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I'm Marcia Lee of the Central Platte Natural Resources District in Grand Island Nebraska, and this is.. the Natural Resources Report.

Have you seen nearby riverbeds and streams drying up due to invasive species, particularly phragmites? Help is now available for landowners that want to curb this problem. The Central Platte NRD has implemented a 75 percent cost share program to chemically spray phragmites, purple loosestrife and other noxious weeds.

The program is eligible for both landowners and producers in the Central Platte District. It's designed for chemical control on riparian areas adjacent to the Platte River- including tributaries, water bodies and road ditches that lead to the Platte River. The NRD has budgeted \$50,000 for this program and funding is available immediately.

Contracts last for three years with spraying done the first year. The second year the area is to be left alone and the final year would consist of any necessary treatment. Again, funding is available immediately! For more information visit the NRD website at **www.cpnrd.org**.

To sign up for the Phragmites Control Cost Share Program, visit your local USDA NRCS office.

Thank you for listening. This is Marcia Lee, keeping you informed about your natural resources and the way NRDs protect lives, protect property and protect the future.