

DIRECTORS' MEETING
MARCH 19, 2012
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
1:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Sunshine Week promotes open government.
2. NEWS RELEASE. City Independence Day celebration to be held July 3.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents February Award of Excellence to Public Works and Utilities Department Equipment Operators, Douglas Miller, Gale Ogg, and Lance Sittner.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to open house on Old Cheney road improvements.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce an expansion of the City voluntary donation programs, Thursday, March 15th, 10:00 a.m., at the Gere Branch Library, 2400 S. 56th Street.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces new 2 for Trees Program and expansion of Lincoln Cares.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Workshop to focus on update of Downtown Master Plan, Tuesday, March 20th.

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Health Department Report, February, 2012.
2. Board of Health meeting minutes of February 14, 2012.

LINCOLN LIBRARIES

1. Letter from Pat Leach, Library Director, in response to email Council received on March 13, 2012 regarding Lincoln City Libraries' Internet Policy.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership, 2011 Progress Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. First Annual Report of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission now on the Planning Department website at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bdscom/pc/index.htm>.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Email from Nicole Prosocki regarding proposed liquor seller's permit ordinance.
 - a) Reply from City Clerk Joan Ross addressing the question of a proposed ordinance.
 - b) Response from Attorney Tonya Peters explaining group task force challenges.
2. Question from Alex Michalak, Omega Alpha Chi Fraternity, inquiring about regulations on a possible philanthropy idea of music on the streets with donations to Relay For Life.
 - a) Reply from City Clerk Joan Ross giving complete instructions, city regulations, if the fraternity progresses with their possible philanthropy idea.

3. Message from Bob Kittelson on the commons area on the east side of 70th Street at Old Cheney.
 - a) Pictures from Bob Kittelson of the views they want to preserve and area in question.
4. Letter from Angela Tucci, Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation President, writing in support of the West Haymarket redevelopment project, listing reasons to encourage and support.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 12, 2012

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Lin Quenzer, City Ombudsman, 402-441-7511

Joan Ross, City Clerk, 402-441-7438

SUNSHINE WEEK PROMOTES OPEN GOVERNMENT

Mayor Chris Beutler today proclaimed the week of March 11 through 17 as “Sunshine Week” to highlight City governments efforts to be transparent and provide access to public information. Sunshine Week is a non-partisan national initiative started in 2005 to promote awareness of the importance of open government and the freedom of information.

“Sunshine Week is about the public’s right to know what its government is doing and why,” Mayor Beutler said. “It’s your government, and a government by the people and for the people must have the tools and resources to hold accountable the public officials they have entrusted.

It is important to publicize these tools and resources to enlighten and empower our citizens to play an active role in their government in order to makes their lives better and their communities stronger. In Lincoln, I am proud of the efforts we make each and every day to make government open and accessible.”

Beutler commended City Ombudsman Lin Quenzer and City Clerk Joan Ross for their efforts to provide access to information and for their personal assistance to help residents resolve issues with City government. He said the City’s efforts to be transparent include the Taking Charge public engagement initiative and the Citizen Satisfaction Survey now available online at lincoln.ne.gov. Other ways the City of Lincoln promotes open government include the following:

- Many documents are available online at lincoln.ne.gov, including the City operating budget, the City-County Comprehensive Plan and meeting agendas. Most documents that are not available online can be obtained by requesting them from the appropriate City official.
- The Citizen Information Center distributes of information through local news media and on the City website and the government access television channels.
- The public is invited to testify at public meetings, including those of the City Council. On the second and fourth Council meetings of the month, the public can testify on issues and concerns that are not part of the Council agenda.
- The public is encouraged contact City offices through mail, e-mail, phone or the online Citizen ACTION Center.

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- The City has more than 60 citizen boards and commissions to provide advice on a wide range of policy areas. An application to serve on these advisory boards is available online.
- The City Audit Advisory Board is a citizen board Mayor Beutler created to scrutinize the finances and performance of City government. The City Council recommends areas for review. The Audit Committee has reviewed City fund balances, impact fees and StarTran bus service.

More information on Sunshine Week is available at sunshineweek.org.

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CITY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD JULY 3

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City's annual Uncle Sam Jam Independence Day celebration will be held Tuesday, July 3 at Oak Lake Park, 1st and Charleston streets. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Thursday, July 5.

The Mayor noted the City's celebration has not fallen on July 4th for the past three years. In 2009, it was moved to July 3 to accommodate the Larry the Cable Guy show. In 2010, rain caused a postponement to July 5. Last year, the event was moved to July 2 for budgetary reasons.

"In addition to cutting the City's costs, we've receive positive feedback on scheduling our celebration for a day other than July 4," said Mayor Beutler. "Many residents do not work that day and enjoy family gatherings. Other like having a day off work after the nighttime fireworks show."

More information on the annual celebration will follow in June.

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MAYOR PRESENTS FEBRUARY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for February to a team from the Street Maintenance Operations Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department: Equipment Operators Douglas Miller, Gale Ogg and Lance Sittner. Miller has worked for the City since 1990, Ogg since 1979 and Sittner since 2004.

The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

The team was nominated for its actions to help citizens in distress on two occasions. Supervisor John Rausch nominated the team in the category of valor. The Award of Excellence Committee also recognized the team in the category of customer relations for representing the City in a positive manner.

The first incident occurred in January when the crew was filling washouts behind curbs on North 27th Street and Wildcat Drive. Sittner saw a woman running from the Victorian Inn, who told him her two-year old daughter was missing. Miller dialed 911 and gave his phone to the mother. As police headed to the scene, the three City employees began searching for the toddler in the marshy, wetland area near the motel that includes tall grass and small ponds. After an unsuccessful search, they checked with the motel office and the child was found unharmed after a room-to-room search.

Another incident occurred about three years ago when the team helped a mother and child involved in a traffic crash that occurred over the lunch hour in front of the maintenance shop at 33rd and Baldwin. Sittner and Miller called 911, made sure the child was okay and comforted the victim lying on the ground. One of the men ran back to the shop for a first aid kit and wet rags, while the other man stayed on site directing traffic and waited for emergency personnel.

Rausch wrote in his nomination: "These men show the best kind of initiative. They are alert and responsive to the needs of the community we serve. I am very proud of them and feel they highly deserve the recognition of this award."

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The other categories in which employees can be nominated are productivity, loss prevention and safety. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description.

All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are considered by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$50 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$250 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 13, 2012

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Stephanie Dostal, Alfred Benesch & Company, 402-479-2200

**PUBLIC INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE ON
OLD CHENEY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

The public is invited to an open house Tuesday, March 20 on improvements to Old Cheney Road from 70th to 82nd streets. The City of Lincoln and Alfred Benesch & Company will host the open house from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lincoln Christian School, 5801 South 84th Street.

Because of rising traffic volumes, the existing two-lane, rural street will be upgraded to an urban four-lane roadway with curbs and gutters and left-turn lanes. Construction is scheduled to begin early 2014. The project also includes:

- The installation of drainage facilities and the reconstruction of water and wastewater mains and private utility lines;
- Construction of new bike trails, sidewalks and curb ramp elements;
- The installation of a new traffic signal, street lighting and communications infrastructure;
- The construction of retaining wall elements; and
- The reconstruction of Old Cheney Road and adjacent roads to coordinate with the improvements.

Those attending should park on the east side of the school and use the northeast entrance. Directional signs will be posted. The meeting will take place in the elementary activities room.

The open house will provide an opportunity for the planning team to share and obtain information on current plans for the project. At the open house, attendees may informally view information stations and the planning concepts. Attendees will have an opportunity to discuss their questions and concerns with the project team and are invited to offer their comments regarding the plans.

More information on the project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects) or by contacting Craig Aldridge, City Public Works and Utilities Department, 402-416-5349 or caldridge@lincoln.ne.gov. For more information on the open house, contact Stephanie Dostal, Alfred Benesch & Company, 402-479-2200 or sdostal@benesch.com

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DATE: March 14, 2012

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Mayor Chris Beutler will announce an expansion of the City voluntary donation programs at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, March 15 at Gere Branch Library, 2400 S. 56th Street (southeast corner of 56th and Normal)**. He will be joined by the representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department, Lincoln City Libraries, Aging Partners and the Lincoln Community Foundation.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 15, 2012

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**MAYOR ANNOUNCES NEW 2 FOR TREES PROGRAM AND EXPANSION
OF LINCOLN CARES**

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced two major changes to the City's voluntary donation efforts. **2 For Trees** will allow customers of the Lincoln Water System (LWS) to add \$2 to their bill payments for funding support of public trees along streets, in parks, along trails and in golf courses. The **Lincoln Cares** program, which began in 2003 to support Parks and Recreation projects, is expanding to support Lincoln City Libraries and Aging Partners.

"Lincoln residents have shown us again and again that they strongly support voluntary donation programs that add so much to the high quality of life we enjoy," said Mayor Beutler. "They also appreciate the opportunity to target their contributions of time and money to the programs of their choice. I strongly encourage the public to continue to support Lincoln Cares and to sign up for the new 2 for Trees program. Your donations are a significant investment in Lincoln's future."

Donations to the new 2 for Trees program are matched by the Kenneth J. Good Environmental Enhancement Fund at the Lincoln Community Foundation and in-kind donations from private nurseries. The City's 125,000 public trees, include 87,000 which line 1,217 miles of streets.

"These trees add value and beauty to our neighborhoods and provide many economic, health, environmental and community benefits," said Beutler. "Unfortunately, disease and storms have taken a toll on our community forest in the last few years. Right now, only one of five street trees lost to disease, decline or damage is replaced. The 2 for Trees program is an easy and affordable way for all citizen to take the extra step to help maintain our beautiful urban forest."

"One of the hallmarks of Lincoln's quality of life is its canopy of trees," said Barbara Bartle, President of the Lincoln Community Foundation. "The Foundation, on behalf of the Kenneth J. Good Fund, is pleased to be a partner in 2 for Trees. Ken loved flowers and trees and would generously offer plants and flowers from his yard to others. This program is an ideal legacy for Ken and a wonderful way for our community to continue to tend for our city's beautiful trees."

Nursery sponsors include Finke Gardens and Nursery, Campbell's Nurseries and Garden Centers, Earl May Nursery and Garden Centers (north and south), Heritage Nursery West and Nebraska Nursery and Color Gardens.

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“This new program will help provide regular, ongoing funding that is needed to maintain a multi-generational urban forest in public areas,” said Lynn Johnson, Director of Lincoln Parks and Recreation. Johnson said 2 for Trees will not replace the City’s popular street tree voucher program that is available for residential areas.

From its inception in February 2003 through December 2011, Lincoln Cares has collected nearly \$600,000 from LES customers who added a dollar to their bill payments. Nearly 4,000 LES customers donated to the program each month in 2011. Additional contributions of nearly \$500,000 have come from direct donations to the Lincoln Parks Foundation and through partnerships with Pepsi, Gallup, Lincoln Benefit Life, Olsson Associates and Culver’s Restaurants. The total for all collections since Lincoln Cares began is about \$1.1 million.

The Mayor made the announcements at Gere Branch Library, one of the library locations where Lincoln Cares will fund Learning to Read spaces. *(A list of new and previously funded Lincoln Cares projects follows this release.)* Sponsors providing matching funds for the projects include the Lincoln Parks Foundation; Vintage Heights Neighborhood Association; the Dorothy Martin Fund of the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries; Woods Brothers Realty; State Farm; Lincoln Area Retired School Personnel; Olsson Associates; Michael Sucha Memorial Fund/Annual Golf Tournament; and the Great Plains Trails Network.

“We are grateful to be included in the successful Lincoln Cares program, which will allow us to enhance what we offer to families,” said Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries. “Raising successful readers requires a mixed approach. We’re proud of the books and storytimes we provide, and creating Leading to Reading spaces adds one more element that nurtures children as they become readers.”

“Donations to Lincoln Cares will allow Aging Partners to provide assistance to older Lincoln residents who are still living independently in their own homes,” said June Pederson, Director of Aging Partners. “Thanks to LES customers, we will be able to offer help with chores like snow removal and lawn care that can be difficult for those we serve.

Mayor Beutler thanked the project sponsors and the five Lincoln media organizations which are again providing \$30,000 of advertising and promotion. Media sponsors are KOLN/KGIN- TV; KLKN-TV; Three Eagles Communications; Broadcast House; and the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

To donate to Lincoln Cares, LES customers can add one dollar to their monthly payments. Those who pay LES through automatic bank billing can add Lincoln Cares to their payments by calling LES at 402-475-4211. Donations also can be mailed directly to the Lincoln Parks Foundation, 2740 “A” Street, Box 201, Lincoln, NE 68502 or made online at LincolnCares.org.

To donate to 2 For Trees, LWS customers can add \$2 to their bi-monthly water bill; mail a donation to 2 for Trees, 2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502 ; or donate online at 2forTrees.org.

Both programs also can be found at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: donate).

2012 Lincoln Cares Projects and Sponsors

Nebraska's Centennial Mall: \$7,500

A major renovation is planned for the seven-block Nebraska Centennial Mall, which connects the State Capitol to the University of Nebraska campus. *Project Sponsor: Lincoln Parks Foundation*

Mendoza Park Shelter: \$7,500

Funds will provide for a neighborhood park picnic shelter in Mendoza Park near the Billy Wolff Trail. *Project Sponsor: Vintage Heights Neighborhood Association*

Aging in Place program: \$3,500

Aging Partners provides access to services for people ages 60 and older. These services enhance independence and quality of life as seniors continue to live in their homes.

Leading to Reading Spaces at Bennett Martin, Gere and Bethany libraries: \$7,500

Leading to Reading Spaces are educational places for young children to use special computers and developmentally appropriate toys which encourage literacy. *Project sponsors: Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, Dorothy Martin Fund and Woods Bros. Realty.*

Parker's Pals Scholarships: \$10,000

This fund provides scholarships to children from low-income families for swimming lessons and recreation programs. *Project sponsors: State Farm Insurance, Lincoln Area Retired School Personnel and Olsson Associates*

Densmore Park Ballfield Shade Structure: \$8,400

The structure will be mounted over a bleacher in Densmore Park to provide shade and protection from foul balls for baseball spectators. *Project Sponsor: Michael Sucha Memorial Fund/Annual Golf Tournament*

Billy Wolff Trail Solar Lighting: \$7,500

Sustainable, solar lighting will be placed along the new Billy Wolff trail connection south of Randolph Street. *Project Sponsor: Great Plains Trails Network*

Programs funded through Lincoln Cares - 2003 through 2011

- Sherman Field
- Nebraska's Centennial Mall
- Jayne Synder Trail Center
- Pioneers Park Nature Center-Animal Care
- Union Plaza
- Witherbee Park Playground
- Air conditioning at Belmont Park enclosed shelter
- Hi-tech portable play tower
- Boosalis Trail Renovation
- Solar-heated pool and bathhouse demonstration project
- Air conditioning at Antelope Park enclosed shelter
- Acquisition of prairie and grasslands at Pioneers Park
- Nebraska State Liberty Bell Shelter in Antelope Park
- Restoration of the Four Wars Memorial and the Pioneer Woman and Bountiful Prairie sculptures
- Sunken Gardens renovation
- Addition to the Pioneers Park Nature Center Prairie Building
- Park Middle School Teen Center
- Benches along the Holmes Lake Trail Loop
- Shelters at Woods Park and Bethany Park
- Green Team Youth Employment Program
- Youth Outdoor Adventure Program
- Peach Park expansion
- Trago Park Shelter
- Hudson Cabin and Heritage School Endowment
- Belmont Park Natural Play Area
- Lewis Field Parking Lot Lighting
- Tierra Park Playground Area Lighting
- Elliott School/Antelope Park/Antelope Valley Trail
- Pioneers Park Nature Center art work
- Jamaica North Trail Bridge
- Lighting at Sunken Gardens and Pocras Park
- Picnic tables at Bowling Lake
- Trago Park Sprayground
- Upgraded toddler play area at the Ager Play Center
- Lincoln Safari program
- Shooting sports facility
- Parker's Pals swim and recreation program scholarships for low-income youth.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 15, 2012

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WORKSHOP TO FOCUS ON UPDATE OF
DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

The public is invited to a workshop Tuesday, March 20 on the update to the City's Downtown Master Plan created in 2005. A presentation and discussion are scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

The City is working on the update in collaboration with the Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA), and the workshop is an opportunity for residents to review the proposed changes and provide feedback before the updated plan is submitted to the City-County Planning Commission and City Council for adoption. The existing plan can be found at urban.lincoln.ne.gov (click on the downtown link).

The discussion will be lead by a team from planning and design consultant Crandall Arambula. The workshop will focus on the vision for downtown, with an emphasis on the "M" and "N" street connections between the West Haymarket and the Antelope Valley area; the "P" Street retail corridor; and the design and operation of streets to sidewalks to accommodate, vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles and mass transit.

