



# Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

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## Pat Dugan Hired As Chief Noxious Weed Inspector

Pat Dugan replaces Barb Frazier who retired early this year as Lancaster Counties new Chief Noxious Weed Inspector. Pat's most recent position was with the City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation as the Community Learning Center Director in the College View Neighborhood at Calvert.



Prior to moving to Lincoln Pat spent 25 years in northeast Colorado. While in Colorado he was an Agricultural Education Instructor in Yuma County and later owned his own insurance Agency.

Pat and his wife Michaela grew up on family farms near Greeley, NE. where both of their families still farm.

Pat's main responsibilities will be training and working with our seasonal inspectors for both the City of Lincoln Weed Abatement and Lancaster County Noxious Weed Program. In addition he will be responsible for noxious weed inspections for the western ½ of Lancaster County.

We are excited to welcome Pat to the Weed Control Department. His experience in education

and agriculture will benefit our office as well as the people of Lancaster County that we serve.

## Helicopter Spraying Cancelled

Due to a couple early freezes in October the planned spraying on phragmites this fall by Skycopters had to be called off. This was a huge disappointment because we had worked hard with a number of landowners getting this set up in order to get some very difficult areas treated. Our efforts will not go to waste as we can use the GPS locations for next year. We will try to get on Skycopters schedule a little earlier for fall 2013.

Timing is difficult with phragmites because we want to treat in the fall after it sets on the seed head but prior to killing frost to be able to get as much chemical down into the massive root zone as possible.

A large number of acres were treated by ground application this fall either by contractors or by the landowners themselves.

## November Planned Activities

- 8 Management Team Meeting
- 9 NE Invasive Species Council
- 12 Holiday – Veterans Day observed
- 13 5 Rivers WMA
- 14 Van Diest Supply Training
- 20 Lower Platte WMA
- 22-23 Holiday - Thanksgiving
- 29 Problem Resolution Team
- 30 Monthly activity report  
NDA office evaluation  
Enter infestations into mapping program  
Preparing for Weed Assessment Hearing  
Information to City Clerk  
Preparing photos & files

**Good Neighbors – Control Noxious  
Weeds!**