



BACKGROUND

The pilot program for grazing and fencing has been in place since the spring of 2021. The collaboration carried to and by the state allowed for fiscal support and continued volunteer services. Multiple cities have donated resources to this effort, and the program has been supported by the permitting entities in the state.

Walkara Way is making an impact and is moving forward. It is currently in the design process for expanding the pilot program of grazing, fencing, and connections through the open space.

We have been working to facilitate the Walkara Way program to allow for healthier forms of mosquito abatement and restoration of our native biota.

We have preserved milkweed and we have released butterflies as part of the program aligning with Vineyard City's proclamation to become a pollinator city.

Osprey homes were built, and have already been nested by these beautiful birds. The invasive phragmites have been kept down entirely within the pilot grazing program allowing for water movement and restoration. Migratory birds and animals are returning.



Cattle grazing at Walkara Way



LOOKING FORWARD

With the growth in Utah Valley, preserving areas for conservation has been important to the residents of Vineyard. Providing open space that facilitates native growth and natural surroundings has been a long-held value of the people of Vineyard. This area creates 600 acres of conserved open space.

The greatest part about Walkara Way is collaboration between the state and the cities in the program—we have worked together to protect this conservation area, and future projects will not be able to deter its progress. As a priority for Vineyard and surrounding communities, the project solidified and received funding from the state legislature. The momentum of this project continues to move forward.

We believe with the momentum and support that cities have put into Walkara Way will bring positive effects to the region and the community at large.

The Walkara Way proposal was met with rapid success and approvals, with multiple entities championing the process. The families living along the lake have been in discussions over grazing rights. When they brought forward the objective to work with the permitting and jurisdictional entities, shared visions of conservation and restoration were accomplished. The state met this momentum with fiscal matching support and created pathways for success.

Vineyard's council, team and commissions are highly supportive of this effort, and have worked hard to make it successful.