For more information, contact Hallie Salem in the City Urban Development Department at 402-441-7866 or hsalem@lincoln.ne.gov.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FEBRUARY, 2012

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

- Staff are completing the Department's FY12-14 budget request. The request will be submitted to the City Finance Department on March 9, 2012.
- The Health Director continues to coordinate state legislative activities for the Department and with the Mayor's Office. She provided testimony on several legislative bills and prepared several letters of support. An update on the 2012 Legislative Session will be provided at the March 13, 2012 Board of Health meeting.
- Plans are underway for the Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the Lincoln Station Great Hall. Michael Samuelson, President & CEO for the Health & Wellness Institute, will provide the keynote address.
- The Health Director is meeting with the Adult Detention Justice Center Committee and architects regarding renovation of the current jail facility and space needs for county wellness activities.
- The Health Director completed ICS 400 training in Auburn, NE on February 18, 19, 25 and 26, 2012.
- The Health Director and Lincoln Fire and Rescue completed interviews for the Hands Only CPR Coordinator.
- The Health Director attended Lancaster County's Mid-Year Budget Retreat.
- The Health Director continues her work in statewide public health activities through PHAN, Friends of Public Health and the Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors.
- Employee of the Month - Hazardous Materials Response Team - Ron Eriksen, Ralph Martin, Dan King, James Newman, James Bare, Harry Heafer and Nancy Clark - Environmental Public Health Division.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Feb Stats

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Pet Licenses Sold	23,316	24,066	24,043
Cases Dispatched	6030	6940	8907
Investigation	7238	7770	9675
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	763	732	642
Cats	635	769	665
Court Citations Issued	79	227	80
Warnings/Defects Issued	1183	2274	4954
Bite Cases Reported	141	171	186
Attack Cases Reported	34	31	16
Dogs Declared (PPD, DD, V)	40	60	30
Animal Neglect Investigations	244	265	207
Injured Animal Rescue	237	229	300
Wildlife Removal	141	140	150
Dead Animal Pickup	532	620	905
Lost and Found Reports	n/a	880	918
Phone Calls	13,793	16,353	18,200
Average Response Time (in mins)	34	17	19

- Budget information for Animal Control has been prepared for some of the preliminary expenditure and revenue projections as well as program descriptions and impact statements. Performance goals and city outcome measures were referenced in these estimates.
- The Animal Control ordinances revisions approved by the Board of Health in January will go to the City Council for public hearing on March 5, 2012.
- Animal Control is in the process of implementing a new investigative report form for officers to use. The new form will incorporate critical aspects of the other investigative forms to create a new more efficient report for collecting data. The end product will be a form that is more user friendly and take less of the officer's time to complete.
- Review of the current Policy and Procedure manual is underway. The goal is to provide a procedure manual that is updated so officers have a clear and consistent road map for dealing with problems and situations that they encounter in the field.
- Animal Control hosted a training class conducted by NACA (National Animal Control Association). The Level 2 course covered such topics as search and seizure, methamphetamine identification and animal decontamination, animal cruelty

- investigations, handling of exotic, wildlife and agricultural animals, crime scene photography, officer safety and defensive tactics and investigation of dog fighting cases. Students came from as far away as Alaska to attend the training. Lincoln officers showed a marked increase in pre and post course test results with one officer scoring a 99%.
- On Feb 18, staff attended the Children's Museum "Zoo-seum" Day. Staff distributed pamphlets, coloring books, and educational materials to over 250 children and their parents. These events help familiarize children to Animal Control and what we do.
 - Staff attended the "I love My Dog" Expo on February 25 & 26. Over 4000 people and their dogs attended the event. Many of the patrons that stopped at Animal Control's booth were very positive and appreciative of Animal Control. People asked about breed bans, barking dogs, and licensing.
 - Staff meet with board members from the Cat House on February 27, 2012 to discuss progress on the feral cat management efforts. The Cat House provides the Department with locations for all the feral cat colonies and agrees to trap, neuter/spay, vaccinate and release the animals as defined in our agreement.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Clinic Revenue Increases

- CHS staff made two significant changes to increase clinic revenue in the past calendar year. The first change was the addition of the debit/credit card machines in March 2011. The second change was the increase in existing fees and addition of new clinic fees to the Immunization and the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinics in September 2011. As a result of these efforts, our clinic revenue increased an average of 12% per month due to the debit/credit card machines and an average of another 25% per month due to the increase in clinic fees. We are still able to provide immunization and STI services regardless of ability to pay and other clinic services (e.g. General Assistance, Refugee Health) are provided at no charge to the client.

EHS Super Users

- Frontline staff in CHS and IFM staff (EHS Super Users) worked together to present a training related to our electronic health record (the EHS system) to EHS users. The two hour training focused on updates to the system and on efficient use of the system in topic areas such as medication documentation, listing of current medications and medication history, past medical history, organizing view of forms/lists, easier documentation of internal/external referrals (auto importing), and reviewing changes to documentation templates for specific programs. EHS Super Users are; Betsy Resch, Becky Hansen,

Trish Harding, Annette Sturtz, Kris Saunders, and Trudy Franssen. Our goal is to use CHS Division meeting time as needed (an estimated 3 times a year) for training on EHS updates. This was the group's 2nd training. The training was well received by participants. EHS Super Users did a fantastic job!

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

WIC – A Glance at Public Opinion Nationally

- A survey of 1000 likely November 2012 voters was conducted by two national polling companies, American Viewpoint and The Mellman Group. The intent of the survey was to determine support or opposition to both WIC as a program as well as funding. The report found that WIC is as highly regarded as Social Security, Medicare, and Defense. Survey respondents, regardless of political affiliation, view WIC as effective and nearly two-thirds of respondents opposed cutting WIC funding. Respondents were more likely to suggest cuts to school lunch, housing assistance, food stamps, national defense, and agricultural price supports. National acceptance of WIC is vital locally since the all of the funding for our program is determined at the federal level.

Dental Health

- During the month of January, the dental staff provided 528 patients with 803 patient visits. Of the 538 patients served during January, 132 were new patients to the dental clinic and 228 patients were children or 43% of our total patients served. Year to date (September 1, 2011 – January, 31, 2012) the dental clinic has served a total of 981 children or 51% of our total patients served. An indicator for the Dental Clinic is to increase the percentage of children seen in the dental clinic by 10% to 55% of patients (42.7% in FY 2009; 47.2% in FY 2010; 46.9% in FY 2011). The Dental program is partnering with the Lincoln Public Schools, Head Start and Early Head Start Programs to assure children and families have access to a dental home.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

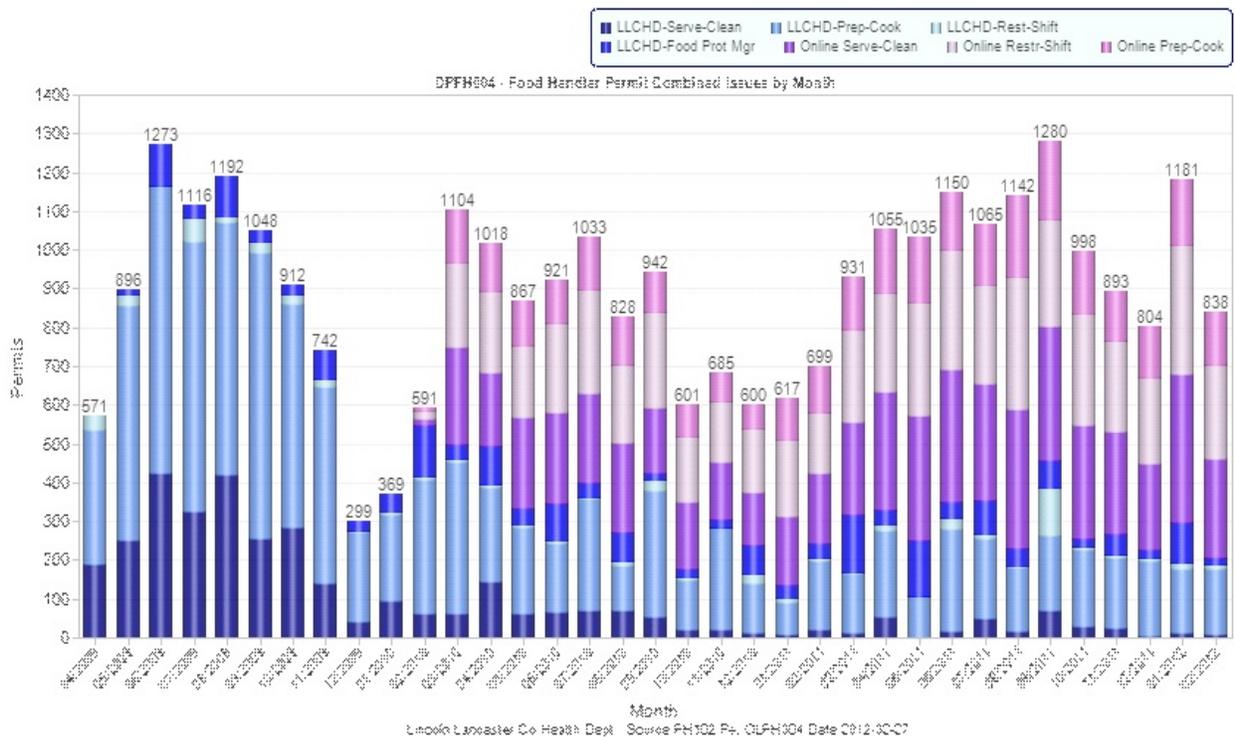
Children's Environmental Health - Care Center Permitting and Inspections

- One major effort of LLCHD's Children's Environmental Health Program is permitting and inspecting Child Care Centers for compliance with health and safety regulations. This work helps achieve our primary goal of protecting the health of children, their families, child care providers, and our community by preventing communicable disease outbreaks that originate in child care settings. Our performance indicator is to inspect 95% of facilities within established intervals. This was not met in FY11 due to staff turnover and training new staff.

- The Child Care Health and Safety Program permits and annually inspects approximately 142 Child Care Centers, (providing care for 13 or more children). In addition, we inspect approximately 14 additional state permitted centers that are located outside of Lincoln's jurisdiction, or are exempt from Lincoln's permit requirements (such as Park and Recreation's before and after school programs. Child care center staff are required to have two hours of health and safety training, which is offered twice a month. LLCHD does not regulate or inspect State licensed Child Care Homes up to 12 children.
- As of September 1, 2011 the small family child care home (for home care of 2 or 3 children from more than one family) inspection and permitting program was eliminated. LMC 8.14 was rescinded and the 39 remaining permits expired and were closed as of February 1, 2012. This work was determined to have limited impact on preventing community wide disease outbreaks and protected fewer total children than working with a single larger child care center.
- This past year the NE Department of Health and Human Services proposed updating the outdated regulations for Child Care Facilities. LLCHD provided written recommendations to the proposed regulations. Some of our recommendations were incorporated into the latest version of the recommendations, but many were not. Nebraska is ranked 49th in the country for having adequate State Child Care Facility Regulations. The Child Care Program is planning to propose changes to Lincoln Municipal Code 8.12 Child Care Facilities to address improvements needed in child care regulations to reduce health risks and increase safety.

Food Handler and Food Manager Training

- Below is a graph from our dashboard which shows how many food handlers and food managers are trained each month since April of 2009. On March 8, 2012 the online food handler program will be updated making several improvements. The food handlers will establish a personal file, called a portal. This will prevent them from creating multiple files (over paying or needing a refund). This change will allow them to take a break during the training and return to the start of the topic where they left it, rather than having to start the whole unit over. The food handler will be able to go to their portal to update addresses/phone numbers, take additional units for a higher level permit, reprint their permit, or take the Responsible Beverage Server Training once that is established. These changes will make administrating the online program more efficient and address problems identified by the food handlers and managers.



HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- HDE is making a change in format for the communicable disease monthly reports. The data should be more easily understood with the new format. Tim Timmons, Communicable Disease Program Coordinator, and I would like your feedback once you get a chance to review the new reports.
- The MAPP Committee will be morphing into a steering committee charged with developing a Community Health improvement Plan (CHIP). At the March 2nd meeting, it is hoped that up to five or six issues will be decided upon as priorities to be addressed strategically over the next three to five years. This is a community plan so we always recruiting additional members to work on the CHIP. If you are interested or have suggestions of possible members, please feel free to contact Steve Frederick (sfrederick@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-6271). Regular updates about the CHIP progress will be provided to the Board.
- This year has proven the old adage among public health epidemiologists that “there is no such thing as a normal flu season.” Influenza (flu) activity locally, statewide and nationally is very low, especially for this time of year. Levels of seasonal flu activity are well below normal levels for the October to February period, making it the latest “start” of seasonal flu in decades. While the number of cases is slowly increasing and may pick up, we are beyond the time of year (mid-February) that represents the usual peak level of

flu activity. The reason probably has to do with the circulating strains of flu. The flu vaccine for both this year and last matches the most common flu viruses that are currently circulating. Therefore, many people may have immunity because they had the flu last year or they got a flu vaccination or mist either this year or last year. Let's hope that the seasonal flu doesn't surprise us and pick up over the next two months. (While May is the usual end of the flu season, there are actually individuals who get the flu even in summer months.)

- Staff members from the Public Health Association of Nebraska (PHAN), the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHSS) and local health departments are reviewing the prototype PHAN dashboard that was shown to the Board at the February meeting. Once the bugs are worked out and the narratives are "tweaked" the site will be launched to the public. We are hoping that the launch will be sometime in mid-March. At first, the dashboard layout will be static (or fixed in place) rather than customizable and each local public health department will post a link to the PHAN server from their department's home page. Frequent updates will be possible as new data become available and the dashboard will be enhanced over time.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease and Minority Health

- Staff facilitated two Crusade Against Cancer Coalition meetings to finalize planning for the March 2012 colon cancer awareness campaign. All Hyvee pharmacies have agreed to be distribution sites for FOBT kits this year bringing participating pharmacies to 36. Staff is also working with the Minority Health Initiative partners to enhance promotion and distribution of FOBT kits to disparate populations. These partners include the Malone Center, El Centro, and the Asian Center. Print, radio and channel 10Health will be used for media advertising and awareness of colon cancer screening. All WorkWell member delegates have also received information to provide to employees 50+ years of age.

Injury Prevention

- Staff coordinated car seat checks at both Anderson Ford North and South. Thirty-seven seats were checked for proper installation and use. Staff presented child passenger safety education to 10 teen parents at North Star High School and emphasized the importance of keeping children rear facing as long as the seat allows. The former recommendation for rear facing was 20 pounds and 1 year of age. New technology has allowed for children to stay rear facing for up to two years and 35+ pounds. Rear facing provides the greatest protection for children, and manufacturers are responding by creating car seats designed to hold larger children in a rear facing position.

- Staff presented child passenger safety seat information to 30 individuals at the New American Leadership Academy Class at the Asian Community and Cultural Center.

Physical Activity

- Nine Lincoln residents took part in a second round of League of American Bicyclist's League Certified Instructor (LCI) training February 24-26, 2012 at LLCHD. We now have 20 League Certified Instructors in Lincoln who are capable of providing bike education. The first "Kids Traffic Skills 101" class is being planned for late March through early May at Prescott Elementary School.
- Administrators at Prescott and Kahoa Elementary Schools are also exploring the potential for a "Bike To School Day" event on May 9, 2012 when the first annual Bike To School Day is observed in this country.

Tobacco Prevention

- Staff coordinated a tobacco compliance check with the Lincoln Police Department and two youth volunteers. Five out of 44 businesses sold tobacco to underage individuals for an 11% non-compliance rate, or an 89% compliance rate. Three of the businesses that sold were liquor stores/outlets; the other were grocery stores. Management of the grocery stores and one liquor store are interested in participating in the ID training provided by the Lincoln Police Department.
- The Smoke-free Entrance Resource guide was provided to WorkWell delegates attending the last WorkWell delegate meeting.
- Staff is partnering with Safe Kids, Building and Safety, and Lincoln Fire & Rescue on the Multi-Unit Housing Team of the Fire/Burn Prevention Task Force to provide information to landlords on fire prevention. Smoke-free housing will be part of the presentation.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- The Department's budget is in the final stages of development. It will be submitted on March 9th. This is the first two year budget cycle for the City of Lincoln.
- Training has been completed for staff on use of the new Time and Leave Reporting and Activity tracking system. The system will be implemented on March 1st. For the month of March, staff will document their time using both the new electronic system and the only paper-based system. Once we are assured that we have worked out all issues related to accuracy, the staff will discontinue the paper-based reporting system.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
February 14, 2012

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:02 PM by Karla Lester at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members present: Doug Emery, Jacquelyn Miller, Lisa Peterson, Deb Schorr, David Smith, Brent Smoyer, Heidi Stark, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Trish Owen (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Karla Lester.

Members Absent: Tony Messineo and Ed Schneider.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Steve Beal, Steve Frederick, Kathy Cook, Charlotte Burke, Andrea Mason, Raju Kakarlapudi and Elaine Severe.

Ms. Schorr introduced Brent Smoyer, Lancaster County Commissioner. The Lancaster County Commissioners completed Board/Committee assignment and Mr. Smoyer will replace Ms. Schorr on the Board of Health. Thank you to Ms. Schorr for her work and dedication to the Board of Health. Welcome Mr. Smoyer to the Board of Health

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Lester asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Peterson that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Smith. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Lester asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Smith that the January 10, 2012 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Stark. Motion carried by acclamation.

PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on Dr. Schneider and a get well card was

circulated and will be mailed to Dr. Schneider. Congratulations to Mr. Messineo for being named the Pius X High School's Outstanding Alumni.

The Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 11:30 AM at the Lincoln Station Great Hall. Michael Samuelson, a health promotion and wellness presenter, will provide the keynote address. The regular Board of Health business meeting is scheduled for the same day at 5:00 PM.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Smith to cancel the April 10th Board of Health business meeting at 5:00 PM. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to monitor legislation for the Department and the City of Lincoln. She will provide a legislative update at the March 13, 2012 Board of Health meeting. Budget preparations continue. She stated Departments were asked to submit the two year budget as 96.5% of the current FY11-12 budget and 99% of the FY12-13 request. The Department's biennial budget request will be submitted to the City Finance Department on March 9, 2012. She thanked Ms. Cook and staff for their work on preparing the budget request.

Ms. Halstead will be out of the office February 27-March 2, 2012. Mr. Holmes will be in charge of the Department during her absence.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Acceptance of the 64th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Ms. Halstead presented the 64th Annual Report. The report includes messages from Mayor Beutler, Board of Health President Dr. Lester and the Health Director Halstead. The report includes program and statistical information for each of the Divisions. She asked all Board members to review the Report on the Department's website.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Stark that the Board of Health approve the 64th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Ten Essential Services for Public Health - Essential Service #1 - Monitor Health Status to Identify Community Health Problems

Mr. Frederick and Mr. Kakarlapudi provided a presentation on Essential Service #1 - Monitoring Health Status. Information was provided on the Local Health System Assessment, 2010, the Community Health Profile including demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, quality of life, behavioral risk factors, environmental

health indicators, social maternal and child health, death, injury and communicable disease. They also reviewed the dashboard data that is available. Local health department data is available for all local, state and regional entities.

Staff will provide a presentation on Essential Service #2 at the March 13, 2012 Board of Health Meeting.

B. Health Management Associates Executive Summary of Recommendations

Ms. Halstead stated the Health Management Association's (HMA) final report to the Community Health Endowment (CHE) was released in January, 2012. The full report is available at: chelincoln.org. She reviewed the findings and recommendations noting 20% of adults (ages 18-64) in our community have no health insurance. Some of the recommendations included: 1) CHE funding an organization who would apply for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI grant) with oversight by a 15 community representatives. Lincoln Medical Education Partnership submitted the grant on January 27, 2012. 2) The new organization would oversee efforts in the safety net and take responsibility to assure all these individuals would have a medical home. 3) People's Health Center should contract with LMEDP to operate a satellite clinic at LMEDP's current site. 4) People's Health Center should remodel space now occupied by Clinic With A Heart. 5) Clinic With a Heart should continue to provide urgent care services. 6) Transitioning the Community Mental Health Center from the County, however, the County must have a responsibility to maintain funding. 7) Evaluate a downtown site (old DuTeau Chevrolet building) for use by multiple organizations. 8) CHE, the new organization and hospitals in Lincoln should work with the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha regarding influencing the State to create an upper payment limit program for certain hospitals as well as integrating the psychiatrist hospitalist program into the existing physician program. 9) General Assistance funding and patients should move to the People's Health Center or its satellite location. This should yield an overall savings of approximately 7-9%. 10) Peoples City Mission should be asked to define their vision for the future. 11) The new organization should communicate the recommendations in this report to providers, the general public, funders, etc. to create a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the current safety net system in Lincoln.

Ms. Halstead stated it is important to realize these recommendations are merely recommendations and any and/or all of the private and non-profit organizations in Lincoln may or may not agree with these recommendations. She will continue to update the Board of Health on any future developments.

