

Prescribed Fire Education

The Loess Hills Alliance (LHA) Stewardship Committee received funding from the REAP Program to provide educational outreach to landowners in the Loess Hills. The focus of the outreach was to increase the understanding and application of prescribed fire to restore native plant communities. “We are working to help landowners understand that native prairie is worth keeping and protecting”, said Bob Moritz, former chairman of the LHA. "Red cedars, which can gobble up a prairie in 10 to 15 years, have such a head start in the Loess Hills that it's impossible to catch up just by sawing them down. We need something more consuming on a big scale, and fire does this really well. " The LHA contracted with Agren to distribute prescribed fire information directly to landowners through small group meetings and one-on-one visits. “We have equipment for prescribed burns located in each of our counties, and people in the Alliance who can provide guidance in its use to landowners" Moritz said.

