

Response to the Riparian Invasion

17th Annual

North American Weed Management Association Conference and Trade Show

Holiday Inn, Kearney, NE

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"Improving the health of our riparian areas"

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North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA)

NAWMA is a professional association of individuals interested in managing invasive plants. Their annual conferences highlight the efforts of the state or province of the conference location.

The Conference

The riparian plant invaders present a unique challenge and threat across North America - very invasive weeds which can gobble up the narrow but extremely important riparian areas quite rapidly. These threats in Nebraska were addressed at the 2006 "Threats to Nebraska Rivers-Invasive Plants Conference". The governor established a riparian vegetation management task force and the legislature provided \$4 million of grants for use in 2007 and 2008. With the help of these funds, weed management areas are expending about \$7 million to fight the invading riparian vegetation over this two year period. Conference attendees can hear about and see the results of this 2-year effort and learn about future planned actions including what we should be doing to get ready for the next riparian plant invaders.



Speaker Topics

Nebraska's Response

- Welcome by the Governor of Nebraska
- Nebraska's Riparian Vegetation Management Plan - State Senator
- Nebraska Weed Management Areas and Natural Resources Districts Lead the Way
 - Nebraska Vegetative Management Grant Program Projects
 - Other Nebraska Riparian Projects
 - NRCS Assistance
- Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act Amendments Responds to Needs
- State of the art Nebraska On-Line Weed Management Program

Multi-State Response

- Nebraska/Wyoming/Colorado Cooperative Riparian Efforts

The North America Situation

- Status of the North American Phragmites Explosion

Getting Ready for the Next Riparian Plant Invaders

- Early Detection and Rapid Response
- Rapid Response for Aquatic Species
- Model Weed Law Provisions for Management of New Invaders
- Example awareness campaign

Tour

See the Problems and Responses on the Platte River. See the invasion of non-native plants in the streambed and adjacent riparian areas. See the results of the weed management areas' projects, Rowe Sanctuary efforts and herbicide, grazing and burning trials