C. Board of Health Member Pairings

Ms. Halstead stated Board of Health members have been paired with a Division(s) of the Department. Pairings include: Dr. Lester & Dr. Schneider - Community Health Services; Dr. Smith - Animal Control and Health Data & Evaluation; Dr. Stark - Dental Health Services & Health Promotion & Outreach; Mr. Emery - Director's Office; Dr. Miller and Mr. Smoyer - Information & Fiscal Management; Mr. Messineo - Environmental Public Health; and Dr. Peterson - Health Data & Evaluation and Health Promotion & Outreach.

A finalized list will be provided at the March meeting.

D. Smoke Free Entrances Resource Guide

Ms Burke provided the Smoke Free Entrances - A Resource Guide. The Guide was prepared for businesses. It provides information on why businesses should consider smoke-free entrances, the risks of second hand smoke, sample policies and steps to establishing a smoke free entrance policy.

The Joint Parks & Recreation and Board of Health Sub-Committee will meet on March 6, 2012 to continue discussing smoke free play areas in City parks.

E. Environmental Public Health Division Update

This item was tabled until the March 13, 2012 meeting.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Items for the February 14, 2012 Board of Health agenda include: 1) Essential Service #2 Presentation; 2) 2012 Legislation Update and 3) Environmental Public Health Division Update.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is March 13, 2012 - 5:00 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

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Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark
Vice-President



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To: City Council members

From: Pat Leach, Library Director

Regarding Library Internet Policy

3-14-12

I'm writing in response to an email that Council members received on March 13 from SafeLibraries.org regarding Lincoln City Libraries' Internet policy.

Our Internet policy is posted in full at
<http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/board/Internet.pdf>.

I begin by emphasizing that we take customer concerns very seriously, particularly those relating to the safety of our patrons and our staff. Ensuring safe and welcoming spaces is a priority for Lincoln City Libraries and an integral part of our staff training. Library employees continuously monitor spaces and will contact police immediately when illegal activity occurs. Staff will also promptly respond to reports from customers who observe illegal activity or uses of library computers that violate our policy.

The kinds of behaviors described in the email from SafeLibraries.org are obviously concerning. In response to the email, library staff reviewed sexual misconduct-related incident reports for the past five years for all libraries, during which there were approximately 7.5 million visits to the library system wide. During that five-year period, there were no reports of assaults considered sexual in nature against any children, adults, or library staff. (As you may recall, there was one incident at Eiseley Branch Library during which library staff fully cooperated with a police investigation involving a man charged with the attempted assault of a young woman with whom he attempted to arrange a meeting at the library.) With respect to the specific events related in the e-mail, the third bulleted incident at South branch is particularly concerning, as it describes illegal activity. It is important to note that neither the library nor the police have reports of this incident. I am confident that if library staff witnessed such an event, the police would have been contacted.

The Library Board reviewed the libraries' Internet policy last fall. Public input was actively sought during that process. The public was invited to testify at a hearing held on the evening of October 18 at Eiseley Branch Library, and additional public input was accepted via mail and email during a three-week period before the Board voted. One person testified at the public hearing, and

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the Board received approximately 15 written comments. These comments reflected a broad range of opinions regarding Internet use at the libraries.

After an extended discussion at its November 2011 public meeting, the Library Board voted to re-affirm (i.e., make no changes to) the existing Internet policy.

Under the current policy, all computers in designated children's areas are filtered. A minor may use an unfiltered computer only with written parental consent. The libraries' wireless access is also filtered; thus, patrons surfing the web on their personal laptops or other electronic devices do so on a filtered connection. Unfiltered computers are accessible to adults, and these computers are physically separated from the filtered computers.

I do need to emphasize that Internet filtering is not perfect. Websense, the filtering system we currently use, is considered top of the line, but no filtering software provides total protection. Filters are text-based, which means that they will block known offensive sites and/or sites that include "trigger" language. They will block only those images (the most likely type of content to offend) associated with such language or sites. As a result, these filters are not dependable in regard to social media (such as Facebook), and they will not block access to a patron's personal email account, or any content on a patron's personal hard drive, disc, or portable drive. If, however, library staff observe a customer viewing inappropriate imagery on a filtered computer or are alerted to such activity, they will approach the customer. If the person acts in a threatening manner, or repeats the activity, he or she may be temporarily banned from the library as a consequence.

I want to close by again emphasizing that we take the safety and comfort of our patrons and staff extremely seriously. With that in mind, I am certainly willing to re-visit the issue of our internet policy with the Library Board. I have forwarded the Safelibraries.org email to the entire Library Board, and we plan to discuss it at the Tuesday, March 20th meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



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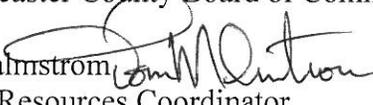
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 2012

TO: Lincoln City Council, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors, The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, The Nature Conservancy, and Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Tom Malmstrom, 
Natural Resources Coordinator
Parks and Recreation Department
Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership

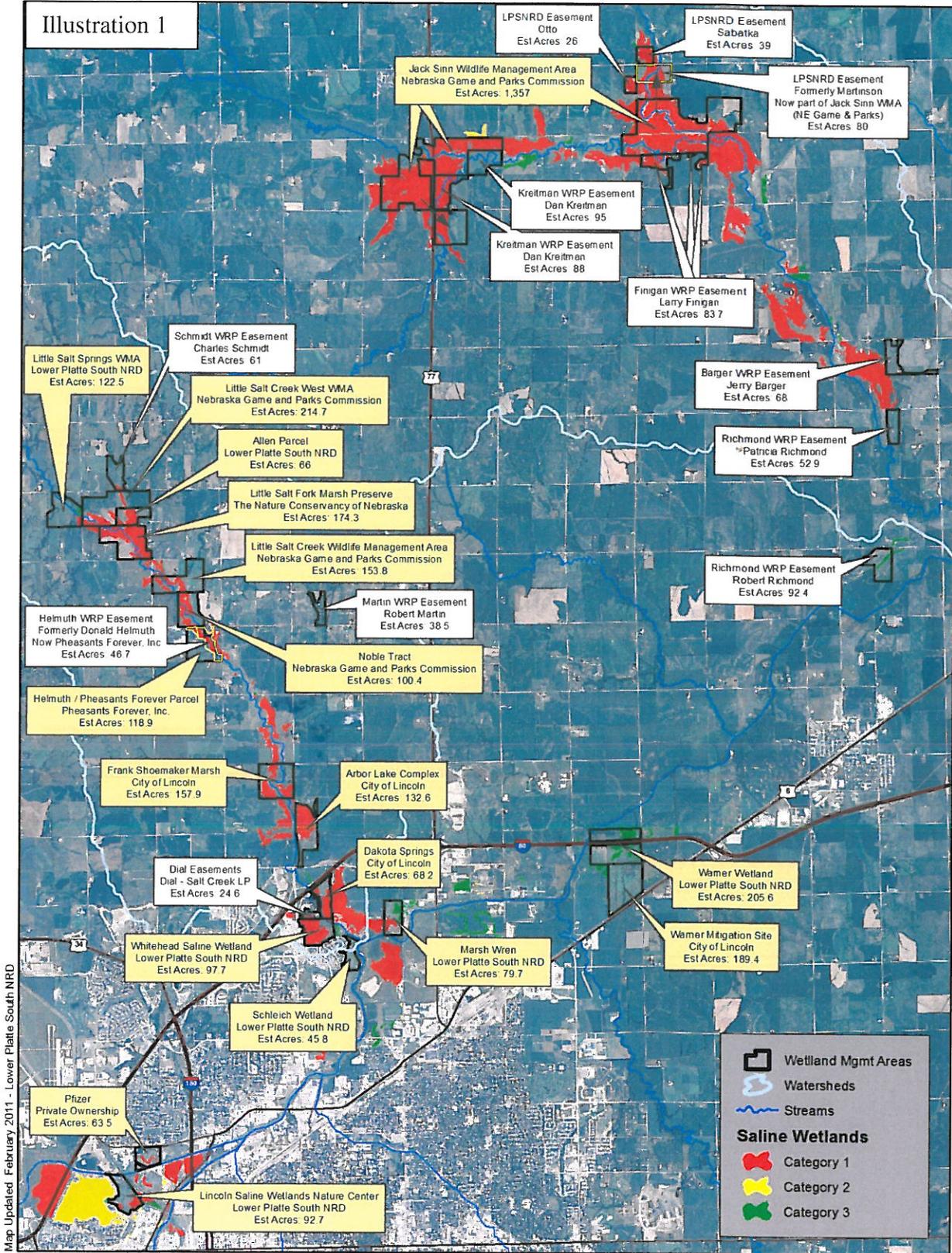
RE: Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership – 2011 Progress Report

On behalf of the Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership (SWCP) I want to make you aware of the activities, which occurred in 2011. The SWCP was initiated in 2003 and continues to progress. The City of Lincoln has been awarded three Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (NETF) grants for the eastern saline wetlands. The grants were received in 2002, 2005, and 2008. The City of Lincoln received a \$1,200,000 grant over a three year period in 2008. The grant period was extended and will terminate on June 30, 2012. These grants have been used for land acquisition and restoration purposes and provide matching funds for other grant opportunities. An article in the Nebraska Environmental Trust 2011 Annual Report about the grant project is included in this report.

Efforts of the SWCP are to protect, restore, and manage the rare and unique saline wetland habitat. The Partnership continues to utilize the "Implementation Plan for the Conservation of Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands (2003)," for guidance in efforts to conserve the saline wetlands. Since its inception, partners have purchased nearly 1,200 acres of saline wetlands and other associated upland habitat, initiated educational activities, participated in saline wetland restoration projects, and provided for operation and maintenance of these areas. One restoration project completed in 2007, at Frank Shoemaker Marsh was featured in the November/December 2011 publication of Land and Water. The article is attached.

Illustration 1 identifies saline wetland properties, which have been acquired through fee-title acquisitions or conservation easements since the 1980's.

Illustration 1



Map Updated February 2011 - Lower Platte South NRD

SUMMARY OF 2011 ACTIVITIES

WETLAND RESTORATION

Arbor Lake, located north of Interstate 80 along 27th Street is a 132 acre area containing over 65 acres of saline wetlands. It is owned by the City of Lincoln. The public recreation area provides habitat for a variety of wildlife and plant species.

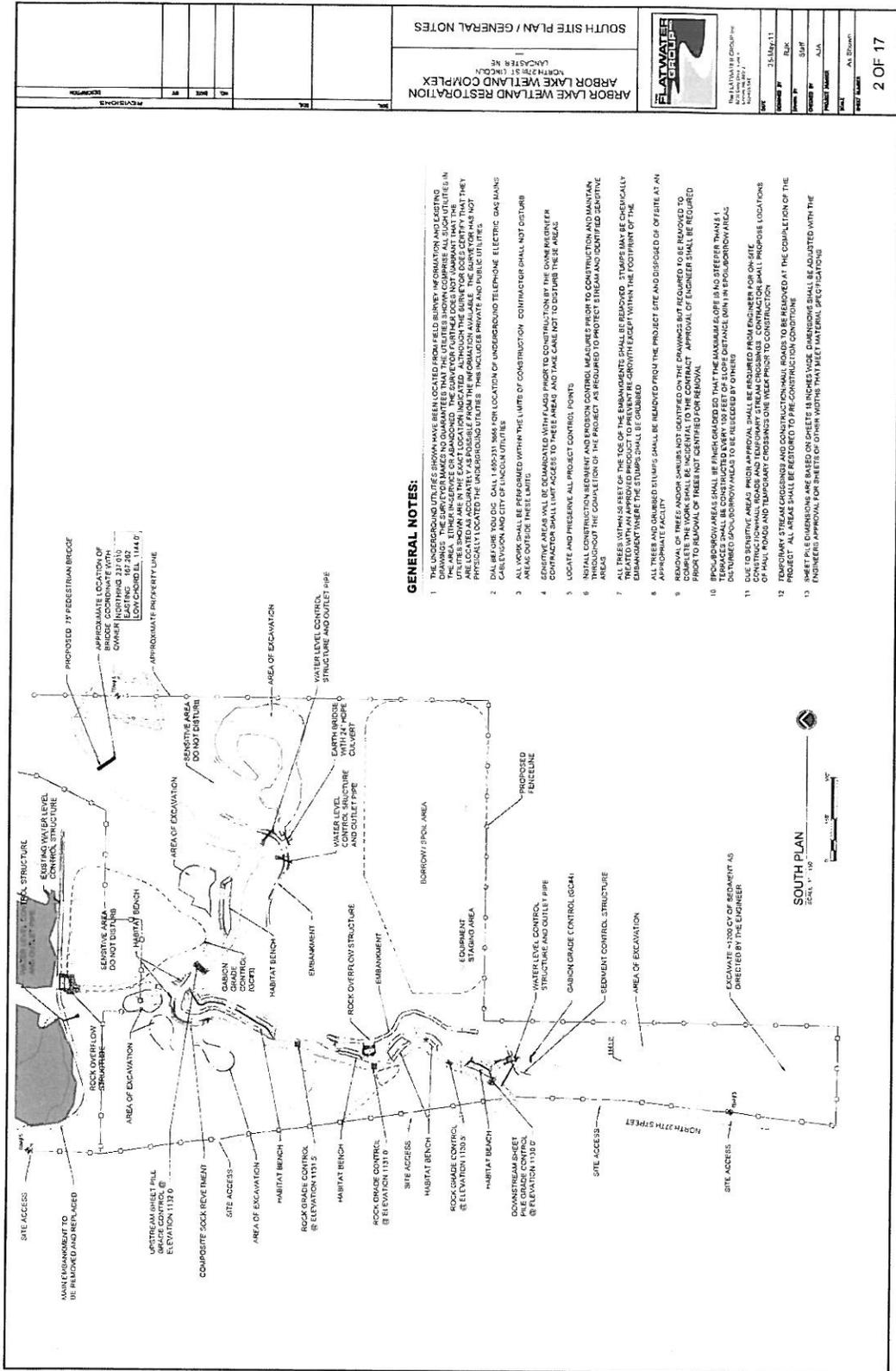
A wetland restoration conceptual design was completed in August 2009. In 2010, the City of Lincoln hired a firm to complete the final design for the wetland restoration. A core and technical/planning team consisting of several agency representatives worked with the consultants on the final design. An Open House was held on October 19, 2010 and was attended by 27 persons.

The Flatwater Group, Inc completed a final design for the restoration of the area in December 2010 and is providing construction management activities. The City of Lincoln hired Commercial Contractors Equipment to perform construction of the wetland restoration project. The construction project began in September 2011 and will be completed by April 2012.

The various components of the restoration include: restoration to enhance and restore degraded wetland systems; remove and replace existing berm and outlet structure; remove sediment in wetland areas; construct sediment control dikes; install water level control structures in wetland areas; removal of undesirable vegetation (cattails); installation of grade control structures within the tributary; reshaping and restoring the banks of the tributary at selected areas; and improve access within the site for land management. Illustration 2 shows the north site plan and Illustration 3 shows the south site plan for the restoration project.

This project is being funded with Federal Section 319 funds and the 2008 NETF Grant, all received by the City of Lincoln.

Illustration 3 – Arbor Lake Complex South site plan



GENERAL NOTES:

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2. CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: CALL 1-800-371-5868 FOR LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE, ELECTRIC GAS MAINS AND OTHER PUBLIC UTILITIES.
3. ALL WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION. CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT DISTURB AREAS OUTSIDE THESE LIMITS.
4. EXISTING AREAS SHALL BE DOCUMENTED. ANY PLANS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION BY THE CONTRACTOR FOR CONTRACTOR SHALL LIMIT ACCESS TO THESE AREAS AND TAKE CARE NOT TO DISTURB THESE AREAS.
5. LOCATE AND PRESERVE ALL PROJECT CONTROL POINTS.
6. INSTALL CONSTRUCTION BARRIERS AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES WITHIN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAIN THROUGHOUT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, AS REQUIRED TO PROTECT STREAM AND IDENTIFIED SENSITIVE AREAS.
7. ALL TREES WITHIN 5 FEET OF THE TOE OF THE EMBANKMENT SHALL BE REMOVED. STUMPS MAY BE CHEMICALLY TREATED TO PREVENT SPROUTING AND TO PREVENT GROWTH EXCEPT WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE EMBANKMENT WHERE THE STUMPS SHALL BE GRUBBED.
8. ALL TREES AND GRUBBED STUMPS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROJECT SITE AND DISPOSED OF OFF SITE AT AN APPROPRIATE FACILITY.
9. REMOVAL OF TREES AND/OR STUMPS NOT IDENTIFIED ON THE DRAWINGS BUT REQUIRED TO BE REMOVED TO COMPLETE THE WORK SHALL BE INCIDENTAL TO THE CONTRACT. APPROVAL OF ENGINEER SHALL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO REMOVAL OF TREES NOT IDENTIFIED FOR REMOVAL.
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12. TEMPORARY STREAM CROSSINGS AND CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE REMOVED AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. ALL TREES SHALL BE RESTORED TO PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS.
13. ENGINEER APPROVAL FOR BULK OF WORK SHALL BE OBTAINED WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIODS OF TIME.

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ARBOR LAKE WETLAND RESTORATION

Pre-construction

Mid- restoration construction

Cattail remediation – re-establish saline wetlands



Endangered species habitat bench



In-stream grade control



WETLAND MANAGEMENT

Three seasonal employees were hired by the City of Lincoln in 2011 to perform management on the saline wetland areas. Members of the Partnership established management activities to be addressed within the eastern saline wetlands complex. These employees primarily worked on noxious weed and woody vegetation removal, and access and structure maintenance. Funding for these positions is provided with 2001 State Wildlife Grant funds the NGPC received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). A total of 1,013.5 hours were worked by the seasonal employees in 2011 on saline wetland management activities primarily from May through mid-August. The Coordinator provided supervision of the employees.

SALINE WETLAND RESEARCH

In 2007, the NGPC received funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to collect biological and hydrological data. This information could be used for the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan for the Salt Creek tiger beetle (SCTB) and the Eastern Saline Wetlands of Nebraska. The SWCP has worked with partners on soil and plant community inventories in the past and in 2011 assisted with a wetland assessment project of the saline wetlands. Following is a summary of research conducted in 2011.

Salt Creek Tiger Beetle Research

The following research information provided by:

Steven M. Spomer

School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Federal Permit #TE37351A-0

State Permit #9

Field Collection and Rearing – Summary for 2011

Permits for obtaining eggs from *C. n. lincolniiana* allowed field collection of females and males. A total of 13 SCTB were collected on June 14, 2011 and 17 collected on June 20, 2011. Adults were returned to the collection site after 10 days (males) or 14 days (females).

Captive rearing is being conducted in cooperation with Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo and Lincoln Children's Zoo. The resulting larvae collected from the females was transferred on August 20, 2011 and split between the two zoos.

