The Weeds and Grass Survey was sent out in July. There were 126 responses collected from a good cross section of municipalities. The focus of the survey was to identify municipal policy for both commercial and residential property in response to the responsibility to maintain weeds and sidewalks in different locations within municipal boundaries. The responses were very similar for each question, with each question having the higher percentage of replies that it is the individual property owners responsibility to maintain the property. The lowest category, both, shows that some municipalities have different policies depending on the unique situation of the property and their city/town. Some of the caveats included in the notes were the municipality’s willingness to maintain mowing in drainage areas, difficult to mow areas, abandoned property, mowing arrangements made in easement arrangements, and historic downtown areas. The super majority of respondents require the individual property owners to maintain sidewalks regardless of location.
Who is responsible for mowing the right-of-ways, alleys, easements abutting commercial property?

- 57% Property Owner/Tenant
- 30% City
- 13% Both

Who is responsible for mowing the right-of-ways, alleys, easements abutting residential property?

- 64% Property Owner/Tenant
- 26% City
- 10% Both

Who is responsible for mowing grass within the sidewalks, storm drains, ditches and gutters abutting commercial property?

- 57% Property Owner/Tenant
- 29% City
- 14% Both
Who is responsible for mowing grass within the sidewalks, storm drains, ditches and gutters abutting residential property?

- 62% Property Owner/Tenant
- 23% City
- 15% Both

Who is responsible for maintaining sidewalks on commercial property?

- 67% Property Owner/Tenant
- 27% City
- 6% Both

Who is responsible for maintaining sidewalks on residential property?

- 68% Property Owner/Tenant
- 26% City
- 6% Both