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More mowing

Kansas City officials confirmed Thursday that they will increase the frequency of weed cutting and grass mowing.

Earlier this year, city officials had warned that they might only be able to mow vacant lots once this summer, because of budget constraints.

But City Manager Wayne Cauter then announced Thursday that \$200,000 would be reallocated for the task from elsewhere in the city budget. That money will supplement \$160,000 from the Land Trust of Jackson County.

The city will use inmate labor from the Municipal Correctional Institution and more community service workers to help cut weeds and grass on vacant city lots and public rights of way.

The extra money and labor means that some high-profile areas, such as medians and other public land along Southwest Trafficway and Barry Road, will be mowed as often as twice a month, said John Stufflebean, the city's director of environmental management.

—Lynn Horsley/The Star