Population Estimates for 2011

Preliminary surveys began on June 4, 2011 with the first visual of a Salt Creek tiger beetle adult on June 7, 2011. The population estimates were conducted between June 28, 2011 and July 5, 2011. A total of 318 Salt Creek tiger beetles were counted. The adult beetles were gone by the second week of August 2011.

Wetland Assessment - Ecological condition of saline wetlands

The following research information provided by:

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Craig Allen

USGS, Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, School of Natural Resources,
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Wetlands are important landscape features that provide many ecosystem services including improved water quality, flood control, and important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants. The ecological condition of wetlands can directly impact their ability to provide these services. As a part of an effort to measure the ecological condition and understand factors that affect condition of wetlands across Nebraska, condition surveys were conducted at ten saline wetlands in Lancaster County (Figure 1).

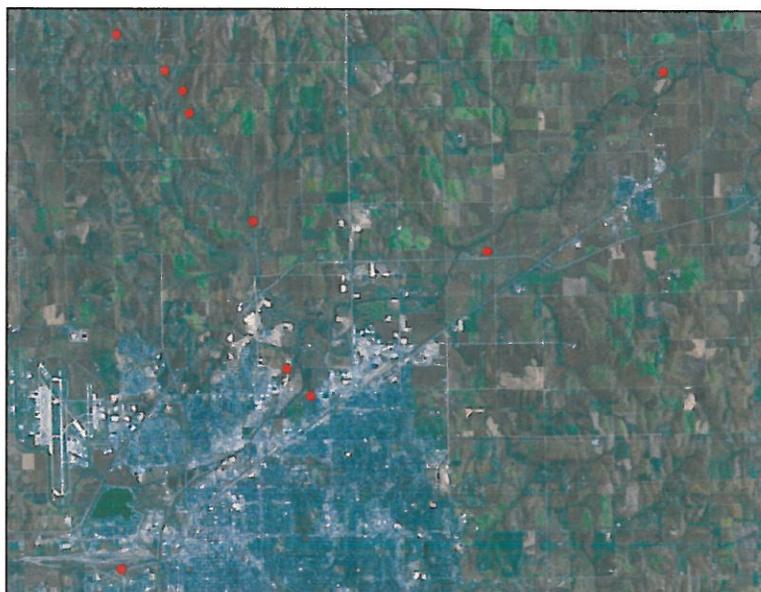


Figure 1. Wetland condition assessments were performed at ten saline wetland sites in Lancaster County.

Wetland condition assessment

Nine random sites were selected to represent a range of condition. This selection included sites on both public and private property. Also surveyed was a “reference standard” wetland site that represents the healthiest saline wetland on the landscape based on the input from local experts. Three levels of condition assessment were performed at each wetland site: 1) landscape assessment, 2) USA Wetland Rapid assessment, and 3) intensive site level assessment. Landscape assessment is forthcoming and will be based on land-use in the buffer surrounding wetland sites. From the rapid assessment (USA-RAM), a condition score was calculated that is based on condition of and stressors to both the wetland itself and buffer surrounding the wetland (Table 1). Likewise, a Floristic Quality Assessment Index (FQAI) condition score was calculated for each wetland, which is based on vegetative diversity and relative cover of each plant species (Table 1). For both USA-RAM and FQAI scores, a higher score indicates a high quality wetland, while a low score indicates a lower quality wetland.

Table 1. Condition scores for the saline wetlands. Species diversity is the number of native plant species and invasive species is the number of non-native plant species.

	USA-RAM	FQAI	Species Diversity	Invasive Species
Reference Standard	81.14	90.51	7	1
Other sites				
<i>Mean</i>	50.93	47.4	18	4
<i>High</i>	73.6	149.27	27	7
<i>Low</i>	28.71	3.62	8	1

As expected, the reference standard saline wetland site scored the highest using the rapid assessment method. In general, the ecological condition as measured by the USA-RAM was most impacted by surrounding land-uses. For example, those sites that scored the lowest occurred in highly modified agricultural and urban landscapes. Two saline sites scored higher FQAI scores than the reference standard site. This appears to be a result of the presence of dense mats of star duckweed (*Lemna trisulca*) at those two sites. Saline wetland sites that scored the lowest had vegetative communities dominated by non-native invasive species and cattails (*Typha augustifolia* and *T. x Glauca*). Saltwort (*Salicornia rubra*), a state-listed endangered species, was present at two saline wetland locations (Figure 2). In the future, landscape assessment condition scores will be calculated based on land-uses surrounding wetland sites and compared to the three methods of ecological condition assessment. Wetland condition surveys will also continue in other wetland complexes across the state over the next two years.



Figure 2. Saltwort (*Salicornia rubra*)

Frog and toad surveys

Due to their complex life cycle that involves the use of both aquatic and terrestrial environments, amphibians may be particularly vulnerable to environmental degradation. During the months of April and May, nighttime frog and toad breeding call surveys were performed at each saline wetland site. Surveys were conducted after sunset and consisted of a two minute acclimation period and five minute call survey at each site. During each call survey, all frog and toad species heard calling were recorded.

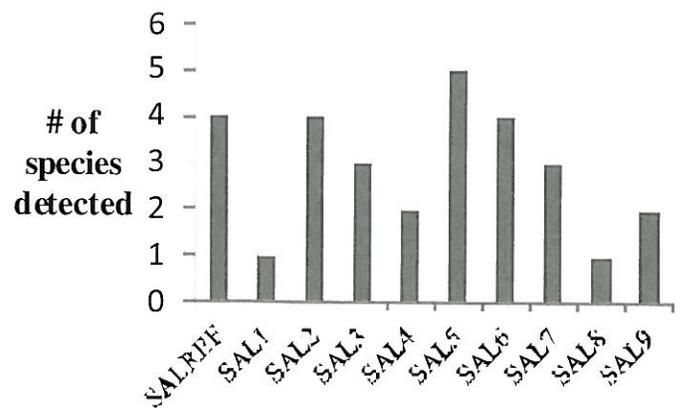


Figure 3. The number of frog and toad species detected at ten saline wetland sites.



Figure 4. Boreal chorus frog (*Pseudacris maculata*)

A total of five frog and toad species were detected during the breeding call surveys conducted at ten saline wetland sites (Figure 3). Boreal chorus frogs (*Pseudacris maculata*) were present at all ten wetland sites (Figure 4). Both Northern cricket frogs (*Acris crepitans*) and Woodhouse toads (*Anaxyrus woodhousii*) were also frequently detected. Because some species may be more sensitive than others to environmental quality, species diversity alone may not be a good predictor of wetland condition. For example, the species diversity was highest at a site that scored poorly using both metrics of wetland condition. This does not, however, mean that individual species

may not be good indicators of wetland condition. This data will be used to statistically model the presence-absence of species based upon measures of habitat quality and our ability to detect the calls of each species and develop amphibian specific measures of wetland condition.

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ENDANGERED SPECIES

The Salt Creek tiger beetle (*Cicindela nevadica lincolniiana* Casey) was listed as a Federal endangered species on October 2005. It is endemic to the eastern saline wetlands in Lancaster and southern Saunders counties. Saltwort (*Salicornia rubra*) is a state listed endangered species. Saltwort is only found in the eastern saline wetlands.



In 2007, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the Proposed Rule in the Federal Register regarding the Designation of Critical Habitat for the Salt Creek tiger beetle (SCTB). In April 2009, the USFWS reopened Critical Habitat Designation to add a total of 138 acres to three of the four previously proposed units. As a result, the proposed revised critical habitat designation for the species now includes four critical habitat units totaling approximately 1,933 acres. The rule was made final on April 6, 2010.

In February 2011, three conservation groups; The Center for Native Ecosystems; Center for Biological Diversity; and the Xerces Society sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service saying it was not protecting enough habitat to save the insect. An agreement was reached in June 2011, to require the Service to re-examine the areas already designated as critical habitat but also new areas in Lancaster County. The re-evaluation must be completed by April 1, 2013.

During 2011, The City of Lincoln, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo, and Lincoln Children's Zoo to identify areas for re-introduction of the endangered species.

SUMMARY OF SALINE WETLANDS AND SOILS PROTECTED (2001-2011)

In order to preserve and restore these wetlands, an Implementation Plan for the Conservation of Nebraska’s Eastern Saline Wetlands was completed in 2003. This plan identifies four Landscape Objectives, which establish projection and restoration targets for the conservation of the Eastern Saline Wetlands. A summary of acres acquired through fee-title acquisition since 2001 by the SWCP is provided below. Conservation easement information is not provided in the summary.

LANDSCAPE OBJECTIVE	ACRES OF WETLAND PROTECTED OR RESTORED
1 – Permanently protect 100% (148 acres) of intact Category 1 saline wetlands and their associated conservation zones to ensure that the wetlands and their functions are sustained	28.7
2 – Restore and Protect 80% (1,412 acres) of unprotected degraded Category 1 saline wetlands and their associated conservation zones to ensure that the wetlands and their functions are sustained	206.7
3 – Restore (to intact Category 1 wetlands) and protect 50% (167 acres) of unprotected Category 3 saline wetlands and their associated conservation zones to ensure that the wetlands and their functions are sustained as intact Category 1 wetlands	62.0
4 – Restore (to intact Category 1 wetlands) and protect 50% (2,360 acres) of unprotected current non-wetland areas on saline hydric soils so that they become intact and sustained Category 1 saline wetlands	287.4
TOTAL	584.8

Source: Ted LaGrange and Rachel Simpson of the NGPC, August 2011

EDUCATION

- North Star High School – Coordinator established annual program with environmental Studies class on saline wetlands in 2005. The coordinator in cooperation with the environmental studies instructor at North Star sponsors field trips for a selected group of students to the saline wetlands. The field trips include presentations to the students by personnel of the LPSNRD, UNL, NGPC, and the NRCS. Topics covered regarding the saline wetlands included vegetation, hydrology, entomology, restoration and mitigation, management, soils, well monitoring and sampling, wildlife, and the relationship of urbanized development with natural areas. In the fall of 2011, a total of eight (8) field trips and two (2) class presentations were held.



- Coordinator educational presentations - The Coordinator continues to present “saline wetland jeopardy” to fifth grade students attending the Earth Wellness Festival. Other presentations were given to local groups and conservation agencies.
- Coordinator participates in Elementary School Nature Nights and field trips to saline wetlands sponsored by the LPSNRD

FUNDING RESOURCES

- Federal Section 319 Grant (2007 and 2009) – The coordinator on behalf of the City of Lincoln submitted a grant in 2005 for Federal Section 319 funds in the amount of \$500,000 for the eastern saline wetland complex. In November of 2007, the City was awarded \$250,000. A total of \$207,195.66 was expended for engineering services related to the Arbor Lake Wetland Restoration Project. The remainder, \$42,804.34 was expended for Arbor Lake Wetland Restoration construction. An interim final Report was completed and submitted to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality on November 30, 2011.

The remaining \$250,000 was awarded in 2009. Of this, \$18,257.78 was expended in 2011 for Arbor Lake Wetland Restoration construction engineering leaving a balance of \$231,742.22 at the end of 2011. This will be expended on engineering and construction services for the Arbor Lake Wetland Restoration Project.

- 2008 Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant – The grant amount is \$1,200,000 over a three year period. A total of \$366,250.42 was expended in 2009 and \$156,900 in 2010 for land acquisition and billboard removal (\$3,900). In 2011, \$318,840.95 was expended on construction at the Arbor Lake Wetland Restoration Project. A total of \$358,008.63 remains and will be expended on the Arbor lake Wetland Restoration Project and land acquisition.
- Federal Section 6 – In 2011, the NGPC through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was awarded \$135,000 for the acquisition of a property containing saline wetlands. Negotiations were initiated in the fall of 2011 and it is expected a fee-title acquisition will occur in 2012.
- A grant was submitted to the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 2011 for the “Eastern Saline Wetlands Project – 2012.” The amount requested was \$1.4 million for land acquisition, restoration, and planning activities for a three year grant period.

SUMMARY OF OTHER COORDINATOR ACTIVITIES

- Attend and participate in Nebraska inter-agency wetland meetings sponsored by the U.S. Corps of Engineers
- Attended meetings regarding City and County projects regarding construction activities scheduled near or on saline wetland areas
- Presented information regarding the saline wetlands to LPSNRD Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife sub-committee, LPSNRD Board of Directors, and Wachiska Audubon
- Toured saline wetland areas with several agencies and local zoos regarding endangered species recovery habitat.
- Youth education – presented and participated in elementary school Nature Nights sponsored by the Lower Platte South NRD, the Earth Wellness Festival, and UNL Career Day
- Land management – Supervision of seasonal employees, annual saline wetland area task discussions with land managers from other agencies, noxious weed and woody vegetation control at publicly owned saline wetland sites, and Phragmites location identification with established GPS coordinates
- Completed Management Plan for the Allen Property
- Participate with Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) B Team regarding the scoring and design of Wetland Reserve Program applications in Lancaster County
- Assisted Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund with “Our Town” footage along with KOLN/KGIN television
- Met with personnel from Pfizer regarding their saline wetland area and with the NGPC provided a summary of management activities they could pursue to enhance the area
- Project Manager for the Arbor Lake Complex wetland restoration project.
- Member and participant of the Educational Workgroup of the Nebraska Partnership for All-Bird Conservation.
- Participant of the Habitat Conservation Plan committee sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and miscellaneous activities related to endangered species
- Participant and team representative of Nebraska Wetland Assessment grant project through the NGPC
- Miscellaneous grant administration and participation in grant applications through conservation agencies regarding wetland projects

SALINE WETLAND PROPERTIES

- **Frank Shoemaker Marsh** – 27th Street and Bluff Road
Size: 160 acres
Purchase price and date: \$472,000 on June 12, 2003
Funding sources: 2001 State Wildlife Grant through the
USFWS (\$222,000)
2002 NET grant (\$250,000)
Owner: City of Lincoln

Activity summary – Noxious weed removal continued and included the documentation of several new plots of Phragmites. Post-restoration monitoring includes observations of wetland vegetation and management of the hydrology through the five water control structures in place. Prescribed fire breaks completed for spring 2012 burn. Sprayed brome encroaching from road ditch into planted grasses.

Several monitoring wells installed by UNL are continually monitored. The total number of wells includes three shallow wells (15-30 feet), three intermediate wells (60-90 feet), and one deep well (~180 feet).

- **Dakota Springs** – South of Arbor Road and East of 27th Street
Size: 68.7 acres
Purchase price and date: \$204,700 in January 2004
Funding sources: Federal Section 6 (\$153,525)
2002 NET grant (\$51,175)
Owner: City of Lincoln

Dakota Springs Extension Purchase (Dial Realty, 7.45 acres)

Purchase price and date: \$48,500 on December 31, 2008
Funding source: Federal Section 6

Activity summary – Noxious weed removal continued. Portion of property hayed and brome along west property line adjacent to Little Salt Creek sprayed.

Monitoring wells installed by UNL and are continually monitored. The total number of wells in place includes two shallow wells (15-30 feet) and two intermediate wells (60-90 feet).

- **Warner Saline Wetlands** - 98th Street and Interstate 80
Size: 140 acres
Purchase price and date: \$298,580 on December 7, 2004
Funding sources: Federal Section 319 (\$179,148)
LPSNRD (\$43,043.20)
SWCP (\$76,388.80)
Owner: LPSNRD

Activity summary – Woody vegetation removal continues with Honey locust and cedars. Prescribed burn on west 40 acres. North parcel is a youth mentor hunt site.

- **Little Salt Creek Wildlife Management Area** – 1st Street and Raymond Road
 Total Size: 256.5 acres
 Purchase price and date: \$476,000 in June 2004 (original 156 acres)
 Funding sources: Federal Section 6 (\$276,000)
 2004 NET grant through NGPC (\$200,000)
 Owner: NGPC

Noble Tract Extension - Along Little Salt Creek, between Mill Road and the southern boundary of the original Little Salt Creek Wildlife Management Area. (100.5 acres)

Activity summary – Prescribed grazing was conducted. Cedar removal and noxious weed control continues.

Monitoring wells were installed by UNL and are continually monitored. The total number of wells includes three shallow wells (15-30 feet) and three intermediate wells (60-90 feet).

- **Little Salt Creek West Wildlife Management Area** – South of Branched Oak Road between NW 12th and 1st Streets
 Total Size: 220.0 acres
 Purchase price and date: \$979,000 on October 9, 2009
 Funding sources: Federal Section 6 (\$560,000)
 2005 NET Grant (\$42,838.58)
 2008 NET Grant (\$366,250.42)
 Ducks Unlimited (\$10,000)
 Owner: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Activity summary – Prescribed grazing was conducted. Cedar removal and noxious weed control continues. Food plots were established and former farmed ground planted with natives. Prescribed fire breaks completed for spring 2012 burn.

- **Arbor Lake Complex** – North of Arbor Road and east of 27th Street.
 Total Size: 132.5 acres
 Owner: City of Lincoln

Arbor Lake Extension Purchase (Anderson Property, 69.2 acres)

Purchase price and date: \$361,710.67 on September 1, 2004
 Funding source: 2002 NET grant through City of Lincoln

Activity summary – Approximately 9 acres were cropped by an adjacent landowner; this includes areas under the transmission line, which were disturbed during construction in 2007. Wetland restoration construction began in September 2011.

Monitoring wells installed by UNL are continually monitored. The total number of wells includes three shallow wells (15-40 feet) and two intermediate wells (60-90 feet).

- **Little Salt Springs** – NW 12th Street and Branched Oak Road
 Size: 123 acres
 Purchase price and date: \$472,188 on July 31, 2007
 Funding sources: Lower Platte South NRD (\$187,960.35)
 2005 NET grant (\$227,227.95)
 Partnership Funds (\$57,000)
 Owner: Lower Platte South NRD

Activity summary – Continued efforts to control noxious weeds and woody vegetation. CRP planted with pollinators. Prescribed fire breaks completed for spring 2012 burn. NW 12th Street was closed, which is eastern boundary of property.

