

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

Landowners Along Oak Creek Benefit From Cost Share Program

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IN YOUR TRACKS.**

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Red dots are points marked during the July survey.
Yellow polygons are areas treated by the helicopter in September

Grant funding provided by the State of Nebraska is helping landowners along Oak Creek in Lancaster County control invasive phragmites.

The process began months ago by working with each landowner to get agreements signed. The agreement allows the helicopter to treat phragmites on the respective property and the landowner is only responsible for 50% of the cost and the rest is funded by the grant. Funding for the landowners along Oak Creek was made possible by the passing of LB 1038 in 2016. This is an ongoing funding source provided by the

Nebraska Legislature. Lancaster County is very fortunate to have received these funds to assist our landowner's.

The focuses of LB 1038 funds are areas that effect water flow. By keeping the waterways clear of invasive plants we are able to provide several benefits to the area including; flood control - protecting homes and agriculture, fire prevention from the dead vegetation, water conveyance, wildlife habitat and water for human consumption.

Lancaster County is a member of the Lower Platte Weed Management Area

(LPWMA) group which has many Federal, State and local partners. The Lower Platte South, Lower Platte North and Papio-Missouri NRD's also contribute funding each year to control invasives along waterways in eastern Nebraska.

Invasive plants such as phragmites, if left uncontrolled, have proven to be able to completely choke off a flowing water system.

Other areas treated this fall included Salt Creek from Lincoln to the Platte River as well as the 48th St landfill and many NRD locations.

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Good Neighbors –
 Control Invasive Weeds !!!

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 style="text-align: center;">Musk Thistle Height 1.6–9.8 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pink to purple flowers Mature seedhead</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Canada Thistle Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pink to purple flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plumeless Thistle Height 1–4.9 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purple flowers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Phragmites Height 3.2–20 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Young seedhead Mature seedhead</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Leafy Spurge Height .3–2.6 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Large yellow leaves (bracts) Stems/leaves have milky sap</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sericea Lespedeza Height 1.5–6.5 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White or cream to yellowish white flowers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Japanese Knotweed Height 3–10 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Giant Knotweed Height 8–13 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Purple Loosestrife Height 1.3–8 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purple to magenta flowers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saltcedar Height 3.3–20 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pink to white flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spotted Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lavender to purple flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Diffuse Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White/purplish flowers</p>
<p>Lancaster County's Noxious Weeds</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Cutleaf Teasel Height 4–8 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Common Teasel Height 3–6 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lavender to white 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.