

Restoring ecosystem health with targeted disturbance: Oak savanna, Silvopasture and Adaptive grazing

Silvopasture, which combines the practice of adaptive grazing, forestry management and forage stewardship, can help achieve vegetation management goals and enhance wildlife habitat via targeted disturbance. This presentation features information on adaptive grazing management applied to oak savanna restoration and provides an update on a three-year research and education project involving University of Minnesota Extension, Great River Greening and Sustainable Farming Association of MN. This project is funded by a grant from the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).



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