



# LOWER PLATTE NORTH Natural Resources District

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Governor Pete Ricketts  
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Via email to Kristin Allan

Dear Governor Ricketts:

I would like to invite you to kick off and speak at a press conference on Friday, June 15 at 10:30am to announce the removal of Shell Creek from the List of Impaired Waters due to contamination by Atrazine. This is the first time in history for a successful delisting of a stream for Atrazine contamination resulting from the implementation of a comprehensive watershed management plan. The press conference will be held at streamside followed by a celebration picnic at the Mark Horejsi Farm, 631 RD H, Schuyler, NE.

This is the culmination of 15 years of effort by the Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group, a grassroots group of local producers, working with local, state and federal conservation agencies to improve water quality in Shell Creek. Partners that participated in this effort include Lower Platte North NRD, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Nebraska Environmental Trust, University of Nebraska Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Environmental Protection Agency and the Newman Grove and Schuyler High School Science Programs.

We are anticipating more than 150 producers and representatives of the partner organizations and media to attend the press conference and delisting celebration. A DRAFT agenda is included with this invitation.

In advance, thank you for consideration of this request. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if this will work into your schedule, 402.443.4675 or [tmountford@lpnrd.org](mailto:tmountford@lpnrd.org).

Respectfully,

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