new and existing weed infestations, whereby resources can be directed to address new infestations or restore critical areas; and

WHEREAS, current city weed control programs lack sufficient coordination, staff, and a dedicated budget to effectively address the spread of invasives;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adopts the City of Sherwood Weed Management Plan and its vision to: *“Ensure the preservation of the natural areas and native plants, within the City of Sherwood’s greenways and parks, through the implementation of a Weed Management Plan, whereby properties will be monitored and maintained as to prevent the establishment and spread of noxious weeds and areas impacted by noxious weeds will be restored with native vegetation thus improving these areas for wildlife and the community.”*

Section 2. Commits to meeting the following Weed Management Goals:

1. Reduce the total number of sites infected with noxious weeds.
2. Implement strategies as to prevent new weed infestations from becoming established in the City’s open spaces.
3. Increase the level of public awareness about noxious weeds and other non-listed invasives to prevent outbreaks.
4. Implement weed management techniques that effectively control the spread of noxious weeds, while minimizing impact to preferred species and the surrounding area.
5. Develop long-term public stewardship and participation within the open space system.

Section 3. Directs City staff to implement practices that limit the spread and establishment of noxious weeds and non-native invasive plants by:

1. Committing to continued aggressive eradication of small isolated weed incursions and of weeds classified as new invaders;
2. Evaluating the effectiveness all weed management methods as part of an integrated weed management program;
3. Addressing widespread weed infestations by specific area or species;
4. Implementing a monitoring program whereby newly identified weed species are addressed prior to any potential impacts;
5. Applying preventative measures utilizing education and outreach programming and the enforcement of laws and regulations.
6. Pursuing grant opportunities to supplement City-funded restoration and weed control projects.
7. Recruiting public involvement in the abatement and control of weed infestations on public and private property.

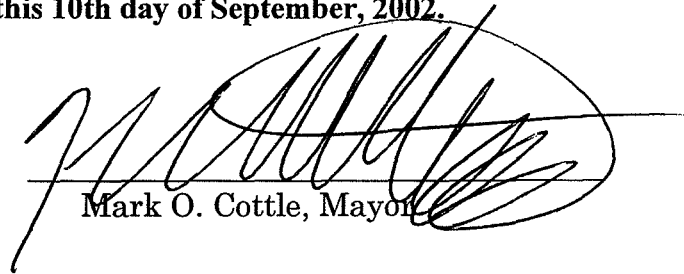
Section 4. Commits to collaborate with the Oregon State Weed Control Board, including meeting the requirements of state law; and

Section 5. Instructs the City of Sherwood Open Space Management Program to provide coordination, guidance, and oversight for the implementation of the Weed Management Plan; and

Section 6. Commits to collaborate with agencies and organizations that can provide resources of personnel, funding, education and knowledge to leverage the City's investment for vegetation management projects of mutual interest; and

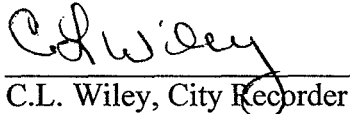
Section 7. Instructs City Staff to conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of this plan as it relates to control measures, reduction of areas containing noxious weeds, implementation costs, and the projected timeline.

Duly passed by the City Council this 10th day of September, 2002.



Mark O. Cottle, Mayor

ATTEST:



C.L. Wiley, City Recorder