

## Weed Management and Mowing Program

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- Ensure city rights-of-way and open space areas are maintained in accordance with city ordinances and the Noxious Weed Management Plan
- Improve aesthetics within the community
- Maintain sight lines for motorists and pedestrians
- Proactively plan & complete activities to minimize the occurrence of weeds in public corridors



- Public Works Department maintains the rights-ofway, other City-owned land and open space areas
- Parks, Recreation and Golf Department maintains parks and areas adjacent to trails in open space areas
- Adams County (through a contract with the City) identifies and sprays noxious weeds located within various rights-of-way and open space locations



#### **Program Overview**

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| Туре   | Acreage | Mowing Frequency                             |  |
|--|---------|--|--|
| Rights-of-way                                      | 128     | 3 times per<br>mowing season<br>(May –Sept.) |  |
| Future park or<br>school sites/City-<br>owned land | 116     | Once every month<br>(May-Sept.)              |  |
| Open space   | 234     | As needed to manage weeds                    |  |
| Total  | 478     |  |  |

### Monitoring & Managing Results

- Utilize asset tracking software (Cartegraph) to accurately track labor, material and equipment usage
- Monitor frequency of mowing operations to ensure staff meets established levels of service
- Adams County & Commerce City share data & photo files (MapItFast) to document areas of weed treatment
- Better able to respond to citizen inquiries and requests

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#### **Proactive Management = Fewer Citizen Concerns**

| Year | # of Requests | Closed By<br>Due Date | Closed Past<br>Due Date |
|------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2014 | 42            | 32                    | 10                      |
| 2015 | 34            | 21                    | 13                      |
| 2016 | 25            | 23                    | 2                       |





# Questions