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Corporate Conservationist of the Year Award

City of Fayetteville

As part of the City of Fayetteville's Wastewater System Improvement Project, ECO, Inc. and McGoodwin, Williams & Yates Engineers developed a wetland mitigation site known as Woolsey Wet Prairie Sanctuary. Recognizing that only one percent of the original 100,000 acres of prairie habitat in northwest region of Arkansas remain, the project focused upon restoring habitat that is crucial to the survival of uncommon and rare fauna. Woolsey Wet Prairie has received national recognition from Audubon, Cornell University, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Woolsey Wet Prairie has proven to be a living outdoor laboratory and was selected as one of five finalists for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Stewardship (ENVY) Award. It has been featured six times on City 16 Government Channel television programs as well as two KUAF NPR "Ozarks At Large" radio programs, hosted by Bruce Shackelford, ECO, Inc. President.

The Woolsey Wet Prairie Project, jointly sponsored by the City of Fayetteville, McGoodwin Williams & Yates Engineers and Environmental Consulting Operations, Inc. The project is based upon the understanding that if you allow the natural hydrology of a parcel of land to regain a foothold by removing livestock, restoring the natural hydrology, and controlling the nonnative plant species then the original natural fauna will return. By following these rules this 40 acre tract became the microcosm of what once was some 100,000 acres of natural prairie in northwest Arkansas. The plants which regained a foothold here are in many cases rare, endangered, and can only be found on this property. The tract has become a model "classroom" for students, teachers and others interested in natural restoration and conservation in Northwest Arkansas.



Congratulation to the City of Fayetteville as the Arkansas Wildlife Federation 2009 Corporate Conservationist of the Year award recipient.