



Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities

Pilot Program: Targeted Livestock Grazing for Invasive Vegetation Management

Aka "Got Goats?"

July 16th, 2026



Pilot Program Logistics

- **Who?**
 - RPCA Natural Resources Division, contracting Browsing Green Goats
- **What?**
 - Livestock (goats and sheep) grazing of invasive vegetation
- **Where?**
 - All Veteran's Park slopeside, adjacent to Holmes Run
- **When?**
 - September 8th, 2026, with an estimated 5-10 days
- **Why?**



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Livestock Management Makes Sense When...

- Terrain is treacherous
 - AVP has Steep slopes, rocky
- Invasives are extensive
 - AVP dominated by Kudzu
- Broadcast chemical usage is undesirable
 - AVP adjacent to stream
- Community can be activated through public awareness
 - Goats generate interest in other invasive management



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Frequently Asked Questions

- Why not just do mechanical removal?
 - Difficult terrain and high density of invasive plants
- What about safety?
 - Electrified fence to be installed temporarily to keep goats in and predators out
 - A secondary fence (+ signage) to keep people and pets away from the electrified fence
- What about the poop?
 - Goat poop is more like deer scat than cow manure – drier, less odorous pellets
 - Goat manure is a slow release of nutrients
- A full list of FAQ can be found on the city website at <https://www.alexandriava.gov/parks/program/goat-grazing-faqs>
- Or contact katrina.napora@alexandriava.gov



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