



Lancaster County Weed Control

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Early spring!

Just what we didn't need with tight budgets is an early growing season! On a typical year we start [leafy spurge](#) inspections in mid May. This year we had leafy spurge in bloom by the last week of March. I guess if there is a positive, it's that it got a good jump on the grasses and it's really easy to spot this year. In 2011 our records showed 13 leafy spurge inspections completed by the end of April. In 2012 we have already inspected 269 locations.

Attached is an article I put in this month's [acreage owners newsletter](#) that is put out by Lancaster County Extension, that will help educate landowners on what to look for and how to manage leafy spurge on their property.

Inspection Activity

Our inspectors have completed 839 total inspections already this season. Noxious weeds accounted for 575 inspections, while weed abatement accounted for 264.

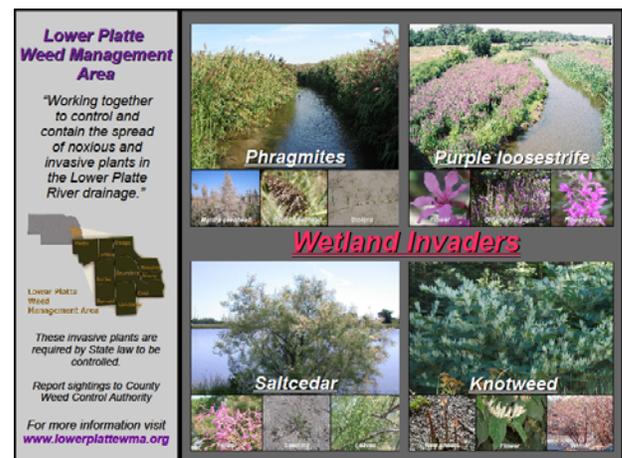
We have 3 seasonal inspectors starting in May that will be responsible for the weed abatement inspections. That will free our noxious weed inspectors up to do their regular inspections.

New Kiosk

Lancaster Co. Weed Control designed the layout for the new information kiosk to be used by the [Lower Platte Weed Management Area](#). (LPWMA) Currently we have Kiosk in 6 locations including Mahoney State Park, Two Rivers, Louisville lakes & Higgins Memorial in Columbus. We are partnering with Lower Platte South NRD and Papio-Missouri River NRD to build new stands to put up an additional 6 kiosk.

The kiosks are 2'X3' and are designed to educate the public on how to identify the noxious weeds in wetland areas. Another 12 signs were produced on a 12"X18" sign that will go on sign post along trails.

Weed Control is currently working with the City of Lincoln Parks Department to find locations to put similar signs and kiosk around the city on their properties.



Kiosk to be used in high use public areas

May Planned Activities

- 1 Contract for mowing of abandoned Cemeteries- Uphoff, Dietz, Highland
- 1 Contracts for landfills
- 1-31 Leafy spurge roadside spraying
- 8 5 Rivers WMA
- 9 Prepare leafy spurge roadside map
- 10 Management Team Meeting
- 11 NE Invasive Species Council
- 14 Inspector training
- 15 LPWMA meeting
- 15 Phragmites inspections
- 15 Maps to RAW applicators for BNSF
- 15 Maps to Chem-Trol for UPRR
- 17 NWCA Region 1
- 28 Holiday
- 31 Problem Resolution Team