

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

Lower Platte Weed Management Area Funds Survey

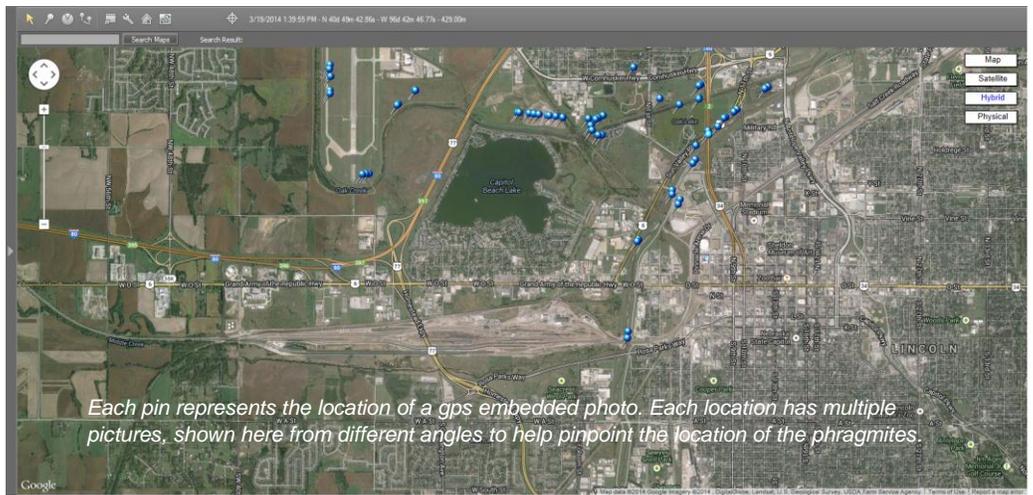
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Oak Creek was surveyed from Raymond to where it meets Salt Creek in Lincoln

Salt Creek survey began south of Lincoln and went to where it meets the Platte River near Mahoney State Park



Helicopter Survey

Early Detection Rapid Response

(EDRR) continues to be one of the main focuses of invasive weed control in Lancaster County. The earlier the landowner can start an aggressive effort to control infestations, the better the chance of eradication.

In an effort to stop the spread of phragmites before it takes over the creeks in Lancaster County, we continually do inspections to find infestations while they are small. This is the first complete survey of both the Oak Creek and Salt Creek drainages to be completed.

The \$2,400 funding of the survey was made possible with a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust to

the Nebraska Weed Management Area Coalition (NEWMAC), to help protect our riparian areas against invasives. We chose to do the survey in the winter months, instead of the summer months, because the tree canopy in the summer makes it difficult to see under the trees. Phragmites is very easy to spot this time of

year, it stands all winter long, keeps its seed head intact, and is a distinctive rust color. Once we complete the mapping, we will physically go to each site to confirm that it is the invasive, (*not the native*) phragmites. We will contact each landowner to begin a treatment program to prevent further spread.



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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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