

Langston University, RREA Popular Report, FY 2014



Importance of RREA - 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.

Dollars leveraged by RREA - The City of Oklahoma City has matched more than \$1,500.00 for supplies and labor needed for the RREA project entitled Rehabilitation of Urban and Suburban Landscapes: An Eco-Friendly Partnership between Langston University and Tribal and Municipal Governments project.

Success stories – In FY 2014, Langston University and the city of Oklahoma City entered into a partnership in order to clear unwanted vegetation along the Hefner Canal, which connects Lake Overholser to Lake Hefner. The canal had become overgrown with vegetation and the city was concerned about the safety of city employees in the clearing of the canal banks. So the city approached Langston University in the hopes that goats could be employed for the vegetation clearing task. Langston University was pleased to partner with the city and deployed goats for the task. The goats have become instant celebrities and have become the subject of numerous television and newspaper articles. One such newspaper article can be found at <http://newsok.com/we-got-the-bleat-okc-goats-become-social-media-celebs/article/5338899>. In addition, you can follow the goats at @hefner_goats on Twitter.

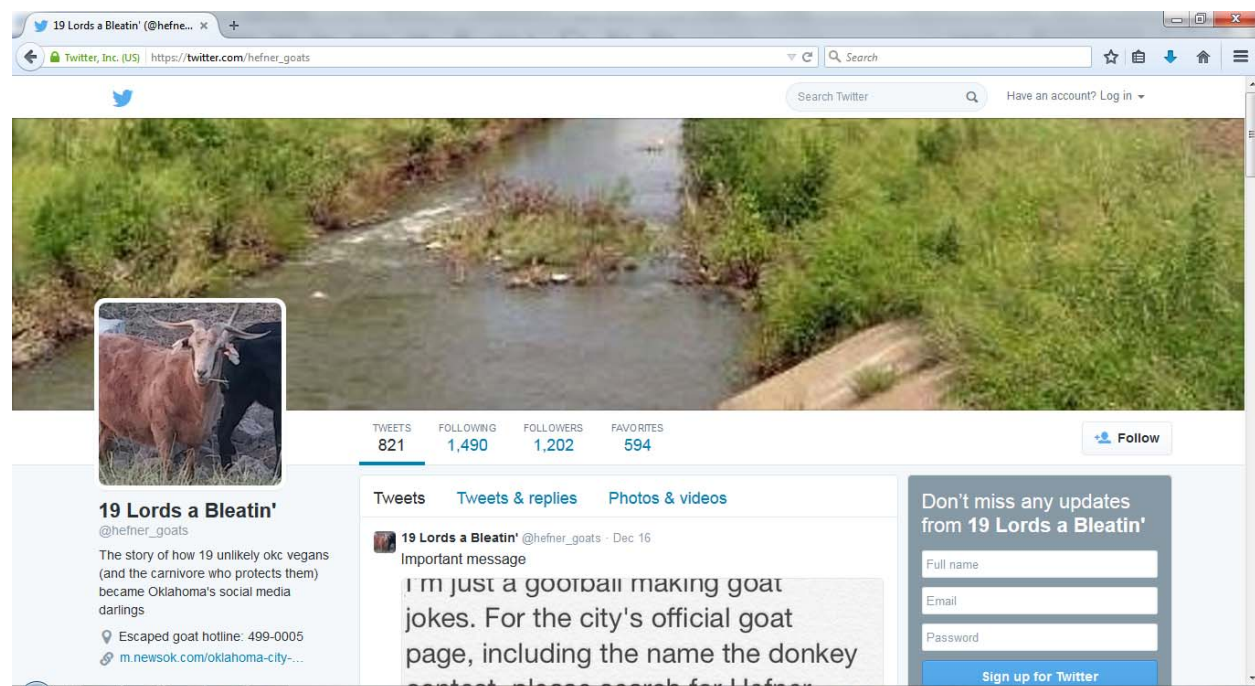


Figure 1. Screenshot of the twitter feed for the Langston University goats on the RREA project.

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