- **Marsh Wren** – Between 40th and 56th Streets and north of Salt Creek
 Total Size: 80.0 acres
 Purchase price and date: \$320,000 on May 27, 2009
 Funding sources: Lower Platte South NRD (\$25,000)
 SWCP (\$25,000)
 City of Lincoln floodplain acquisition funds (\$178,000
 (\$89,250 each from the City of Lincoln and the Lower
 Platte South NRD))
 2005 NET Grant (\$91,500)
 Owner: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District

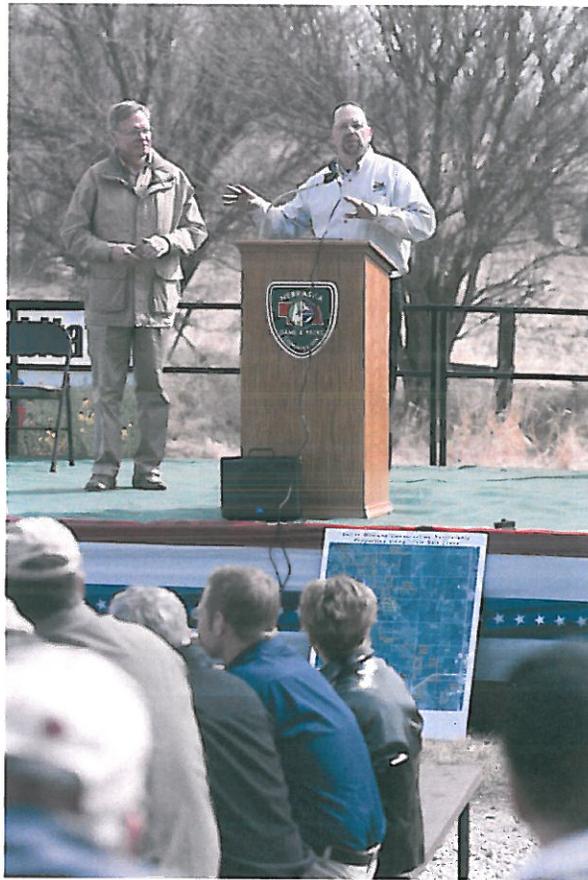
Activity summary – Continued efforts to control noxious weeds and woody vegetation.

- **Allen Parcel** – Between Branched Oak Road and Raymond Road and adjacent to the west of 1st Street
 Size: 66.6 acres
 Purchase price and date: \$304,000 on February 17, 2010
 Funding sources: Lower Platte South NRD (\$76,000)
 SWCP (\$75,000)
 2008 NET Grant (\$153,000)
 Owner: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District

Activity summary – Continued efforts to control noxious weeds and woody vegetation. Gate installed on south fence line adjacent Little Salt Fork Marsh Preserve. Prescribed fire breaks completed for spring 2012 burn. Management Plan completed.

- **Helmuth Parcel** – South of Mill Road and west of 14th Street
 Size: 119.0 acres
 Purchase price and date: \$630,000 on November 23, 2010
 Funding sources: Federal Section 6 (\$275,000)
 2001 State Wildlife Grant through the
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (\$131,666.50)
 NGPC (\$23,333.50)
 Donation from Helmuth family (\$200,000)
 Owner: Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Activity summary – Prescribed grazing was conducted. Cedar removal and noxious weed control continues. Prescribed fire breaks completed for spring 2012 burn and structures razed. Dedication ceremony held on March 18, 2011.



Pete Berthelsen of Pheasants Forever and Don Helmuth at Dedication Ceremony

- **Seacrest Range** (43 acres) – Located west of Folsom Street along both the north and south sides of Rosa Parks Way. The area is owned by the City of Lincoln. Efforts continued to remove cedar trees and Honey locust and to control noxious weeds on the site.

- **Lincoln Saline Wetlands Nature Center** (92.7 acres) – It is located near Capitol Beach in Lincoln. The area is owned by the LPSNRD. Management activities in 2011 were noxious weed control and removal of Russian olive, Honey locust, and cedar trees. Considerable efforts to control Phragmites.

Well installed by UNL is monitored for groundwater levels and water quality.

- **Schleich Wetlands** (50.2 acres) – It is located southwest of Little Salt Creek near where it empties into Salt Creek and east of the Northbridge subdivision in Lincoln. The area is owned by the LPSNRD. Management activities in 2011 were noxious weed and woody vegetation control. Engineering design for Maintenance Bridge was completed.
- **Whitehead Wetlands** (98.8 acres) – It is located east of 27th street and a short distance south of Interstate 80. The area is owned by the LPSNRD. Management activities in 2011 were noxious weed control and removal of trees in drainage area along south and east boundaries.

Monitoring wells installed by UNL are continually monitored. The total number of wells includes five shallow wells (15-30 feet), four intermediate wells (60-90 feet), and one deep well (~180 feet).

- **Little Salt Fork Marsh Preserve** (174.2 acres) – It is located northwest of 1st and Raymond Road and owned by The Nature Conservancy. Management activities in 2011 included a prescribed grazing rotation throughout the property for the majority of the growing season and control of noxious weeds.
- **Jack Sinn Wildlife Management Area** (1,352.3 acres) – Located south of Ceresco in Saunders and Lancaster counties. This area is owned by the NGPC. Perimeter fencing construction continues. Management activities in 2011 were noxious weed control, woody vegetation removal, and prescribed fire and grazing.

This program has been very successful and continues to accomplish many of the goals of the Implementation Plan for the Conservation of the Eastern Saline Wetlands. Your continued support for the conservation of these natural areas is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me at 476-2729 or tmalmstrom@lpsnrd.org. You can visit the saline wetland website at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/ParksFacilities/wetlands/index.htm>

Eastern Saline Wetlands Project - City of Lincoln



In 2008, the City of Lincoln received a \$1.2 million three-year grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (NET) for the Eastern Saline Wetlands Project. The project is preserving and protecting the most imperiled natural community in Nebraska, which is located primarily in the Salt Creek watershed in northern Lancaster and southern Saunders counties.

A total of 360 acres containing 110 acres of eastern saline wetlands were purchased during this grant project. These acquisitions include endangered species habitat and provide flood control and water quality protection. The 2008

NET grant funded \$519,250 for these acquisitions and were matched with \$931,411. The matching funds were provided by a Federal Section 6 grant (\$559,911), local floodplain acquisition funds (\$178,500), Lower Platte South NRD (\$101,000) and project partners (\$100,000).

A wetland restoration project is currently in progress. The Arbor Lake Wetland Restoration Project will enhance and restore degraded wetland systems, expand saline wetlands on the site, prevent further stream degradation within the project boundaries while maintaining and developing habitat for endangered species and complement the restored wetland systems with native plant species. A total of approximately \$450,000 of NET is obligated to the project, which will be completed in the spring of 2012. Additional matching funds in the amount of \$310,000 from Federal Section 319 funds are being used to pay for engineering and restoration costs.



Through the grant period, members of the Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership provided \$390,000 in matching funds for the Eastern Saline Wetlands Project and nearly \$25,000 from State Wildlife Funds received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been used for land management.

Project sustainability is increased with the collaboration between partners and these funding sources. The matching funds are necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient accomplishment of the goals of the Implementation Plan for the Conservation of the Eastern Saline Wetlands.

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Restoring Eastern Nebraska's Saline Wetlands

Eastern Nebraska's saline wetlands are one of the most unique ecosystems in the state. Originally estimated at 20,000 acres, only about 4,000 acres remain. Many of these remaining acres are degraded and reasonable candidates for wetland rehabilitation. The wetlands are primarily located within northern Lancaster and southern Saunders counties in eastern Nebraska. These wetlands are home to a variety of unique salt tolerant plants and insects. These wetlands are identified by saline soils and halophytic vegetation (salt tolerant) plant species such as spearscale, inland salt grass, sea blite, prairie bulrush and the state endangered saltwort.

In addition to unique plant species, the saline wetlands are home to the federally endangered Salt Creek tiger beetle (SCTB). The SCTB is a subspecies of tiger beetle and is endemic to the saline wetlands. Only a few hundred of these insects remain. The saline wetlands are groundwater discharge wetlands and are threatened by a variety of actions including draining and filling and commercial, residential and agricultural development.

A Partnership for Preservation

To ensure long-term protection of this threatened resource, the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership (SWCP) was formed in

2002. The SWCP takes a unique approach to saline wetland protection by applying a partnership approach. Full partners of the SWCP include the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, The Nature Conservancy and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Secondary partners include the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever,

Nebraska Wildlife Federation, Nebraska Sierra Club, Home Builders Association of Lincoln, Conservation Alliance of the Great Plains, Wachiska Audubon and private landowners. The SWCP's primary "Implementation Plan" calls for a "no net loss of saline wetlands and their associated functions with a long-term gain in sustaining wetland functions through the restoration of hydrology, prescribed wetland management, and watershed protection".

Saline Wetland Restoration

In 2003, the SWCP purchased the Frank Shoemaker Marsh. This is a 160-acre wetland complex adjacent to Little Salt Creek north of Lincoln, Nebraska with approximately 50 acres of saline wetlands present at the time of purchase. The Flatwater Group, Inc. (TFG), a Lincoln-based water resources engineering and planning firm, was contracted by the SWCP to provide planning, engineering design and construction oversight services for wetland restoration and habitat improvement design throughout the entire 160-acre Frank Shoemaker Marsh wetland complex. Frank Shoemaker Marsh contains saline soils and halophytic vegetation indicative of a saline wetland. Due to channel incision of Little Salt Creek traversing the property and prior land practices within the property, the saline wet-



Looking west in September 2009. White/gray area denotes a critical habitat of the federally endangered Salt Creek tiger beetle. All photo credits: TFG.

lands were in a degraded state at the time of purchase by the SWCP.

To address these issues, TFG worked closely with the SWCP to develop a restoration plan. The overall project included strategic planning, design workshops, technical advisory team coordination, agency consultation, public meetings, permit applications, adaptive management techniques, funding identification and GIS coverage and CADD mapping.

Project Funding

Funding for the Frank Shoemaker Marsh purchase and restoration was provided in part by a \$250,000 grant awarded to the City of Lincoln by the Nebraska Environmental Trust and \$222,000 from a 2001 State Wildlife Grant awarded to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Saline wetland acres were purchased by the SWCP through fee title (one of the partners is an owner) or conservation easements with private landowners.

Design and Construction

TFG applied the following steps for restoration design: 1) Project initiation; 2) Data collection and field investigation; 3)



Improved stream crossing.

Conceptual design and development; 4) Permit and NEPA compliance coordination; 5) Final design development; 6) Construction phase; and 7) Post-construction phase.

During initiation, the project team met to discuss overall goals of the project and roles of the partners. TFG conducted a detailed field effort and collected topographical survey data and critical elevations of the existing streambed. Berms existed throughout the property due to the site's former use by a duck hunting club. The

survey data and critical elevations were used to create the first sets of conceptual designs for the project based on discussions with the SWCP.

Once a draft-final set of plans was prepared, the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit was prepared and submitted to the U.S. Corps of Engineers-Omaha District (Corps). The Corps was contacted early in the process and invited to the site for a walk-through. A Nationwide 27 permit was issued for the project. Agency consultation letters were also submitted for



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Threatened and Endangered species review, state historical society review, and wetlands review to comply with NEPA regulations for the federal funding used on the project. Final designs were approved by the SWCP and final bid documents were prepared by TFG. The project was put out for public bid and a Yost Excavating from Nebraska City, Nebraska was selected based on their low bid. Because of the sensitive nature of the area, Yost complied with a number of site restrictions and was required to carefully protect certain areas of the wetland during construction.

Construction for the project occurred from August 2006 through March 2007. Todd Yost, of Yost Excavating worked closely with the design team during construction. Careful sequencing of certain project elements was important to minimize disturbances to existing plant communities. Yost proved to be a good partner and during construction employed

to remove cattails. Steel sheet piling was installed with a pile driver on an excavator. A mobile crane was also used to deliver a metal and wood decking pre-fabricated bridge to the site for a pedestrian and wetland manager access crossing over Little Salt Creek. Seeding was an important element in the design and required some specialized equipment and subcontractors for that component.

“Less Is More”

Throughout TFG’s saline wetland restoration projects, a “less-is-more” philosophy has been followed. This concept calls for concentrating structures on fringe areas away from sensitive species and by naturalizing structures to the extent possible. For example, grade control structures constructed within the main channel of Little Salt Creek were designed to blend in with the streambed. Steel sheet pile was installed in the main channel for grade control.



Stormwater pass-thru.

a variety of equipment on-site including scrapers, excavators, and dump trucks to excavate suitable clay material from upland areas on-site to construct and compact low-hazard berms. These berms mimicked natural flood terraces that developed along the streams in the area, creating much of the original wetland habitat. The berms were compacted to a 95% compaction density. Rock riprap was delivered to the site and transferred via dumptruck to select locations for bank protection, grade control, and headcut plugging. Pull-behind scrapers were also used for shallow sediment excavation in the wetland cells and

Riprap was placed up and down stream immediately adjacent to the sheet pile. The piling was installed so that the riprap and sheet pile blended in with streambank vegetation and will be concealed more with sediment accumulation among the riprap. Another critical component was the design and construction of the berms. Placement and elevation of the berms was important to simulate the natural terraces that were compromised by channel headcutting. The berms were set to elevations that allow for the floodplain to be engaged by the stream at a frequency of every 3 to 5 years.

PROJECT CHALLENGES

Sodium Affected Soils

Saline groundwater has deposited salts within the floodplain soils of Frank Shoemaker Marsh. These sodium affected soils, sometimes referred to as dispersive soils, posed many challenges such as an unsuitable construction material and construction access and safety. The dispersive soils cause “piping” to occur within the soil column. Large holes existed and therefore the edge of the streambank was hazardous for construction equipment due to the threat of soil structure failure. A 100-foot buffer from the top of bank was maintained during construction. Additionally, low-hazard berms constructed onsite were built from suitable soils excavated and transported onsite. The dispersive clays were not suitable for compaction and water impoundment.

Sensitive Species

Tiger beetle species are prevalent throughout the salt flats at Shoemaker Marsh. In addition to insect species, many unique salt tolerant plant communities also existed. To minimize disturbance to these rare plants and insects, the project team worked closely with personnel from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Nebraska Field Office and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s (UNL) entomology department to identify these areas. Sensitive areas were marked and protected throughout construction. A detailed plant inventory was also performed. The plant inventory was used to delineate sensitive plant communities and to benchmark monitoring of the saline wetland recovery.

Headcutting and Streambed Erosion

Little Salt Creek traverses Shoemaker Marsh and it is a tributary to Salt Creek. In the 1930’s, Salt Creek was channelized (along with sections of Little Salt Creek) for flood control within the City of Lincoln. As Salt Creek became channelized, this caused headcutting to move up through its tributaries. To minimize further headcutting within Frank Shoemaker Marsh, grade control structures were installed. They are comprised of steel sheet piling and riprap. A grade control was installed the southern and northern property boundary’s. They were designed to accommodate future grade raises in the channel to facilitate efforts to mitigate channel degradation. An existing stream crossing constructed of

concrete rubble and broken asphalt was located near the center of the property. It was providing an important function in controlling upstream migration of channel degradation, however it was showing signs of failure. In its place Yost drove a series of steel piles that were supplemented with rip-rap. This structure created a permanent crossing for future construction and maintenance and will maintain an important channel feature.

Throughout the site, headcuts had formed from Little Salt Creek and were draining portions of the wetland complex. Some headcuts were filled with suitable material and gabion rock structures were installed on other drainages to minimize future headcutting and restore hydrologic conditions. The gabion rock structures were filled onsite with Class C riprap by the contractor and were designed to blend in with the surrounding vegetation.

Erosion Control

A part of the project design, TFG developed a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). During construction, the SWPPP was followed to minimize sediment discharge to Little Salt Creek. Yost installed silt fences around disturbed bor-



Habitat shelf after.

row sites and headcut repairs. Select areas disturbed during construction were protected with erosion control blanket materials. Turf reinforcement matting was used on the berms for stabilization until native seeding became established.

Invasive Vegetation

Throughout Frank Shoemaker Marsh, there were a number of large monoculture cattail communities. During construction, the top 18-inches of soil was removed in an effort to eradicate the cattail community. This amount of soil generally coinciding with deposits eroded from adjacent upland agricultural areas. In addition to remov-

ing unwanted vegetation, former areas of hard pan salt crusts were again exposed. These areas are already developing with saline plants on their fringe and creating the habitat thought to be used by the SCTB.

Water Level Control

The Shoemaker Marsh wetland was generally split into three pond areas ("cells") from previous site management as water-fowl production. These cell boundaries were generally preserved as part of the restoration project, however they retained too much water with little ability to manage water levels. Water level control is a key to successful management of saline wetlands. This provides a management tool for balancing water supply to sustain saline species and control intrusion of freshwater wetlands. To fit the flexibility needed for water level management, Agri-Drain water level control structures were selected and installed at select locations throughout the project site. These structures have provided wetland managers with the ability to independently manage water levels in the cells.

Watershed Development

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mile from residential and commercial developments on the north edge of Lincoln. To plan for future development around the marsh, TFG designed a freshwater "pass through" structure on the west side of the site. Wetland managers have the ability to regulate the amount of stormwater that enters the site. As the watershed develops, wetland managers will be able to manage stormwater runoff by diverting it through the site and not allowing it to significantly dilute the saline water in wetland cells.

Innovative Techniques at Frank Shoemaker Marsh

The salt tolerant plant and insect species rely on a mix of highly saline groundwater and stormwater. As saline groundwater historically rose to the surface from deeper saline formations, salts were deposited in the floodplain soils. Capillary action allowed shallow saline groundwater to move throughout the upper soil column to the surface. As this salty shallow groundwater rose to the surface, salts were deposited on the surface through the wetting and drying of the upper soil column. This wetting and drying relied on a high water table beneath the saline wetland.

When Little Salt Creek was chan-



Saline soil layer.

nelized, the stream incised and lowered the water table of the adjacent wetlands. By lowering the water table, the shallow groundwater connection to the surface was disconnected. This moist saline soil is vital to SCTB habitat.

In an attempt to imitate saline wetland hydrology in a new system, TFG and the Partners came up with a "habitat shelf" design. This design feature called for "pulling back" the streambank and this created a lower sloped "bench" near the stream channel. The bench is sloped at 10:1. This bench is near the stream and during runoff events, the bench is connected to the water of the stream directly by saturation from stormwater and indirectly by the

bench's proximity to the stream. Because the bench is near the stream and subject to wetting, the habitat shelf surface will experience the necessary wetting and drying to bring salinity to the soil surface.

In the summer of 2010, two years after the wetland restoration project was completed, UNL entomologists found SCTB living on the habitat shelves at Frank Shoemaker Marsh. Researchers found signs of beetle colonies and found evidence that the SCTB were breeding at the habitat shelf. The existence of beetles at the habitat shelf is an indicator of success.

Current Restoration Work

In addition to the Shoemaker Marsh project, the City of Lincoln purchased an additional tract of land across the road to expand an existing saline wetland site called the Arbor Lake Complex (ALC). TFG was hired for an additional saline wetland restoration project at this site in 2008. TFG completed a conceptual design and was then hired for final design in 2010. The project design is complete and the construction is underway. Construction began in September 2011 and it is anticipated to be done by April 2012. Due to the presence of SCTB habitat, construction must

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be completed by then to avoid possible disturbance of SCTB emerging from winter burrows.

Wetland Too Wet?

Not only does a lack of groundwater connection limit saline wetland functions, too much water impounded on saline wetlands may restrict functions. At the ALC, the SWCP decided to experiment with operating the wetland site with less standing water. The plug on the outlet structure at ALC was removed in November 2009 and since that time, large areas of saline wetland vegetation have appeared in areas previously inundated by standing water. Through this experiment, the existing seed bank of the wetland was able to re-establish in less saturated conditions. Salt tolerant vegetation such as sea blite, sparscale and saltwort has thrived in the drier conditions.

