

July 20, 2022

Mayor Thomas Mackin
201 W. Indiana Avenue
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Dear Mayor Mackin,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the foxtail barley issue in Perrysburg. Our team at the Ohio Department of Agriculture is aware of this situation and, I assure you, we are looking into it.

Foxtail barley is not a weed that has been previously identified as problematic to ODA's Division of Plant Health. ODA's Chief of Plant Health personally visited Perrysburg to see the field in question and took samples of the weed. Our experts are currently conducting research to learn more.

We are taking into consideration your request to add foxtail barley to the noxious weed list. For a weed to be added, the proposal must go through the rule-making process defined by the Ohio Revised Code. This includes research of the weed, stakeholder review, public comment, and a review of the request by a legislative committee to add the weed.

ODA will be in touch soon to follow up on this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Pelanda
Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture