



# **Elbert County**

# **Noxious Weed Management Plan**

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Elbert County Noxious Weed Management Plan. Approved by the Elbert  
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## Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to terms used in this plan:

1. **Act** – the Colorado Noxious Weed Act (CRS 35-5.5 as amended).
2. **Adjacent** – meeting or touching at some point.
3. **Agriculture** – uses involving the cultivation of land, production of crops, and/or the keeping of livestock; but not including commercial feed yards; the slaughter or processing of animals for commercial purposes; kennels; horses; veterinary hospitals; or riding academies/establishments.
4. **Alien Plant** – a plant species that is not indigenous to the State of Colorado.
5. **Biological Management** – the use of an organism to disrupt the growth of noxious weeds.
6. **Chemical Management** – the use of herbicides or plant growth regulators to disrupt the growth of noxious weeds.
7. **CMP** – the Elbert County Noxious Weed Management Plan and as further defined under “Management Plan” below.
8. **Commissioners** – the Board of County Commissioners of Elbert County.
9. **County** – the unincorporated areas of Elbert County that are managed by Elbert County.
10. **County Weed Advisory Board** – the individuals appointed by the Commissioners to advise on the management of noxious weeds in Elbert County.
11. **Cultural Management** – management practices or methodologies which favor the growth of desirable plants over noxious weeds, including maintaining an optimum fertility and moisture status in an area, planting at optimum density and spatial arrangement in an area, and planting species most suited to an area.
12. **Elimination** - the removal or destruction of all emerged, growing plants of a population of List A or List B species.
13. **Eradication** - reducing the reproductive success of a noxious weed species or specified noxious weed populations in largely uninfested regions to zero and permanently eliminating the species or populations within a specified period.
14. **Forb** – a broadleaf plant; not a grass, shrub, or tree.
15. **Infestation** – to have overrun or inhabit, so as to be harmful or bothersome.
16. **Integrated Management** – the planning and implementation of a coordinated program utilizing a variety of methods for managing noxious weeds, the purpose of which is to achieve desirable plant communities. Such methods may include, but are not limited to, education, preventative measures, good stewardship, and biological, chemical, cultural, and physical (mechanical) management.
17. **Integrated Management Plan (IMP)** – an individual noxious weed management plan, as further defined under “Management Plan” below.
18. **Landowner** – any owner of record of state, municipal, special district open space, or private lands. This includes an owner of any easement, right-of-way, or estate in the land.
19. **Local Noxious Weeds** – any plant that has been declared a noxious weed by the Commissioners.
20. **Management** – any activity that prevents a plant from establishing, reproducing, or dispersing itself.
21. **Weed Management Plan** – a noxious weed management plan developed by any person,