Innovative Techniques at Arbor Lake Complex

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has been an active contributor to the ALC project. As part of its continued statewide soil mapping efforts, the NRCS was interested in excavating a soil pit at ALC to measure soil salinity through the soil column. The northern portion of ALC is covered by 1-3 feet of sediment that has deposited on the site due to adjacent agricultural land disturbance.

As described earlier, saline soils exist within the floodplain as a result of saline groundwater transported to the wetland surface. To measure the distribution of salinity throughout the site, the NRCS used a sensor called the EM-38. This sensor measures the electrical current charge in the soil. Soil electrical conductivity (EC) correlates to many soil properties including soil salinity. At ALC, the EM-38 had an effective measurement depth of 1.5m (5 feet) (Source: NRCS website). The EM-38 was used alongside a GPS unit to map the levels of soil salinity in portions of the ALC site. This map was used during wetland design to determine areas of shallow excavation of sediment. The goal is to remove shallow sediment and expose saline soils.

Conclusion

A variety of unique techniques have been used to restore degraded saline wetlands in eastern Nebraska. The formation of the SWCP allows wetlands managers the

ability to draw from a wide pool of expertise to make informed decisions about wetland management. Consultants and members of the SWCP work closely together to test new restoration techniques and monitor their success. These experiments have shown successful results in the area of insect population expansion and salt tolerant vegetation reestablishment. **L&W**

by Gordon R. Coke & Thomas E. Riley

For more information contact Gordon R. Coke, Environmental Planner, gcoke@flatwatergroup.com or Thomas E. Riley, P.E., Principal Water Resources Engineer, triley@flatwatergroup.com, The Flatwater Group, Inc., 8200 Cody Drive, Ste A, Lincoln, NE 68512-9550, Phone (402)435-5441, Fax (402)435-7108, www.flatwatergroup.com

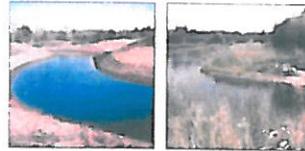
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Jean Preister

From: Michele M. Abendroth
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 2:12 PM
Subject: Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The **first Annual Report of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission** can be found on the Planning Department website at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bdscom/pc/index.htm>. This report summarizes the activities the Planning Commission took up in calendar year 2011.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

Michele Abendroth
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-6164

Mary M. Meyer

From: Nicole Prosocki [nicole@squeegeestation.com]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 1:11 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Proposed Ordinance

I attended the listening session on the liquor seller's permit at the health department. I've never used the city council's website before, and am not sure where to find the proposed ordinance.

Nicole Prosocki
Mill's Squeegee Fill Stations
and Prairie Lake Mobil
(402)435-8200, ext. 3

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." --Albert Schweitzer

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Server training

Good Morning Nicole, your question has been referred to me. First of all, no ordinance has been prepared for Council's Agenda. The meetings or forums, as some have called them are just to get input from liquor license holders and to answer their questions. The city's website www.lincoln.ne.gov does provide the Lincoln Municipal Code. On the Interline website, type LMC or the word code in the Search Box. A list of titles will come up. Click on Title 5 and you will see the Chapter on Alcoholic beverages. You can also view the LMC via the City Attorney's website. So again, no ordinance has yet been prepared. I am not sure what the committee's plan is to let the public know when the ordinance will be listed on the Council's Agenda. A good contact for that information is Police Legal Advisor Tonya Peters. Her email address is tpeters@lincoln.ne.gov.

Joan E. Ross
City Clerk
(402) 441-7438
(402) 441-8325 (Fax)

Mary M. Meyer

To: Council Packet
Subject: Server training

From: Tonya L. Peters
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 9:41 AM
To: 'nicole@squeegeestation.com'
Cc: Mary M. Meyer; Joan E. Ross
Subject: RE: Server training

Nicole,

At the last community forum meeting on this issue, the consensus of the industry was to create a “task force” to come up with some new ideas. The volunteers of this “task force” meet tomorrow. Sometimes these “task forces” are able to come up with new ideas and sometimes they don’t, so I will still need to work on the draft ordinance. I hoping to do this today and have a new draft for the “task force” tomorrow. If the “task force” comes up with some good alternatives, then the draft ordinance may not need to be posted.

I will have a better idea of the status tomorrow. I will try to remember to send you an email tomorrow or Thursday morning. If for some reason I forget, please send me a friendly reminder.

Tonya

Mary M. Meyer

From: Alex Michalak [amichala@NebrWesleyan.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 9:26 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Possible Philanthropy Idea

Dear City Council,

My fraternity (Omega Alpha Chi) at Nebraska Wesleyan had an idea for a possible philanthropy, but we were unclear about specific regulations. The title of our idea is, "Hobos for Life" and would consist of men of the house dressing like hobos and performing jug-band music on various sidewalks around Lincoln, and any donations received would be donated to "Relay For Life". After research of several city ordinances, we were not sure whether or not this would count as soliciting because we would ask for donations, but whether or not we would be selling anything seems rather hazy. We do not believe we would be selling anything; we would simply be giving the people music whether-or-not they offer any money, but we were not sure if that would still possibly be considered selling something. If this does not constitute soliciting, would there be some kind of permit that would be required in order to do this kind of philanthropy? The only permit that we could find that seemed to apply was the soliciting permit if we did indeed fall under that category. We want to make sure that everything we do for this philanthropy is perfectly legal, so any and all help would be greatly appreciated. We understand that this philanthropy idea is a bit of a long-shot, so if there is no possibility of it happening, we understand and will go to the drawing boards. Again, any help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alex Michalak

Omega Alpha Chi Social Chair and Secretary.

Email: amichala@nebrwesleyan.edu

Phone: 402 658-3498

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Possible Philanthropy Idea

From: Joan E. Ross

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 8:28 AM

To: 'mailto:amichala@NebrWesleyan.edu'

Cc: Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: Possible Philanthropy Idea

Alex, your question has been referred to me. First, your fraternity should obtain a solicitation from this office. The application is online at www.lincoln.ne.gov. Click online services\ forms, permit, applications. Scroll down to Solicitation Permit, this is the permit for nonprofit fund raising. Second, you will need to obtain a written acknowledgment from the American Cancer Society in order to use their event "Relay for Life" for soliciting donations. Finally, the city does allow musicians to play music or sing on the public sidewalks so long as pedestrian traffic or vehicle traffic is not impeded. Individuals are not allowed to ask for donations, but an open instrument case or some other container seems to work for free will donations. Most musicians position themselves near the building. Should the store owner/manager ask you to leave you must respect that request. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to give me a call or email.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Bob Kittleson [bkittleson@nebhomesales.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Craig E. Aldridge
Subject: Commons area east side of 70th at Old Cheney

City Council,

The following is an excerpt from the invitation to view a photo album that you should have received.

We would like to maintain our trees, as much as possible and want the elevation of the top of the fence to remain the same or possibly elevated further.

A retaining wall would limit the damage to our trees and preserve our beautiful view.

I am a Real Estate Agent with Nebraska Home Sales and had a conversation with a possible buyer of a home that would be affected. They questioned me over and over again about the project and said how terrible it would be to have those trees destroyed. This project will, and because of the uncertainty of what will happen, has already affected our resale values.

I will forward an opinion from a licensed appraiser on the impact on our property values.

I think I have some possible cost saving ideas on the construction of a retaining wall that would greatly reduce the affected area and be acceptable to our property owners.

Mr. Camp did an onsite visit with us last fall and I think seeing this area firsthand was very beneficial.

This is also being sent to Craig Aldridge.

Bob Kittelson
Nebraska Home Sales
440-8344 (C) 327-0116 (H)

Bob Kittelson > View of commons, 70 & Old Cheney West from 7110 Culwells, Ct.

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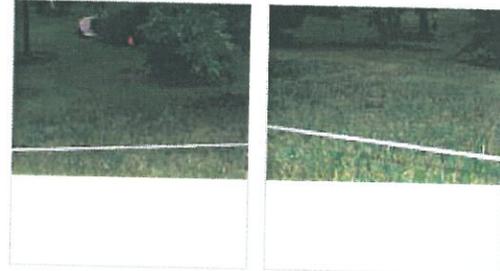


Bob Kittelson
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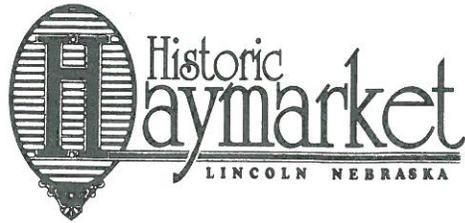


Feb 21, 2006
From back of 7110, 7104, 7114, 7100
Culwells Ct.
photos: 33 – 8 MB
Limited, anyone with the link

This is the view we want to preserve. Also included are the photos of the area in question that were marked for our visit with Jon Camp, last fall.







Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation

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(402) 435-7496

March 9, 2012

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

City Council Members
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Re: West Haymarket redevelopment project

Dear Council Members:

On behalf of the Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation (LHDC), I want to encourage your active support of the West Haymarket redevelopment project. This project, in many ways, supports LHDC's vision for the Haymarket. The benefits of this project are wide spread and will extend beyond the immediate redevelopment area. This is an exciting time for Lincoln and we are thrilled that there is so much private and public momentum to grow and strengthen the downtown and Haymarket areas.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the City and the project developer as we find creative ways that this new development can help strengthen the Haymarket and create new opportunities for our organization.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Angela Tucci
President
LHDC

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012**

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR

1. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for March 17th through March 23, 2012.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/TREASURER

1. Investment report for the year ending August 31, 2011.

LINCOLN LIBRARIES

1. Library Board meeting agenda for Tuesday, March 20, 2012.
2. Library Director's report for February, 2012.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Notice of Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2012.
2. The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting for March 22, 2012 has been cancelled.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. Neighborhood Meeting, Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Gere Library, 56th and Normal regarding the South 56th Street Rehabilitation Project, from A Street to Randolph.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

Date: March 16, 2012

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of March 17 through 23, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, March 20

- KLIN - 8:10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 21

- Lincoln Policy Network meeting, remarks - 5:30 p.m., Realtors Association, 8231 Beechwood Dr.

RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of

Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the Investment Activity report and attached list of investments be confirmed and approved, and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to hold said investments until maturity unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

INTRODUCED BY:

Approved:



Steve Hubka, Interim Finance Director

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2012

Mayor

TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR
DATE: AUGUST 31, 2011
SUBJECT: CITY OF LINCOLN'S INVESTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council accept the City Treasurer's Investment Report for the year ending August 31, 2011.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to inform the City Council of the status of the City's investment portfolio for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2011. The City's investment policy requires that staff report annually to the City Council on the City's portfolio performance, description of securities, recent market conditions, investment strategies employed and other areas of policy concern warranting possible revisions to the current or planned investment strategies. This report excludes the Police and Fire Pension, the Community Health Endowment funds and other endowment or trust funds held by outside Trustees. Those funds have longer investment horizons and are governed by separate investment policies and the results are reported separately.

DISCUSSION

Investment Portfolio for the Fiscal Year

The City's investment portfolio is detailed in the Attachments. It is grouped by investment type and includes coupon rate, yield to maturity, yield to call, date of maturity, current market value, the book and face (par) value, and the Investment Policy Compliance as of August 31, 2011.

The par value of the City's portfolio was \$418.6 million yielding an average of 0.7065%. In comparison, last fiscal year end the par value was \$189.2 million yielding an average of 1.9916%. The significant increase is due to three \$100 million Joint Public Agency bond issues that settled during the fiscal year. The investment portfolio of only City Funds were \$207.8 million as of August 31, 2011 and in comparison with the \$189.2 million the City was holding on August 31, 2010, there was an increase of \$18.6 million.

The portfolio consists of \$116.0 million in liquid accounts; \$293.7 million is U.S. government treasury and agency securities and \$8.9 million in Inter-Fund Investments. The \$293.7 million includes \$214.3 million in investments maturing in less than two years, comprising 72.97% of the City's investments in notes and securities. The average life to maturity of the investment portfolio is 1.27 years.

The August 31, 2011 market value of the portfolio was 100.702% of par value as a consequence of current lower interest rates and investments purchased during a higher yield environment in past years. It is important to note that because the City's practice is to hold securities until they mature, changes in market price do not affect the City's investment principal. The market values were obtained through the City's investment tracking software provider.

Investment Activity During the Fiscal Year

During the fiscal year, \$552.9.0 million of the portfolio matured. The average yield of these maturing investments was 0.9259%. During the same period, investments totaling \$698.9 million with an average yield to call of 0.3515% were purchased. Investment staff continually monitors the City's short-term cash flow needs and adjust liquid funds to meet those needs and to take advantage of longer-term investment opportunities.

Investment Yields

Interest income on a cash basis for the fiscal year 2010-2011 was \$4.2 million for all funds. The City's Idle Funds Pool earned \$2.6 million of this income, earning a 1.2636% average yield. The City's Short Term Idle Funds Pool portfolio yield to maturity of 0.0179% compares to 0.005% yield of a 28 day U.S. Treasury Bill with an auction date of August 30, 2011 and issuing date of September 1, 2011. The City's Medium Term Idle Funds Pool portfolio yield to call of 1.2319% compares to a 0.125% yield for a 2 year U.S. Treasury Note issued August 31, 2011.

Yield Trends

During the fiscal year, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) made no changes in the federal funds rate. As of August 31, 2011, this rate was 0.0 - 0.25%.

Information received since the Federal Open Market Committee met in June indicates that economic growth so far this year has been considerably slower than the Committee had expected. Indicators suggest a deterioration in overall labor market conditions in recent months, and the unemployment rate has moved up. Household spending has flattened out, investment in nonresidential structures is still weak, and the housing sector remains depressed. However, business investment in equipment and software continues to expand. Temporary factors, including the damping effect of higher food and energy prices on consumer purchasing power and spending as well as supply chain disruptions associated with the tragic events in Japan, appear to account for only some of the recent weakness in economic activity. Inflation picked up earlier in the year, mainly reflecting higher prices for some commodities and imported goods, as well as the supply chain disruptions. More recently, inflation has moderated as prices of energy and some commodities have declined from their earlier peaks. Longer-term inflation expectations have remained stable.

Consistent with its statutory mandate, the Committee seeks to foster maximum employment and price stability. The Committee now expects a somewhat slower pace of recovery over coming quarters than it did at the time of the previous meeting and anticipates that the unemployment rate will decline only gradually toward levels that the Committee judges to be consistent with its dual mandate. Moreover, downside risks to the economic outlook have increased. The Committee also anticipates that inflation will settle, over coming quarters, at levels at or below those consistent with the Committee's dual mandate as the effects of past energy and other commodity price increases dissipate further. However, the Committee will continue to pay close attention to the evolution of inflation and inflation expectations.

To promote the ongoing economic recovery and to help ensure that inflation, over time, is at levels consistent with its mandate, the Committee decided today to keep the target range for the federal funds rate at 0 to 1/4 percent. The Committee currently anticipates that economic conditions--including low rates of resource utilization and a subdued outlook for inflation over the medium run--are likely to warrant exceptionally low levels for the federal funds rate at least through mid-2013. The Committee also will maintain its existing policy of reinvesting principal payments from its securities holdings. The Committee will regularly review the size and composition of its securities holdings and is prepared to adjust those holdings as appropriate.

The Committee discussed the range of policy tools available to promote a stronger economic recovery in a context of price stability. It will continue to assess the economic outlook in light of incoming information and is prepared to employ these tools as appropriate. (FOMC Statement, dated August 9, 2011)

Outlook*

Government cutbacks make the economy more reliant on other sectors for growth including private consumption, fixed investments by consumers and businesses, and exports. These three components of GDP- which account for approximately 81% of total GDP-will need to increase to offset future decreases in government expenditures.

However, the reality is that these necessary increases may not occur. Consumers are unlikely to increase purchases as many continue to recover from the impact of the financial crisis in the face of stagnating income growth and an extremely thin job market. Additionally, recent economic releases show a weak outlook for fixed investment as both the housing market and growth in the manufacturing sector sputter. Without substantial increases in consumption, fixed investment, and exports, the decrease in government spending may spiral and lead to years, if not decades, of slow growth, with interest rates bound in their current low range for some time.

Funds Held by the City

The Attachment is a consolidated report of all City investments. At August 31, 2011, the investments held in the City's pooled portfolio were in compliance with the City's Investment Policy that was approved in January 2005. The Finance Department holds investments until maturity unless the need for emergency funding warrants redeeming an investment prior to maturity.

