

**GENERAL FACT SHEET**

**BILL NUMBER**

**BRIEF TITLE**

**APPROVAL DEADLINE**

**REASON**

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**DETAILS**

**POSITIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

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|  | Sponsor                                     |   |
|  | Program Departments, or Groups Affected     | Public Works & Utilities  |
|  | Applicants/ Proponents                      | Applicant<br><br>City Department<br><br>Other   |
| Discussion (Including Relationship to other Council Actions) | Opponents                                   | Groups or Individuals<br><br>Basis of Opposition  |
|  | Staff Recommendations                       | " For " Against<br>Reason Against   |
|  | Board or Commission Recommendation          | BY<br>" For " Against<br>" No Action Taken<br>" For with revisions or conditions<br>(See Details column for conditions) |
|  | CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS (For Council Use Only) | " Pass<br>" Pass (As Amended)<br>" Council Sub.<br>" Without Recommendation<br>" Hold<br>" Do not Pass                  |

# COMBINED WEED PROGRAM

## CITY OF LINCOLN

### 2001 Annual Plan

### Noxious Weed Control Authority

The Combined Weed Program for the City of Lincoln came about as a result of an interlocal agreement between the City of Lincoln (City) and Lancaster County (County). This agreement provides for the administration of the City's Weed Abatement Ordinance and the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act within the City limits by the County Weed Control Authority. The agreement states that the Superintendent is submit an annual plan for approval by the City and County. Following is the 2001 annual plan.

## I PUBLIC AWARENESS

### A. Increase public awareness of the legal requirements.

- Implement a Purple Loosestrife Information Campaign
  - Develop an information sheet
  - Letters to homeowners associations
  - Letters to nurseries and garden centers
  - Letters to public land managers
  - News media releases
- Implement a Purple Loosestrife Exchange Program
  - Recruit nurseries and garden centers to offer exchange plants at a discount
  - Recruit volunteers for verification of lythrum removal
  - Distribute informational material and public program
  - Make program information including list of participating nurseries and garden centers available on InterLinc
  - Maintain records on program participation and prepare reports
- Provide neighbor friendly information on use of natural areas
- Update **Be Neighbor Friendly** brochures on noxious weeds and weed overgrowth
- Make all informational materials available on InterLinc.
- Prepare Weed Awareness Insert to Cooperative Extension Service Nebline.
- Publish articles, display exhibit and make presentations.
- Coordinate efforts with City Departments.

### B. Increase voluntary compliance

- Obtain 92% landowner compliance
- Contact owners with multiple violations or force cutting.

- Utilize door hangers, cards, letters and direct contacts.

### C. Increase control efforts on public lands and railroads.

- Update public lands contacts.
- Contact, provide maps and follow-up to the 2 railroads.
- Continue to contract for weed control on landfill & recycling sites

## II INSPECTION & CONTROL

Make 7,265 inspections on 3,100 sites.

### A. Carry out 2,265 inspections of 900 noxious weed sites

### B. Carry out 5,000 inspections on 2,200 sites for violations of Weed Abatement Program.

### C. Carry out force cutting or control on 180 sites.

## III PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

### A. Increase efficiency and performance of weed inspectors

- Complete 40 hours of continuing education
- Actively participate state & national associations.
- Train inspectors to use field digital entry.

### B. Prepare and submit required reports

- Monthly reports Annual report and plan
- Prepare reports to the State Department of Agriculture.

### C. Further utilization the use of geographic information system and InterLinc.

- Update and develop pages on InterLinc.
- Add weed location data layer to GIS.
- Fully implement use of field digital entry.