**DAWO Weed Ordinance Project Information Collection Form**

**Tips for Researchers**

Many jurisdictions have their ordinances and/or zoning codes available online, hosted by services such as American Legal Publishing and Municipal Code Corporation. Using your online search tool of choice, conduct a search using key words and phrases. These include:

* Noxious weed ordinance [city/township] [state]
* Nuisance vegetation [city/township] [state]
* Weeds [city/township] [state]
* Codified ordinances [city/township] [state]
* Zoning code [city/township] [state]
* Tall grass [city/township] [state]

Code of Ordinances and/or any other documents that appear online may not reflect the most current legislation adopted by the Municipality. Online documents should not be relied upon as the definitive authority for local legislation so it’s important to record the source (website URL) and ordinance date.

If the ordinances cannot be found online, contact the municipality office for assistance.

In addition, try to learn as much as possible about the municipality’s current and past stand or action on related practices (e.g., beekeeping, pollinator gardens at public schools or other public spaces, are they a Bee City USA or Tree City location, has the mayor or other official signed the NWF Mayor’s Monarch Pledge, have citizens received recognition for related actions, any noteworthy teachers or classrooms, natural areas within the city limits). This will require searching/viewing media outlets, the municipality’s website, and social media pages. Note any negative actions as well (e.g., citizen complaints, fines, warnings). DAWO may be able to use this information to enlist support from individuals or other groups with similar missions.

**Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Locale (city, township name):**

Ordinance

Zoning Code

Resolution

Other:

**Ordinance Number, if applicable:**

**Source (web address, if found online; other):**

**Date Passed or Updated:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Language (highlight key facts)**

**Issues Addressed (also highlight in language above)**

List of specific noxious weeds

List of specific noxious weeds includes Ohio native plants

Does not define noxious weeds

Vegetation height

Supports native/natural landscapes

Addresses bees/pollinators

Addresses vermin, rodents, undesired wildlife, disease

References state noxious weed/invasive plant list

**Noteworthy Information**

What else do you know about this locale? Are there individuals or groups doing work that would support this effort? Are there elected officials that have made a stand for or against? Has there been anything in the past 2 years reported in the news that we should know about? Do you know anyone that is considered a resident of this locale that might be willing to represent DAWO?

Please provide as much detail as possible including URLs if found online; or name, title, affiliation, and date if you talk to someone.