

# Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

## Sericea Lespedeza Cost Share Program & Conference

JULY 2014

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Lancaster County Weed Control along with the 5-Rivers Weed Management Area will be hosting an [Invasive Weed Species & Cost Share Conference](#) on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lancaster County Extension office. The morning session will begin at 10 a.m. A **FREE** catered *hot* meal will be served at noon. The conference is scheduled to conclude at 2 p.m. The focus of the conference is to teach the attendees how to identify and control sericea lespedeza, as well as what cost share opportunities exist to help with the cost of control. This cost share opportunity is available from funding provided by The Nebraska Environmental Trust grant and may not be available in future years, so make plans to attend the training to find out how to qualify.

*Featured Speakers include: Jim Gray - Executive Director Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research*



*Data, Mitch Coffin - Program Manager Noxious Weed Program Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Scott Marsh – Kansas Department of*

*Agriculture, Charles Wilcox – DowAgroSciences, Mark Brohman – Executive Director of The Nebraska Environmental Trust and Bruce Anderson – UNL Professor of Agronomy, Extension Forage Specialist.*

Make your reservations by contacting Bobbi at the 5-Rivers WMA. Phone: 402-869-2355 or email at [5rivers.meints@gmail.com](mailto:5rivers.meints@gmail.com) Information on the cost share program can be found on the [5-Rivers WMA website](#)



## Inspection Activity Report

*“the Weed Control staff has completed 5,860 inspections on 3,422 properties”*

As of June 30, 2014, the Weed Control staff has completed 5,860 inspections on 3,422 properties. Weed abatement within the City of Lincoln accounted for 3,867 inspections on 2,007 properties while noxious weeds accounted for 1,993 inspections on 1,415 properties.

We’ve received 899 complaints from the public wanting help getting neighboring properties controlled. In order to gain compliance we’ve sent 1,705 letters and 763 legal notices requiring control. A total of 59 enforcements have been completed by our contractors, totaling \$11,650 in control cost.

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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><b>Musk Thistle</b> Height 1.6–9.8 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers Mature seedhead</p>	<p><b>Canada Thistle</b> Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers</p>	<p><b>Plumeless Thistle</b> Height 1–4.9 ft</p> <p>Purple flowers</p>
<p><b>Phragmites</b> Height 3.2–20 ft</p> <p>Young seedhead Mature seedhead</p>	<p><b>Leafy Spurge</b> Height .3–2.6 ft</p> <p>Large yellow leaves (bracts) Stems/leaves have milky sap</p>	<p><b>Sericea Lespedeza</b> Height 1.5–6.5 ft</p> <p>White or cream to yellowish white flowers</p>
<p><b>Japanese Knotweed</b> Height 3–10 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p><b>Giant Knotweed</b> Height 8–13 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p><b>Purple Loosestrife</b> Height 1.3–8 ft</p> <p>Purple to magenta flowers</p>
<p><b>Saltcedar</b> Height 3.3–20 ft</p> <p>Pink to white flowers</p>	<p><b>Spotted Knapweed</b> Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Lavender to purple flowers</p>	<p><b>Diffuse Knapweed</b> 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](http://www.neweed.org)), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture ([www.agr.ne.gov/noxious\\_weed](http://www.agr.ne.gov/noxious_weed))

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