

Langston University, RREA Popular Report, FY 2015



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 \$2,500.00 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 2015, Langston University and the city of Oklahoma City continued their partnership 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 in 2014, the city approached Langston University, which deployed goats for the task for vegetation control. The goats have become instant celebrities and have become the subject of numerous television and newspaper articles. Such newspaper articles can be found at <http://www.outlookoklahoma.com/archives/m.blog/27/the-goats-of-lake-hefner>, https://twitter.com/hefner_goats?lang=en, and <http://newsok.com/article/5380458>. The project was so successful that the city of Oklahoma City has purchased their own herd of goats (Figure 1) and Langston University will now partner with other tribal and municipal governments.

Quote from program participants or collaborators - “The project was so successful, the goats did a great job of clearing the canal, that we decided to conduct our own goat program,” said Debbie Ragan with the City of Oklahoma City.



Figure 1. Screenshot of the local news article on the success of the Langston University goats on the RREA project.

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