

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION OUTREACH



Through advocacy and education outreach, OG&E supports and promotes: Growth and nurturing of environmental awareness in the community; environmental partnerships; public environmental education and promotions; and, heightened environmental involvement by company employees.

Honoring our commitment to being a good environmental steward goes beyond complying with regulations. It also includes partnering with others in our conservation efforts. OG&E seeks to increase awareness about environmental stewardship through charitable giving, partnering with local education and stewardship organizations and helping to increase public awareness of conservation issues.

We back our partnerships with a commitment to volunteerism. OG&E employees play a significant role in helping our customers better understand OG&E's commitment to the environment and our communities. They volunteer for community projects that educate students about the environment and conservation of our natural resources, inform customers about energy efficiency and energy conservation, and physically maintain and preserve conservation areas.

- + OG&E donates thousands of dollars each year to environmental education and stewardship organizations.
- + Company employees volunteer to educate others about the environment and conserving natural resources.
- + Through community partnerships, OG&E helps increase public awareness about conservation, air quality and personal responsibility for environmental stewardship.



OG&E's environmental advocacy and education outreach initiatives include:

EDUCATION OUTREACH & ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS

ScienceFest – Since 2002, OG&E has sponsored ScienceFest Oklahoma. Each May, about 5,000 4th and 5th graders from across Oklahoma gather at the Oklahoma City Zoo for interactive learning on alternative energy and environmental conservation. In addition to financial support, OG&E annually provides about 75 employee volunteers who keep the day organized and safe or who participate in an environmental education hands-on activity station for the visiting students.

Oklahoma Green Schools Program – OG&E supports to this statewide initiative to educate Oklahoma students and teachers about environmental issues and their personal responsibilities regarding stewardship. In 2013 and again in 2014, OG&E made a significant contribution to the newly formed 501(c)(3) to help further the program's mission and to conduct a pilot with Norman Public Schools.



Keep Oklahoma Beautiful – OG&E annually provides small grants to Oklahoma communities to help jump start their Great American Clean-Up projects.

Oklahoma Department of Forestry Services – Through a longterm partnership with ODFS, OG&E supports planting and growing more trees in Oklahoma which provide environmental benefits:

- + **Oklahoma State Fair Exhibit** – Since 1998, OG&E and Oklahoma Forestry Services educate Oklahoma State Fair attendees annually on the beneficial use of trees and how trees help the environment. Over the years, OG&E and ODFS have distributed about 183,000 loblolly pine seedlings at the state fair to children and their families.
- + **Progeny Propagation Facility** -- OG&E is a major supporter of the Progeny Propagation Facility, a greenhouse in southeast Oklahoma dedicated to growing seedlings for educational purposes and species improvement. Since the facility opened in 2002, the company has supported its operations. In 2012, OG&E Energy contributed toward an equipment upgrade that allowed ODFS to begin growing significantly more container seedlings at the greenhouse.

Inter-Tribal Environmental Council – OG&E regularly sponsors the Inter-Tribal Environmental Council's annual conference. The organization's mission is to protect the health of Native Americans, their natural resources and the environment.

Association of Central Oklahoma Governments – Since 2001, OG&E has partnered with ACOG on an annual media campaign that seeks to heighten residents' awareness of ground level ozone in the Oklahoma City area.



"The mission of the Oklahoma Green Schools Program (OGSP) is to educate and empower Oklahoma students and teachers to make a difference in their schools and communities through an increased understanding of environmental issues leading to stewardship of resources and personal responsibility. OG&E has participated in and helped to grow OGSP since the program's inception in 2008. In 2013 and again in 2014, OG&E heightened its support by providing funding for not only energy efficiency education, but also to enhance the entire program. OGSP appreciates OG&E's commitment to educating Oklahoma students about natural resources and their responsibility to preserve them for future generations."

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