Prepared By:


Melinda J. Jones
City Treasurer

Department Head Approval:


Steve Hubka
Interim Finance Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Investment Portfolio Annual Report and Investment Portfolio Composition, as of August 31, 2011

* Provided by PFM Asset Management LLC, Monthly Market Update and Outlook, September 2011

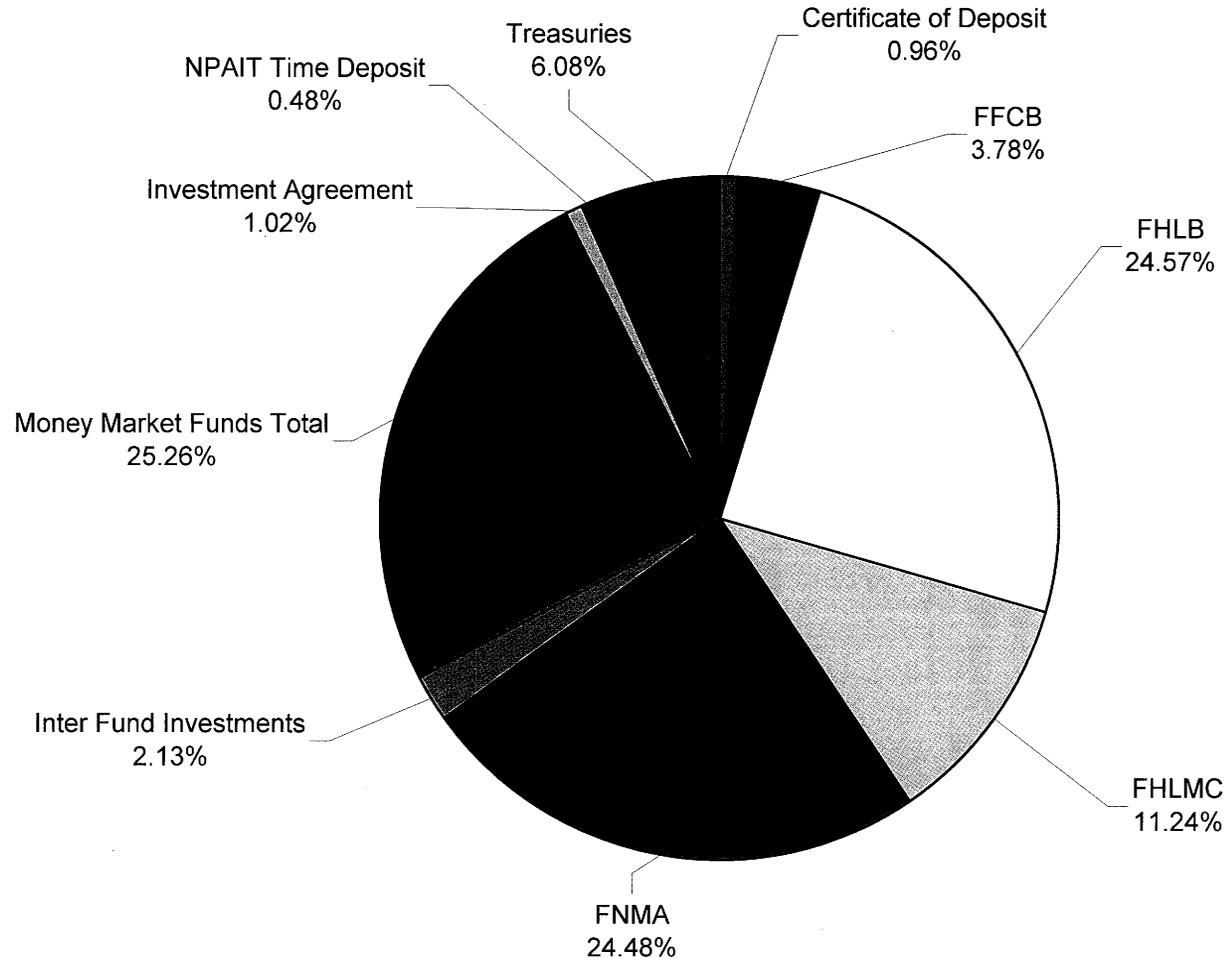
City of Lincoln Investment Portfolio Annual Report Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2011

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	FFCB 3.875 01/12/21	3.875	3.8800	3.8500	03/07/11	01/12/21	1,530,000.00	1,532,895.26	1,675,380.60	
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	FHLB 1.35 08/29/12	1.350	1.1205	1.1205	03/09/10	08/29/12	330,000.00	330,740.08	333,564.00	
	FHLB 2.00 09/14/12	2.000	1.3003	1.3003	03/17/10	09/14/12	2,000,000.00	2,014,421.40	2,035,920.00	
	FHLB 1.75 12/14/12	1.750	1.6204	1.6204	04/07/10	12/14/12	2,000,000.00	2,003,236.69	2,036,340.00	
	FHLB 1.75 03/08/13	1.750	0.8676	0.8676	02/28/11	03/08/13	5,000,000.00	5,066,123.08	5,101,960.00	
	FHLB 2.00 05/30/13	2.000	0.9692	0.9692	07/07/11	05/30/13	2,000,000.00	2,013,972.01	2,008,720.00	
	FHLB 1.625 06/14/13	1.625	0.8906	0.8906	01/07/11	06/14/13	2,000,000.00	2,023,769.74	2,045,720.00	
	FHLB 1.20 08/16/13	1.200	1.1199	1.1199	02/16/11	08/16/13	2,000,000.00	2,003,086.33	2,029,820.00	
	FHLB 2.50 09/23/13	2.500	2.1219	2.2200	05/05/11	09/23/13	1,000,000.00	1,007,549.72	1,001,288.00	
	FHLB 1.75 06/16/14	1.750	1.5036	0.3078	06/16/11	06/16/14	2,000,000.00	2,013,400.00	2,007,380.00	
	FHLB 2.00 12/09/14	2.000	1.7580	0.3610	06/09/11	12/09/14	2,000,000.00	2,015,295.30	2,008,380.00	
	FHLB 2.00 12/09/14	2.000	1.7665	0.1819	07/06/11	12/09/14	4,000,000.00	4,029,502.55	4,016,720.00	
FHLB 3.25 04/28/16	3.250	2.9584	0.5506	04/28/11	04/28/16	2,000,000.00	2,025,080.47	2,009,196.00		
FHLB Total	1.342	0.9449	0.6792			79,840,000.00	80,156,268.44	80,398,609.97		
FHLB Discount Note	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 09/09/11	0.000	0.0101	0.0101	07/13/11	09/09/11	1,000,000.00	999,997.79	1,000,000.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 09/23/11	0.000	0.0203	0.0203	07/11/11	09/23/11	2,000,000.00	1,999,975.56	1,999,980.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 09/30/11	0.000	0.0608	0.0608	06/15/11	09/30/11	5,000,000.00	4,999,758.33	4,999,900.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 10/07/11	0.000	0.0304	0.0304	07/22/11	10/07/11	1,000,000.00	999,970.00	999,980.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 10/21/11	0.000	0.0304	0.0304	07/22/11	10/21/11	1,000,000.00	999,958.34	999,970.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 11/04/11	0.000	0.0406	0.0406	07/22/11	11/04/11	1,000,000.00	999,928.89	999,960.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 11/17/11	0.000	0.0304	0.0304	08/15/11	11/17/11	6,000,000.00	5,999,615.00	5,999,760.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 11/18/11	0.000	0.0507	0.0507	07/22/11	11/18/11	1,000,000.00	999,891.67	999,960.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 11/23/11	0.000	0.0406	0.0406	08/15/11	11/23/11	3,000,000.00	2,999,723.34	2,999,860.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 12/02/11	0.000	0.0608	0.0608	07/22/11	12/02/11	1,000,000.00	999,846.66	999,950.00	
	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 12/30/11	0.000	0.0304	0.0304	08/23/11	12/30/11	1,000,000.00	999,900.00	999,930.00	
	FHLB Discount Note Total	0.000	0.0392	0.0392			23,000,000.00	22,998,565.57	22,999,240.00	
	FHLMC	FHLMC 5.75 01/15/12	5.750	3.8400	3.8400	05/29/08	01/15/12	2,000,000.00	2,013,144.91	2,042,120.00
		FHLMC 2.125 03/23/12	2.125	0.3150	0.3150	04/04/11	03/23/12	8,300,000.00	8,384,098.74	8,387,565.00
		FHLMC 1.75 06/15/12	1.750	1.0752	1.0752	03/01/10	06/15/12	2,000,000.00	2,010,484.56	2,023,780.00
		FHLMC 1.125 02/27/12	1.125	0.2450	0.2450	06/28/11	02/27/12	5,000,000.00	5,039,765.46	5,037,700.00
		FHLMC 2.125 09/21/12	2.125	1.2322	1.2322	03/03/10	09/21/12	2,000,000.00	2,018,484.99	2,039,180.00
		FHLMC 1.625 04/15/13	1.625	0.9600	0.9600	02/11/11	04/15/13	2,000,000.00	2,021,294.40	2,042,200.00
		FHLMC 1.75 10/07/13	1.150	1.0308	0.1782	06/28/11	10/07/13	3,000,000.00	3,007,393.85	3,002,460.00
		FHLMC 1.70 04/21/14	1.700	1.4842	0.2511	05/19/11	04/21/14	2,000,000.00	2,011,086.42	2,003,136.00
FHLMC 1.65 04/28/14		1.650	1.4301	0.1806	05/24/11	04/28/14	1,000,000.00	1,005,702.05	1,001,668.00	
FHLMC 1.05 07/11/14		1.050	0.9267	0.1594	08/19/11	07/11/14	2,000,000.00	2,006,939.16	2,004,520.00	
FHLMC 1.05 07/11/14		1.050	0.9259	0.1597	08/23/11	07/11/14	1,775,000.00	1,781,006.10	1,779,029.25	
FHLMC 1.80 10/14/14		1.800	1.6202	0.2002	06/02/11	10/14/14	1,600,000.00	1,608,687.50	1,602,592.00	
FHLMC 1.80 10/14/14		1.800	1.6202	0.2002	06/02/11	10/14/14	400,000.00	402,171.87	400,648.00	
FHLMC 1.50 11/25/14		1.500	1.3685	0.2821	07/18/11	11/25/14	3,000,000.00	3,012,471.50	3,007,440.00	
FHLMC 2.00 05/18/15		2.000	1.6666	0.2702	07/29/11	05/18/15	2,000,000.00	2,010,215.50	2,007,820.00	
FHLMC 3.01 03/09/16		3.010	2.8010	0.3015	05/04/11	03/09/16	3,000,000.00	3,026,281.24	3,001,773.00	
FHLMC 2.50 04/14/16		2.500	2.3369	0.2802	06/13/11	04/14/16	3,000,000.00	3,021,348.69	3,007,660.00	
FHLMC 5.55 10/04/16		5.550	5.0912	0.2021	05/10/11	10/04/16	1,000,000.00	1,020,149.80	1,004,710.00	
FHLMC Total		2.052	1.3452	0.5238			45,075,000.00	45,400,687.18	45,395,681.25	
FHLMC Discount Note		FHLMC Discount Note 0.00 09/23/11	0.000	0.0203	0.0203	07/12/11	09/23/11	1,000,000.00	999,987.79	999,990.00
	FHLMC Discount Note 0.00 12/16/11	0.000	0.0304	0.0304	08/23/11	12/16/11	1,000,000.00	999,911.67	999,940.00	
	FHLMC Discount Note Total	0.000	0.0253	0.0253			2,000,000.00	1,999,899.45	1,999,930.00	
	FNLMA 5.00 10/15/11	5.000	4.8250	4.8250	04/20/07	10/15/11	5,000,000.00	5,000,960.29	5,029,700.00	
FNLMA 1.00 11/23/11	1.000	0.2000	0.2000	04/01/11	11/23/11	8,200,000.00	8,214,923.22	8,216,400.00		
FNLMA 2.00 01/09/12	2.000	0.2300	0.2300	04/06/11	01/09/12	7,500,000.00	7,547,126.75	7,549,675.00		
FNLMA 5.00 02/16/12	5.000	4.8410	4.8410	04/02/07	02/16/12	5,000,000.00	5,003,183.74	5,109,850.00		
FNLMA 1.25 06/22/12	1.250	0.3780	0.3780	04/05/11	06/22/12	9,500,000.00	9,586,738.99	9,576,665.00		
FNLMA 1.125 07/30/12	1.125	0.4200	0.4200	04/05/11	07/30/12	9,300,000.00	9,359,682.19	9,374,214.00		
FNLMA 0.625 09/24/12	0.625	0.5700	0.5700	04/07/11	09/24/12	7,200,000.00	7,204,187.97	7,231,320.00		
FNLMA 0.75 02/26/13	0.750	0.9100	0.9100	02/14/11	02/26/13	2,000,000.00	1,995,289.29	2,013,560.00		
FNLMA 3.875 07/12/13	3.875	0.9601	0.9601	04/06/11	07/12/13	3,000,000.00	3,180,817.98	3,198,980.00		
FNLMA 1.00 09/23/13	1.000	0.7700	0.7700	05/17/11	09/23/13	2,000,000.00	2,023,436.07	2,060,200.00		
FNLMA 1.60 03/28/14	1.600	1.4227	0.1700	05/24/11	03/28/14	2,000,000.00	2,008,907.89	2,001,580.00		
FNLMA 1.50 06/30/14	1.500	1.3033	0.2686	07/13/11	06/30/14	3,000,000.00	3,016,330.74	3,010,600.00		
FNLMA 1.75 07/18/14	1.750	1.4996	0.2839	07/18/11	07/18/14	3,000,000.00	3,021,085.67	3,013,560.00		
FNLMA 2.00 01/27/15	2.000	1.7594	0.4834	07/11/11	01/27/15	1,000,000.00	1,007,907.51	1,005,540.00		

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Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2011**

	Security Description	Coupon Rate	Yield	Yield Call	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Ending Par Val/Shares	Ending Amort Val/Cost	Ending Market Val	
FNMA Discount Note	FNMA 1.35 02/09/15	1.350	1.1889	0.1621	08/24/11	02/09/15	2,500,000.00	2,513,523.53	2,570,850.00	
	FNMA 1.35 02/09/15	1.350	1.1858	0.1695	08/19/11	02/09/15	2,000,000.00	2,011,033.06	2,008,680.00	
	FNMA 2.20 02/17/15	2.200	1.8866	0.1991	08/05/11	02/17/15	1,000,000.00	1,010,442.11	1,009,980.00	
	FNMA 1.60 06/23/15	1.600	1.4744	0.1800	08/25/11	06/23/15	1,000,000.00	1,004,629.75	1,004,410.00	
	FNMA 2.15 08/04/15	2.150	2.0274	0.2502	10/13/10	08/04/15	1,000,000.00	1,004,775.30	1,046,997.00	
	FNMA 3.80 03/01/16	3.800	3.4391	0.5017	03/01/11	03/01/16	2,000,000.00	2,029,610.00	2,000,000.00	
	FNMA 3.25 03/07/16	3.250	2.9855	0.8002	03/07/11	03/07/16	6,000,000.00	6,066,124.00	6,002,202.00	
	FNMA 2.15 06/28/16	2.150	1.9941	0.2018	08/15/11	06/28/16	2,270,000.00	2,286,172.33	2,282,666.80	
	FNMA 2.25 07/20/16	2.250	2.0780	0.2688	08/25/11	07/20/16	2,000,000.00	2,015,883.32	2,012,620.00	
	FNMA 2.375 07/27/16	2.375	2.1657	0.2017	08/15/11	07/27/16	3,000,000.00	3,029,046.84	3,015,870.00	
FNMA Total		2.022	1.4493	0.8870			93,470,000.00	94,101,816.44	94,284,439.60	
FNMA Discount Note	FNMA Discount Note 0.00 09/22/11	0.000	0.0304	0.0304	05/13/11	09/22/11	6,000,000.00	5,999,895.00	5,999,928.00	
	FNMA Discount Note 0.00 11/14/11	0.000	0.1014	0.1014	07/27/11	11/14/11	3,000,000.00	2,999,383.33	2,999,880.00	
	FNMA Discount Note Total	0.000	0.0541	0.0541			9,000,000.00	8,999,278.33	8,999,808.00	
Inter Fund Investments	General Fund Obligation	2.875	2.8750	2.8750	09/01/04	08/31/14	5,023,151.20	5,023,151.20	5,023,151.20	
	N 48th Streetscape TIF	5.400	5.4000	5.4000	06/15/07	12/15/14	190,690.38	190,690.38	190,690.38	
	General Fund Obligation	2.350	2.3500	2.3500	06/03/05	05/31/15	1,113,149.29	1,113,149.29	1,113,149.29	
	Thunderstone TIF	5.100	5.1000	5.1000	10/01/06	10/01/16	188,503.23	188,503.23	188,503.23	
	Salvation Army/The Option TIF	4.660	4.6600	4.6600	07/16/08	07/15/18	331,897.49	331,897.49	331,897.49	
	Liberty Village TIF	4.750	4.7500	4.7500	08/15/05	02/15/18	216,257.83	216,257.83	216,257.83	
	48th & O Southside TIF	5.240	5.2400	5.2400	06/01/07	12/01/18	561,506.94	561,506.94	561,506.94	
	DE Printers/LPS Station TIF	5.240	5.2400	5.2400	06/01/07	12/01/20	299,736.09	299,736.09	299,736.09	
	David Wood TIF	4.660	4.6600	4.6600	07/16/08	07/15/21	36,655.59	36,655.59	36,655.59	
	Washington Square TIF	4.610	4.6100	4.6100	08/02/08	02/01/22	170,120.26	170,120.26	170,120.26	
	Turbine Flats TIF	4.660	4.6600	4.6600	07/16/08	07/15/22	62,545.57	62,545.57	62,545.57	
	48th & O Northside TIF	4.610	4.6100	4.6100	08/02/08	08/01/22	488,716.79	488,716.79	488,716.79	
	Sawmill TIF	3.990	3.9900	3.9900	04/01/11	10/01/22	263,000.00	263,000.00	263,000.00	
	Inter Fund Investments Total	3.427	3.4273	3.4273			8,925,930.66	8,925,930.66	8,925,930.66	
	Mutual Fund - Money Market	WFB- Advance Government MM	0.010	0.0100	0.0100	08/15/07	Open	56,015,000.00	56,015,000.00	56,015,000.00
		Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust	0.010	0.0100	0.0100	09/01/01	Open	49,240,000.00	49,240,000.00	49,240,000.00
		Short Term Federal Investment Trust	0.013	0.0130	0.0130	09/19/01	Open	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00
Mutual Fund - Money Market Total		0.010	0.0100	0.0100			105,755,000.00	105,755,000.00	105,755,000.00	
Investment Agreements		Investment Agreement 4.51 12/01/15	4.510	4.5100	4.5100	03/23/05	12/01/15	1,120,000.00	1,120,000.00	1,120,000.00
	Investment Agreement 4.83 10/15/26	4.830	4.8300	4.8300	12/01/05	10/15/26	1,910,000.00	1,910,000.00	1,910,000.00	
	Investment Agreement 4.83 09/15/30	4.830	4.8300	4.8300	12/01/05	09/15/30	1,229,980.83	1,229,980.83	1,229,980.83	
Investment Agreement Total	4.746	4.7459	4.7459			4,259,980.83	4,259,980.83	4,259,980.83		
Time Deposit	Long-term NPAT 0.55 01/13/12	0.550	0.5500	0.5500	01/14/11	01/13/12	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	
	Time Deposit Total	0.550	0.5500	0.5500			2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	
Treasury Bill	Treasury Bill 0.00 12/01/11	0.000	0.1014	0.1014	06/02/11	12/01/11	2,500,000.00	2,499,368.06	2,499,900.00	
	Treasury Bill Total	0.000	0.1014	0.1014			2,500,000.00	2,499,368.06	2,499,900.00	
Treasury Note	Treasury Note 4.625 10/31/11	4.625	4.5815	4.5815	05/15/07	10/31/11	2,000,000.00	2,000,126.53	2,014,920.00	
	Treasury Note 4.50 03/31/12	4.500	4.5423	4.5423	04/05/07	03/31/12	5,000,000.00	4,998,909.17	5,128,300.00	
	Treasury Note 4.50 04/30/12	4.500	4.5071	4.5071	04/30/07	04/30/12	4,000,000.00	3,999,834.43	4,116,720.00	
	Treasury Note 0.75 05/31/12	0.750	0.3750	0.3750	04/07/11	05/31/12	8,800,000.00	8,824,552.01	8,842,582.00	
	Treasury Note 4.375 08/15/12	4.375	4.1749	4.1749	05/19/03	08/15/12	3,167,000.00	3,171,963.72	3,295,041.81	
	Treasury Note Total	3.065	2.8897	2.8897			22,967,000.00	22,995,385.86	23,397,673.81	
Investment Total		1.285	0.9899	0.7065			418,637,911.48	420,018,257.76	421,575,909.82	

**City of Lincoln
Investment Portfolio Composition
August 31, 2011**



MEETING NOTICE

DATE: March 15, 2012
TO: Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, Media
FROM: Pat Leach, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Board Meeting
**DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING: Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Board Room, Bennett Martin Public Library
14th & N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska**
STARTING TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 a.m.
CHAIRMAN OF MEETING: Maja Harris, President
PURPOSE OF MEETING: Monthly Board Meeting

REVISED AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda*
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items
3. Approval of February 21 2012, Meeting Minutes*
4. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Committee on Administration
 - i. Adoption of Revised Circulation Policy*
 - ii CLOSED SESSION - Library Director's Annual Evaluation
 - B. Committee on Buildings & Grounds
 - C. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for February 2012*
5. Special Committee Reports
 - A. Downtown Library Development
 - B. Foundation Liaison & Executive Director Reports
 - C. Technology
 - D. Trustee Development
6. President's Report
7. New Business
 - A. Annual Volunteer Report and Adoption of Volunteer Resolutions*
 - B. Approval of Continuing Education Grant Proposal*
8. Director's Report
9. Public Comment - Anyone wishing to address the board on a matter not on this agenda, may do so at this time.

