

The Renewable Resource Extension Act (RREA) at Delaware State University

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) programs at Delaware State University help prepare Delaware landowners to manage the state's renewable natural resources more effectively. RREA funds are leveraged with state and private association funds to develop environmental educational programs that are designed to inform and motivate youth and adults. Each RREA dollar that supports outreach educational programs at Delaware State University, typically leveraged with \$8 - \$12 of in-kind federal, state, private, and/or local funds. In the past year, RREA funds were used to:

- Develop the OUTDOOR WOODLAND CLASSROOM, which targets first through third grade students in DE. It also provides adult educational experiences. The Delaware State University 2006 Woodland Classroom reached 320 students through 180 hours of volunteer assistance.
- Support the ANNUAL FARM TOURS at the two Delaware State University farms where 3,647 participants were instructed on agricultural operations, along with soil and water conservation measures and practices to enhance natural resources education.
- Host the annual DSU FORESTRY SYMPOSIUM on urban forestry issues and renewable resource management. Last year's program was attended by 36 professionals and students.
- Provide natural resource educational outreach to more than 5,150 individuals who participated in the annual DELAWARE EARTH DAY and COAST DAY events.

"[The Outdoor Woodland Classroom] continues to teach my students the importance of preserving trees and the forest habitats for people and animals." – Ms. Morei Johnson, Kindergarten Teacher, North Dover Elementary



Youth getting hands-on education on Woodland Classroom

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