

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at the Louisiana State University AgCenter



RREA funds help promote sustainable use of natural resources among Louisiana's youth. Each year funds help provide education and training so that young people can participate in the 4-H National Forestry Contest held in West Virginia.

RREA funds in Louisiana also contribute to programming at the local level. When combined with other funding sources, these funds help generate forest-based educational programs for forest landowners in Louisiana.

"The workshops for small landowners have been very helpful to us. We are learning basic information about good forest management that we just could not get anywhere else." -- participant in an Underserved Forest Landowner Workshop.



Each RREA dollar spent in Louisiana is leveraged with approximately \$5 to \$10 additional dollars garnered from state, federal, and local support and help us produce the following successes:



- The annual Ark-La-Miss wildlife management symposium was attended by 115 individuals. Knowledge gained was reflected in an average pre-program test score of 84 percent and a post-program test score of 93 percent.
- RREA funds help Louisiana's area forestry agents to produce regional forestry forums that annually reach over 400 landowners. In 2004, attendees estimated the economic impact of these forums at \$1.7 million.
- Our Underserved Forest Landowner Program is an integral part of our natural resource extension activities in Louisiana and RREA provides a significant amount of funding for these workshops. In 2004, we held four Underserved Forest Landowner Workshops. Survey respondents estimated the value of these workshops to be worth over \$6,000 per attendee.

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