*Action Item

Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska available in Board Room.

Proposed agenda kept continually current and available for inspection at the Administrative Office of the Bennett Martin Public Library, but the Board shall have the right to modify the agenda at said public meeting when convened. Requests for sign language interpreters will require a minimum of 48 hours advance notice to Library Director - 441-8510.



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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT **February 2012**

The Main Library Vision and Concept Study continued with public input meetings at Bennett Martin Public Library and Walt Branch Library on February 2. Eighty members of the public attended these meetings, which were facilitated by consultants Susan Kent and Jack Poling. The work of the Study continues with key stakeholder interviews, an online survey, program development and site evaluation.

Longtime Anderson and Bethany Branch Library volunteer, Helen Leonhardt, was honored at the Nebraska Library Association Advocacy Day luncheon. Helen recently announced her "retirement" from the volunteer position, after nearly ten years of active volunteering.

Overall circulation of materials declined 5.95% in comparison with February of 2011. As before, circulation of books for e-readers continues at a hot pace.

The following activities provide examples of services in support of the library's Strategic Plan.

Goal 1: Young children (age five and under) will have programs and services designed to ensure early literacy development and a love of books and literature.

- Events leading up to Read Across America Day on March 2 featured visits from the Cat in the Hat in late February. South Branch Supervisor Julie Beno's report included, "The Dr. Seuss storytime brought in 115 children and adults. The Cat's antics were thoroughly enjoyable. Caregivers and parents brought their children to hear "Mr. Greg" read the stories. Greg [South Branch Library's storytime presenter] has a great reputation in the neighborhood!"
- Anderson and Bethany Branch Supervisor Kim Shelley reported, "Through a partnership with the Clinton Elementary School, Karrie hosted a "before hours" tour and special storytime at Anderson Branch on Wednesday, February 29. Approximately 50 participants in the Clinton Family Literacy program arrived at 9:30 a.m. for the event. Karrie says, 'Several of the families got library cards and checked out materials. They were excited to learn about all of the free things the library offers, such as materials, internet access, and tax help.'"

Goal 2: Children will have the resources they need to satisfy their curiosity and explore topics of personal interest.

- Library Youth Services Supervisor Vicki Wood reported, "We had a very successful event in conjunction with Wachiska Audubon and other partners featuring information about birds. Over 600 people visited Gere and Eiseley Branch Libraries on February 18 to learn more about bird watching, feeding and counting birds as part of

The Great Backyard Bird Count." We're delighted with the success of this project, and look forward to holding similar events next year.

Goal 3: Elementary-age children will have materials and programs that engage their imaginations and provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

Goal 4: Teens (middle school and high school) will have the resources they need to satisfy their curiosity and explore topics of personal interest.

- Heritage Room Curator Meredith McGowan reported, "The Nebraska Literary Heritage Association and Lincoln Public Schools English Liaison David Smith hosted 40 LPS middle school students and 4 writers for the morning and provided a number of member volunteers. Co-chair Judy Keetle's comments: "The Writers Write Workshop was wonderful!!! The eighth grade writers were inspired by the authors - Twyla Hansen, Sandra Mathews, Dominique Garay, and Kelly Madigan - to write some amazing things. Because of wonderful assistance by volunteers, everything ran smoothly. "

Goal 5: Teens (middle school and high school) will have materials and programs that respond to their current interests and provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

- Virtual Services Manager Peter Jorgensen noted, "I heard from the Mickle Middle School librarian that she had 30-35 students show up for an after-school training session in how to use our OverDrive ebooks."

Goal 6: Adults will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

- Support Services Supervisor Tammy Teasley reported that an order of books from small presses was placed, along with orders on popular topics, "cookbooks, wedding books and decorating books."

Goal 7: Adults will have convenient timely access to materials that provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

- Support Services Supervisor Tammy Teasley noted, "Dianne and I placed orders for ebooks to try to keep up with demand. The ebook edition of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* has 104 holds and *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* has 94 holds. Penguin Publishers announced they would no longer offer their titles through Overdrive."

Goal 8: Adults will have the resources they need to fully participate in the democratic process.

- Assistant Library Director Greg Mickells reported, "Virtual Services staff and I met with Nebraska Educational Television representatives to discuss a joint project with them where citizens could come into Lincoln City Libraries and record a question to the candidates for the upcoming elections. In addition to a permanent setup at the main and quadrant libraries to make these recordings we will have a portable version that can be taken offsite to events or to the other libraries in conjunction with various programs."

Goal 9: Everyone will have welcoming physical and virtual places to meet and interact with others or work independently on personal projects.

- Eiseley and Walt Branch Libraries celebrated their ten-year anniversaries on February 2. Eiseley Branch Supervisor Sheila Jacobs noted, "Colorful signage,

photo/book/informational displays and refreshments were available to customers." Walt Branch Library Supervisor Jodene Glaesemann added, "Comments gathered from the Guest Book include: Best help in the world; Favorite place in Lincoln! Love my neighborhood library! Awesome place – lovin' it; Great staff; great selection; Our second home; Love it so much I could live in it; Thank you!!! It's always a pleasure; See you in 10 years!"

Goal 10: Residents will have access to information technology and the assistance they need to use it effectively in their daily lives.

- Walt Branch Supervisor Jodene Glaesemann reported, "LeeAnn scheduled some one-on-one time with an elderly man who needed dedicated computer assistance. (We can't seem to get a good turnout for scheduled classes, so this seems the most effective way provide assistance.) She started with the basics of turning on the computer, gave an overview of browsers, how to search, Web addresses, they signed him up for both an e-mail account and an online newsletter he was interested in. He has since been back using the public Internet computers and now has a Facebook account."
- Polley Music Librarian Carolyn Dow noted, "A phone customer was referred from another library. She needed a specific aria for her husband's audition. To save her making the trip to Lincoln, I found a digitized score she could print or download online, and then walked her (over the phone) through locating the score, selecting the needed pages and printing or downloading them. She was thrilled that she could get what she needed at her computer, even though she would have made the drive to Lincoln if it was necessary."
- One never knows what information will interest people. Virtual Services Manager Peter Jorgensen wrote, "We learned the marketing value of cats when I posted information on the website about the cat that was recently rescued from Gere's roof: there were nearly 600 visits to that page in about a week's time."

Connection to our diverse community was an important value expressed in our Strategic Planning Process.

- The seventh annual African American Read-In was held on February 15. Bennett Martin Library Supervisor Julie Beno reported, "The African American Read-in this year featured a tribute to Lela Knox Shanks, (1927-2011), passages from books by community members and Doane College students, a performance by the Belmont Elementary fifth grade Ambassadors, and readings from Goodrich and Northeast Highschool students. V. J. Herbert, Minister of Music Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church ended the day with a song. It was taped and will be shown on Channel 5." Channel 10 featured the event on their evening news.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - February 2012 USE REPORT

Branch	Adult		Youth		Polley		2012		2011		Gate Count	Computer Use	Reference Transactions	Youth Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance
	Print Loans	NonPrint Loans	Print Loans	NonPrint Loans	Music Loans	Music Loans	Loan Total	Loan Total	Change %	Loan Total					
BMPL	15,777	4,830	9,958	1,775	1,388	33,728	38,572	-12.56%	24,082	3,897	5,214	205	154		
Anderson	6,245	3,854	5,382	1,938	24	17,443	17,632	-1.07%	9,700	2,304	1,245	556	0		
Bethany	3,005	2,904	1,840	1,302	9	9,060	8,941	1.33%	4,001	605	873	60	64		
Eiseley	10,391	13,616	5,494	4,452	11	33,964	38,304	-11.33%	20,074	3,618	2,891	1,108	0		
Gere	29,369	23,032	13,524	6,083	58	72,066	77,432	-6.93%	29,040	3,377	7,265	1,383	32		
South	3,473	3,132	1,456	1,329	25	9,415	9,588	-1.80%	2,900	1,036	626	400	16		
Walt	13,333	20,540	7,179	5,132	46	46,230	49,483	-6.57%	19,585	2,066	3,445	827	35		
Williams	253	702	347	608	0	1,910	2,357	-18.96%	1,263	238	207	72	0		
Bookmobile	470	1,050	158	231	2	1,911	1,560	22.50%	0	0	0	0	0		
GRAND TOTAL	82,316	73,660	45,338	22,850	1,563	225,727	243,869	-7.44%	110,645	17,141	21,766	4,611	301		

Interlibrary Loan	682	1,124	-39.32%
Downloadable Audio	2,723	2,417	12.66%
Downloadable Ebook	5,382	1,950	176.00%
	234,514	249,360	-5.95%

Web Site Visits	255,101	183,825	38.77%
Total Unique IPs	47,182	37,916	24.44%
Electronic Resource Uses (databases)	18,696	24,939	-25.03%
Polley Music Reference	3,725	2,424	53.67%
Registrations	176,373	164,038	7.52%
Resident County	12,385	11,706	5.80%
Non Resident	1,243	1,191	4.37%
Reciprocal	474	429	10.49%
Limited Use	8,540	8,219	3.91%
	199,015	185,583	7.24%

Library Holdings	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
February 2012	435,417	287,274	95,854	40,520	859,065
Owned	4,563	1,682	994	404	7,643
Added	-7,142	-904	-915	-2,171	-11,132
Withdrawn	432,838	288,052	95,933	38,753	855,576

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

February 29, 2012

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 609,021.00	\$ 304,510.50	\$ 320,560.77	\$ 288,460.23	\$ 44,272.74
Supplies	30,500.00	15,250.00	13,354.91	17,145.09	1,540.40
Services & Charges	55,078.00	27,539.00	28,880.41	26,197.59	900.64
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 694,599.00	\$ 347,299.50	\$ 362,796.09	\$ 331,802.91	\$ 46,713.78
Percent Expended		50.00%	52.23%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	32,000.00	16,000.00	14,126.04	17,873.96	2,363.79
Services & Charges	886,939.00	443,469.50	425,468.57	461,470.43	87,510.91
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 918,939.00	\$ 459,469.50	\$ 439,594.61	\$ 479,344.39	\$ 89,874.70
Percent Expended		50.00%	47.84%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 4,016,741.00	\$ 2,008,370.50	\$ 1,990,314.95	\$ 2,026,426.05	\$ 297,798.49
Supplies	56,400.00	28,200.00	19,440.65	36,959.35	6,026.41
Services & Charges	53,850.00	26,925.00	7,903.31	45,946.69	1,168.69
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 4,126,991.00	\$ 2,063,495.50	\$ 2,017,658.91	\$ 2,109,332.09	\$ 304,993.59
Percent Expended		50.00%	48.89%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 1,056,391.00	\$ 528,195.50	\$ 501,934.99	\$ 554,456.01	\$ 75,610.90
Supplies	59,000.00	29,500.00	22,385.20	36,614.80	4,388.62
Services & Charges	186,130.00	93,065.00	93,407.40	92,722.60	17,331.77
Other	805,000.00	402,500.00	449,674.76	355,325.24	72,798.96
Total	\$ 2,106,521.00	\$ 1,053,260.50	\$ 1,067,402.35	\$ 1,039,118.65	\$ 170,130.25
Percent Expended		50.00%	50.67%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 5,682,153.00	\$ 2,841,076.50	\$ 2,812,810.71	\$ 2,869,342.29	\$ 417,682.13
Supplies	177,900.00	88,950.00	69,306.80	108,593.20	14,319.22
Services & Charges	1,181,997.00	590,998.50	555,659.69	626,337.31	106,912.01
Other	805,000.00	402,500.00	449,674.76	355,325.24	72,798.96
Total	\$ 7,847,050.00	\$ 3,923,525.00	\$ 3,887,451.96	\$ 3,959,598.04	\$ 611,712.32
Percent Expended		50.00%	49.54%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations					
	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2010-11 Enc. & Reapp.	\$ 96,297.21		\$ 92,137.13	\$ 4,160.08	\$ -

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
February 2012

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 1,343.12	\$ -	\$ 84.46	\$ 1,258.66
NLC Gates Grant 2011	16,766.92	-	-	16,766.92
State Aid 2010	408.37	-	-	408.37
State Aid 2011	24,580.35	-	5,350.69	19,229.66
Urban Library System 94-95	5,849.16	-	-	5,849.16

DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 36,705.00	\$ 10.08	\$ 2,714.38	\$ 34,000.70
Polley Music Library	184,110.75	48.34	7,216.63	176,942.46
Joseph J. Hompes	21,275.87	5.36	14.50	21,266.73
Misc. Library Donations	204,054.97	376.77	16,418.92	188,012.82
Charles H. Gere Library	26,932.47	6.77	-	26,939.24
Alice Nielsen	184,338.22	46.33	-	184,384.55
Dorothy Holland	125,101.81	31.44	-	125,133.25
Glennis Leapley	136,495.29	34.31	-	136,529.60

OTHER FUNDS

Pioneer Consortium	\$ 31,421.40	\$ 3,158.05	\$ 2,604.20	\$ 31,975.25
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APPROPRIATED FUNDS

	Budget	Expended		Balance
		Feb 2012	Year-to-Date	
Heritage Room FY 2011-12	\$ 36,128.00	\$ 2,714.38	\$ 18,203.56	\$ 17,924.44
Polley Music Library FY 2011-12	94,826.00	7,216.63	45,166.22	49,659.78
Keno				
FY 2010-11 Appropriation	20,314.14	-	20,314.14	-
FY 2011-12 Appropriation	504,061.00	12,092.99	101,545.47	402,515.53
Williams Branch	693.88	-	-	693.88
Gere HVAC	85,000.00	14,985.00	14,985.00	70,015.00
Bookmobile	250,000.00	-	718.35	249,281.65

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Subject: Lincoln MPO Technical Committee Agenda

A Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the County/City Building, Room #113**. The agenda and reports are available on our web page at lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/tech/agendas/index.htm.

If you have any questions regarding this agenda, please feel free to contact Mike Brienzo with the Planning Department at 441-7491.

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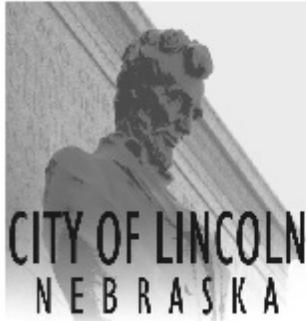
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Subject: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

The **March 22, 2012** Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Planning Department at 441-7491.

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

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March 16, 2012

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING South 56th Street, “A” Street to Randolph Street Rehabilitation Project Project No. 701771

When: Wednesday, March 28, 2012
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Where: Gere Library
56th and Normal

The City of Lincoln is holding a neighborhood meeting regarding the South 56th Street Rehabilitation Project, from “A” Street to Randolph. Specifically, this meeting is to discuss with property owners alternatives for the area between the curb and property line including location of sidewalk from Sunrise to Randolph. A request has been received to eliminate walk along the east side of 56th Street and construct walk along the west side of 56th Street along this section.

The 56th Street project from “A” to Randolph includes street rehabilitation (concrete base repair, asphalt mill and overlay, and curb replacement), new pavement markings, some traffic signal/electrical work, and sidewalk and ramp reconstruction. No major intersection work is planned at “A” Street or at Randolph. South 56th Street is currently 23-feet wide from “A” Street to Randolph. This project will include the addition of a common center turn lane by widening of the street, like what was recently completed along 56th Street from South to “A” Street.

This will be a formal meeting with Public Works and Utilities staff presenting the different options and addressing questions and concerns with the group. The hope is to leave the meeting with a group consensus on the best strategy for the neighborhood and the community.

If you are unable to attend, you can contact the project engineer at the number listed below with questions/concerns.

Project Engineer: Holly Lionberger
Phone: 402-326-0593
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MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MARCH 19, 2012, 555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113

Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Adam Hornung, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook (2:02 p.m.); Doug Emery; Carl Eskridge; and DiAnna Schimek

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; and Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

Ross stated on page 2 the Liquor License Resolutions are one applicant, who is purchasing the Venue and Venue Banquet, and will be called together. Items #11, 12, and 13 will be called together. Carroll stated since there are three items they asked for extra time, with Ross agreeing. Clerk Ross then stated on page 3, under Ordinances, 3rd Reading, #17 and #18 have Motions to Amend. On page 4 the new agenda lineup/setup begins for ordinances, first readings, resolutions first reading, then pending.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Sunshine Week promotes open government.
 2. NEWS RELEASE. City Independence Day celebration to be held July 3.
 3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents February Award of Excellence to Public Works and Utilities Department Equipment Operators, Douglas Miller, Gale Ogg, and Lance Sittner.
 4. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to open house on Old Cheney road improvements.
 5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce an expansion of the City voluntary donation programs, Thursday, March 15th, 10:00 a.m., at the Gere Branch Library, 2400 S. 56th Street.
 6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces new 2 for Trees Program and expansion of Lincoln Cares.
 7. NEWS RELEASE. Workshop to focus on update of Downtown Master Plan, Tuesday, March 20th.
- No comments

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Health Department Report, February, 2012.
 2. Board of Health meeting minutes of February 14, 2012.
- No comments

LINCOLN LIBRARIES

1. Letter from Pat Leach, Library Director, in response to email Council received on March 13, 2012 regarding Lincoln City Libraries' Internet Policy.
- No comments

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership, 2011 Progress Report.
- No comments

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. First Annual Report of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission now on the Planning Department website at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bdscom/pc/index.htm>. No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Email from Nicole Prosocki regarding proposed liquor seller's permit ordinance.
 - a) Reply from City Clerk Joan Ross addressing the question of a proposed ordinance.
 - b) Response from Attorney Tonya Peters explaining group task force challenges.
 2. Question from Alex Michalak, Omega Alpha Chi Fraternity, inquiring about regulations on a possible philanthropy idea of music on the streets with donations to Relay For Life.
 - a) Reply from City Clerk Joan Ross giving complete instructions, city regulations, if the fraternity progresses with their possible philanthropy idea.
 3. Message from Bob Kittelson on the commons area on the east side of 70th Street at Old Cheney.
 - a) Pictures from Bob Kittelson of the views they want to preserve and area in question.
 4. Letter from Angela Tucci, Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation President, writing in support of the West Haymarket redevelopment project, listing reasons to encourage and support.
- No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.