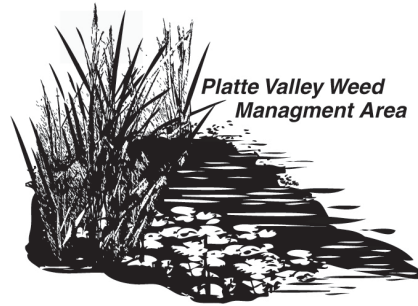


To:
Office of the Executive Director
Platte River Recovery Program

From:
Platte Valley Weed Management Area
22 West 56th St. Ste 107 #339
Kearney NE 68847



Platte Valley Weed Management Area, through multiple partner funding sources, treated approximately 42,500 acres of invasive plant species within flowing channels of the Platte River in south central Nebraska from 2008 to 2019. Goals of project are to increase flow conveyance, decrease flooding potential and increase wildlife habitat. PVWMA continues to coordinate partners in Lincoln, Dawson, Buffalo, Hall, Merrick, Hamilton and Polk counties to continue Phragmites control efforts.

Platte Valley Weed Management Area is requesting \$200,000.00 from the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for control, removal and monitoring of invasive vegetation within Platte River channels and its tributaries in Lincoln, Dawson, Buffalo, and Hall counties. PRRIP funds will be used as match to existing funds where possible. Below is a budget breakdown of PRRIP funds. Thank you for your consideration.

The Platte Valley Weed Management Area has partnered with other Platte River management entities to create the Platte River Resilience Fund, an endowment set up with the Nebraska Community Foundation. The objective is to build an endowment that produces enough investment earnings each year to fund the annual cost of maintaining water conveyance in the Platte River, within the Platte Valley Weed Management Area jurisdiction, in perpetuity. We are requesting a one-time contribution to the endowment fund of \$4,000,000.00 from PRRIP. This contribution will provide approximately \$180,000.00 annually for use in addressing the Platte River invasive plant species concerns. We are requesting significant up-front contributions to reduce or eliminate the need to contribute yearly. The endowment fund will be overseen by Nebraska Community Foundation and a fund advisory committee consisting of representatives of the Platte Valley Weed Management Area partners. The endowment will reduce the need for annual contributions by partners and ensure long-lasting maintenance is in place for water conveyance and invasive plant species management activities within the Platte River corridor from Kingsley Dam to the Loup confluence.

Attached is a pledge form, please complete and return at your earliest convenience. If any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Rich Walters
Project Coordinator
308-390-2511

Category	Calendar year 2020 Ask	
Control (helicopter)	80 hrs. at \$2,100.00/hr. =	\$ 168,000.00
Herbicide	376.5 gallons at \$85.00/gallon =	\$ 32,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 200,000.00
<i>Matching Funds</i>		
<i>CPNRD</i>		\$ 25,000.00
<i>TPNRD</i>		\$ 25,000.00
<i>NPPD</i>		\$ 25,000.00
<i>CNPPID</i>		\$ 25,000.00
<i>Ducks Unlimited</i>		\$ 25,000.00
<i>State of Nebraska</i>	<i>Pending -</i>	\$ 50,000.00
<i>NETF grant</i>		\$ 174,500.00
TOTAL		\$ 349,500.00