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**GOAT LANDSCAPING PILOT PROGRAM
TO GRAZE THROUGH WACO THIS WEEKEND**

WACO, TEXAS (May 24, 2019) – The City of Waco Parks and Recreation Department will test an eco-friendly, goat landscaping program this weekend.

Rent-A-Ruminant Texas, the company contracted to perform the service, will utilize up to 120 goats to graze and clear invasive vegetation in sloped and treacherous areas not accessible by city staff. The project will take place along an approximate .75 acre stretch of land on University Parks Dr., between Waco Dr. and Bosque Blvd.

The herd will be onsite during daylight hours on Saturday and Sunday and will be contained by a temporary, low-voltage fence line. Signage will be placed around the section designated for grazing – an area located behind the Parks and Recreation office building at 201 W. Waco Dr. A Rent-A-Ruminant employee will be present with the goats while they work.

The service offers an eco-friendly alternative to vegetation management and benefits, including employee safety and elimination of the need for chemical application near waterways. Goat landscaping has been utilized by a number of metropolitan cities, including Tacoma, New York, Chicago, Boston and Chapel Hill. If effective in Waco, the program may be expanded to other areas of need along the riverbanks.

Rent-A-Ruminant LLC is based out of Seattle and operates franchises in Washington, Texas, Tennessee and Louisiana. The City of Waco has contracted with a franchise based out of Rising Star, Texas.

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