

Lincoln University of Missouri

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program at Lincoln University of Missouri, FY 2008

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) program funds allocated to Lincoln University of Missouri are administered through the Office of Cooperative Extension. In FY 2008, the program focused on the RREA Strategic Issues of Wildlife and Fisheries Resources, Rangeland Stewardship and Health, and Invasive Species. Almost all of the native warm season grasslands of central Missouri have been converted to cool season grasses. Restoration of native vegetation and wildlife habitats in Missouri and at Lincoln University is a priority.

RREA funds were used at the Lincoln University Busby Farm for a prescribed burn and to seed more than 25 species of forbs and wildflowers. The result was a 70-80% cover by native plants and an increased diversity of arthropods and birds. With grasses and wildflowers better established, Lincoln University organized the first annual Busby Farm Field Day, an outreach event that brought together more than 80 rural landowners, urban homeowners, speakers, and exhibitors. Exhibits and events included grassland restoration and management, native plants, water gardens, hayrides, composting, and managing habitats for upland birds.



RREA funds were used for habitat restoration and for the Busby Farm Field Day, an outreach event which attracted more than 80 participants.

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