

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

Grant Used to Help Purchase Argo

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LPWMA Argo

Lower Platte Weed Management Area (LPWMA) recently purchased a used 8 wheel drive Argo to be used by its members. Matching grant funds from Nebraska Environmental Trust helped the LPWMA purchase the Argo. This will be a very useful tool allowing us to survey and treat riparian areas where invasives like phragmites, knotweed and purple loosestrife prefer to grow. Other WMA's and counties across the state have used this type of vehicle and they have proven to be very useful in the fight against invasive species. The Argo will be equipped with a small



spray unit over the winter to allow us to treat invasives along the banks to prevent future spread. This is a great example of how developing partnerships to accomplish a common goal can be successful. The LPWMA partners include landowners, county, state and federal agencies all working together.

The goal of the LPWMA is to improve the health of riparian areas for the benefit of the owners, users and general public. This is accomplished by preventing the establishment of all riparian plant invaders and improving stream flow capacity through the management of the vegetation in the stream bed and on the banks.

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New Educational Kiosk

Kiosks are beginning to appear around Lincoln and the surrounding area thanks to a partnership between the Lancaster County Weed Authority and the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District. (LPSNRD) Lancaster County partnered with the Lower Platte WMA to

purchase the signs and the LPSNRD is building and erecting the kiosk. Our goal is to educate the public on invasive species. A similar partnership with Lincoln Parks and Recreation will place kiosk along some of the city trails and in parks around Lincoln.



Kiosk placed along Salt Creek near Haymarket Park

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Nebraska's Noxious Weeds

It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.

Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation. The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. These non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.

<p>Musk Thistle Height 1.6–9.8 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers Mature seedhead</p>	<p>Canada Thistle Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers</p>	<p>Plumeless Thistle Height 1–4.9 ft</p> <p>Purple flowers</p>
<p>Phragmites Height 3.2–20 ft</p> <p>Young seedhead Mature seedhead</p>	<p>Leafy Spurge Height .3–2.6 ft</p> <p>Large yellow leaves (bracts) Stems/leaves have milky sap</p>	<p>Sericea Lespedeza Height 1.5–6.5 ft</p> <p>White or cream to yellowish white flowers</p>
<p>Japanese Knotweed Height 3–10 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p>Giant Knotweed Height 8–13 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p>Purple Loosestrife Height 1.3–8 ft</p> <p>Purple to magenta flowers</p>
<p>Saltcedar Height 3.3–20 ft</p> <p>Pink to white flowers</p>	<p>Spotted Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Lavender to purple flowers</p>	<p>Diffuse Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>White/purplish flowers</p>

GOOD NEIGHBORS CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association (www.neweed.org), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture (www.agr.ne.gov/noxious_weed)

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