

July 16, 2024

**OFFICIAL LETTER OF COMPLAINT**

Mayor Troy K. Walker  
Council Member Mike Green  
Council Member Bryn Heather Johnson  
Council Member Tasha Lowery  
Council Member Fred Lowry  
Council Member Cal Roberts

Honorable Mayor Walker and Distinguished Council Members:

We, the undersigned neighbors along the corridor of Willow Creek between 300 East and 150 East, do hereby petition the City of Draper to address the problem of six foot+ high Russian Thistles growing along the creek bed in the above-mentioned location. We have repeatedly brought this ongoing problem to the attention of your Code Enforcement Officer, to Greg in your Draper Parks Dept. and to Drew in your Storm Water Maintenance Dept. We began kindly advising your Code Enforcement that the thistles were growing rapidly on June 3, 2024. We reached out to Greg in the Parks Dept. and were referred to the Storm Water Dept. who returned our call on July 3, 2024 and informed us that Draper had sprayed the road bed along the creek and that the thistles were the responsibility of Salt Lake County Flood Control. When we called Salt Lake County Flood Control, they tell us that they are only responsible for the flow of the water and that Draper owns the land and they are responsible for the out-of-control vegetation. We call Draper and they point the finger at the County, and we call the County and they point the finger at Draper. That is our problem.

Let it be said that the residents on the east side of 300 East on the Willow Creek corridor have a beautifully manicured landscape that is maintained by the City of Draper. Please be advised that those of us residents on the west side of 300 East on the Willow Creek corridor pay our taxes just like the people on the east side of 300 East. We are entitled to the same amenities as the people on the east side of 300 East.

We are not asking for a manicured landscape. We are requesting that the six feet tall Russian Thistles be cut down and removed immediately. They must be removed to prevent the spread of the thistles because the seeds travel even when the thistles have been cut down. When these noxious weeds bloom, they spew forth seeds that infest our properties and take hours to remove in addition to the cost of pesticides to control them.

When we do not follow the Draper laws in maintenance of our properties, we are issued a citation by code enforcement. When Draper does not follow the Draper laws in maintenance of their property, they are allowed to ignore our requests and there is no price to pay for Draper City and they conveniently point their finger at the Salt Lake County Flood Control.

We respectfully bring this problem to your attention in an effort to establish better communication between us, the residents, Draper City and Salt Lake County Flood Control. We are willing to work with the City, but we are now held hostage by the finger pointing of one government dept. versus another government dept. This is not effective or efficient. For the taxes we pay in Draper, we expect better from our Draper City.

Respectfully submitted by the following residents:

## RESIDENT SIGNATURES FOR OFFICIAL LETTER OF COMPLAINT:

NAME	ADDRESS
Kathleen Ann Kelle	
Briggs + Lauer Penn	
Ma Cott	12
Edie Goodrich	29
C. J. Smith	2
Jahn Butler	2
Kathleen Barker	1
David Smith	1
Bob	1
Carl Cutts	1
Steve Cutts	1
Josh Goodrich	1
Ken Murdock	1
Ann Murdock	2
Shonna Toni Niest	2
Connie Ross	2
Ken Wolden	2
Young Jang	
Warren Pittman	5
Paige Farnsworth	17
Connie Svoboda	19
Steve G. Svoboda	19

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NAME	ADDRESS	(Area)
<u>Lori's Little</u>		
<u>Holly Westbrook</u>		
<u>Charme Camille</u>		

