



# PLATTE RIVER RESILIENCE FUND

*Saving the Platte River for People and Wildlife*

## PRRF BY THE NUMBERS

**2020**  
YEAR ESTABLISHED

**\$600,000**  
ANNUAL TREATMENT COST

**3,500**  
ACRES TREATED ANNUALLY

**350**  
TOTAL PROJECT RIVER MILES

**\$15 MILLION**  
SIZE OF ENDOWMENT NEEDED  
TO SUSTAIN ANNUAL WORK

## PRIORITIES

### ► SECURE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING TO:

- Improve water conveyance
- Remove Phragmites and other river choking plants
- Reduce flooding
- Supply more water for all needs

## SUPPORT OUR WORK

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platte-river-resilience-fund](http://www.nebcommfound.org/give/platte-river-resilience-fund)

## THE CHALLENGE

Historically, the Platte River brought cold, rushing water from the high Rocky Mountains into the Nebraska plains, where the current slowed and the water spread out into braided channels dotted with sandbars. These large flows, a result of spring thawing, arrived all at once and carried enough force to scour the river channels of permanent vegetation and create an open, flowing river.

Today, dams and water diversions for urban, industrial, and agricultural needs have altered the natural water sediment balance. This enables permanent vegetation—including invasive plants such as Phragmites—to become established in stream channels. Unchecked vegetation growth chokes the river, increasing the danger of flooding and consuming water that is essential to people and wildlife.

## OUR VISION

To preserve and protect the Platte River for current and future generations.

## HOW WE'LL DO IT

The Platte River Resilience Fund is working to build the financial resources necessary to achieve our vision. We do this by supporting work that:

- Treats and removes invasive plants ultimately improving conveyance of the Platte River
- Expands cleared river channels to increase river flow
- Decreases water use by invasive plants to increase water for people and wildlife
- Reduces flooding risks

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Together we can sustain a Platte River that flows freely and provides water for the needs of both people and wildlife. In a commitment to our shared future, we hope that you will join us in preserving and protecting the Platte River for generations to come. You can make a real difference. Please consider making a contribution to the Platte River Resilience Fund today at [www.nebcommfound.org/give/platte-river-resilience-fund](http://www.nebcommfound.org/give/platte-river-resilience-fund)

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