

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at Langston University



The Renewable Resources Extension Act funds allocated to Langston University are administered through the American Institute for Goat Research, School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences. RREA strategic issues addressed are Economic Opportunities for Individuals and Communities, and Invasive Species.

Rehabilitation of Under-Utilized Forest Land by Goats for Economic Benefits: In 2011, Langston University and the City of Stillwater cooperated to establish a pilot project that relied upon goats, and not city workers, to control unwanted vegetation in controlled areas, especially in drainage easements. That collaborative partnership was continued in 2012.

STILLWATER, Okla. — Goats are on their way back to Stillwater to control overgrown vegetation and amuse passersby.

Last October, the city used a small herd of goats to eat overgrown plants in areas that were hard to reach with traditional mowing equipment. The goats were on loan for a pilot program from Langston University, where Steve Hart conducts research on vegetation management. In December, External Services Director John McClenny told councilors they would turn the pilot program into a long-term program to maintain steep rights-of-way or areas in parkland such as around the dam in Boomer Lake.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Scott told councilors Thursday that the city is meeting this week with Langston officials about re-establishing a city goat herd and aim to have them in the parks by June 1.

(<http://www.stwnewspress.com/local/x2086603800/Goats-making-encore-appearance-in-Stillwater>)

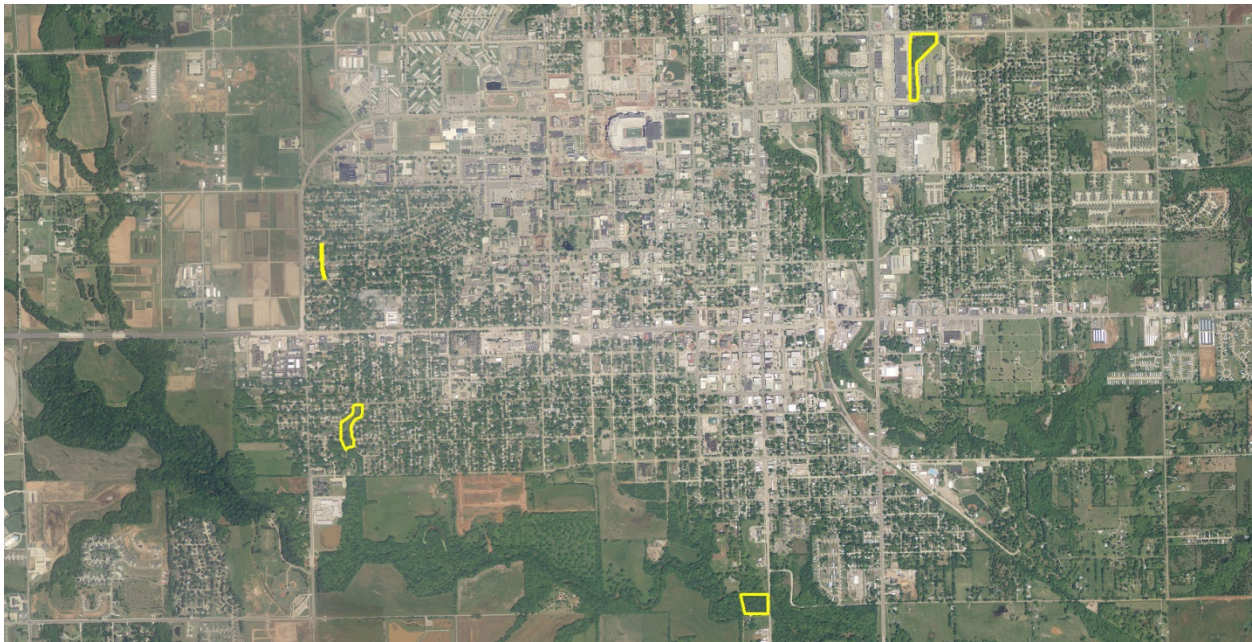


Figure 1. Locations for urban-renovation of park and public lands using goats.

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