

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

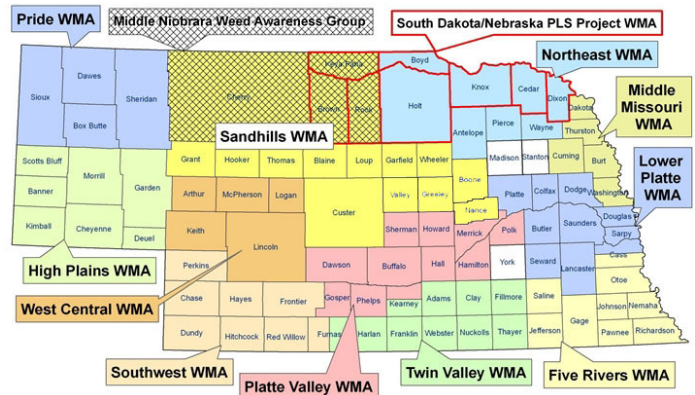
Nebraska Weed Management Areas (WMA's)

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Working Together

Weed Management Areas or WMA's as we refer to them are multi-county, multi-agency, multi-partner groups of people as well as individuals interested in pooling funds and resources to map, monitor, and control large scale noxious and invasive vegetation projects. Nebraska currently has 13 WMA's across the state. In addition to non-native vegetation control, these groups have worked to provide outreach and education to inform all Nebraskan's about the impact of noxious and invasive plants in our state. Nebraska has more miles of rivers and streams than any other state. Unfortunately, several of our newer noxious weeds are "riparian", thriving in or near rivers, lakes or streams. Since weeds know no boundaries, and do not



hesitate to cross county or state lines, it makes sense for interested groups and individuals to work together on common problems. Due to Lancaster County's unique landscape and diversity we belong to two active WMA's. The northern part of our county has invasives more common to the Lower Platte WMA with Oak Creek and Salt Creek draining to the northeast and joining the Platte River near Mahoney State Park. While the southern part of our county has more in common with the 5-Rivers WMA and

invasives such as sericea lespedeza and caucasian bluestem that are encroaching into Nebraska from the southeast. In addition, waters in the southern portion of Lancaster County drain to the southeast joining the North Fork of the Big Nemaha River. Grant funding from both WMA's have been used in Lancaster County helping with surveys of Oak and Salt Creeks as well as cost share opportunities for landowners with sericea lespedeza on private land and phragmites along Oak Creek and Salt Creek.

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National Invasive Species Awareness Week

[National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#) is scheduled for February 23rd – 28th, 2015. According to experts with the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA), it's a topic that deserves our attention. Non-native plants, animals and pathogens can harm humans, the environment

and impact our nation's economy. The damage done by invasive plants alone costs the U.S. an estimated \$34.7 billion a year. Invasive weeds can produce skin irritation, trigger allergies and poison pets and livestock. They can clog waterways, kill native trees,

and shade out crops, ornamentals and prized native flora. They are found in every imaginable habitat, including oceans, lakes, streams, wetlands, croplands, rangelands, natural areas, parks, forests, urban environments, yards and gardens.

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Map Key

- Phragmites
- Saltcedar
- Leafy spurge
- Purple loosestrife
- Canada thistle
- Teasel
- Knotweed
- Sericea lespedeza
- Musk thistle

Good Neighbors –
Control Invasive Weeds !!!

2014 Noxious Weed Locations

