



NOXIOUS WEEDS CONTROL 2022

BY THE NUMBERS

- 75 acres controlled for noxious weeds
- 20 - Miles of PUD corridor managed for Scotch Broom
- 20-miles of County Roads controlled for wild chervil
- 17-acres of Poison Hemlock were controlled within the City of Port Townsend
- 2000+ Hours of WCC "boots on the ground work"
- 300 Citizen Interactions
- 5 Contractual collaborations with public agencies to facilitate noxious weed control.

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, and poison humans and livestock. In Washington State, noxious weed is 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 2,000+ hours of Washington Conservation Corps crews. We also provided active outreach to

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private landowners with infestations through site visits, letters, and phone calls. Additionally, we provided passive outreach through partner newsletters, websites, picture ID signs, and social media.

Scotch Broom Pulling Party
Saturday April 2nd
9am-12pm

EJLL is partnering with
JeffCo Noxious Weeds to rid this
weed around our fields!

Bring your shovels!
Thank you for volunteering!





QUOTES

“ I found your website very informative. The Best Management Practices were helpful in identification and control of some noxious weeds on my property.”

“Contracting with the Weed Board to create an IPM plan for our properties took a lot of pressure off of us. Having you on our team benefits everyone.”

PARTNERS

Public Utility District,
County Public Works
Department, City of Port
Townsend, Fort Worden
State Park, Jefferson
County Solid Waste
Facility, Department of
Ecology

IMPACTS

- The Jefferson County Weed Board provided technical support to 300+ individuals during the 2022 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 noxious weed, tabled at the Farmers Market, and hosted scotch broom pulls for East Jefferson Little League.
- 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.

