

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) Report Pursuant to 74 O.S. Section 3121; Government Transparency Act of 2019.

Memorandum of Agreement between ODWC and the City of Grove, Oklahoma, an incorporated city of the State of Oklahoma (“Grove”): This MOA describes an understanding and agreement between ODWC and Grove regarding the funding, installation, and promotion of a fish habitat project at Grand Lake O’ The Cherokees (“Grand Lake”), Oklahoma, for the aquatic communities of Grand Lake and the anglers using Grand Lake.

Effective Date: Spring, 2020

MOU Duration: June 30, 2020

Entities Subject to MOU: ODWC Agency of the State of Oklahoma and the City of Grove

Purpose: An understanding and agreement between ODWC and City of Grove regarding the funding, installation, and promotion of a fish habitat project at Grand Lake O’ The Cherokees (“Grand Lake”), Oklahoma, for the aquatic communities of Grand Lake and the anglers using Grand Lake,

Authority: ODWC – Oklahoma Constitution Article 26
Title 29 O.S. Sections 3-101 (A); 3-103 (A) (D) (8) (9) (14)
and 3-105 (A) & A (5)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Grand Lake O' the Cherokees Habitat Project

This Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") is made as of the 10th day of March, 2020 by and between the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, an agency of the State of Oklahoma ("ODWC") and the City of Grove, Oklahoma, an incorporated city of the State of Oklahoma ("Grove"):

I. Parties.

This MOA describes an understanding and agreement between ODWC and Grove regarding the funding, installation, and promotion of a fish habitat project at Grand Lake O' The Cherokees ("Grand Lake"), Oklahoma, for the aquatic communities of Grand Lake and the anglers using Grand Lake, referred to herein as "Habitat Project."

II. Background and Purpose for the MOA

In the spring of 2020, ODWC will conduct a large-scale fish habitat project at Grand Lake. This project will include the purchase of artificial structures, installation of those structures, and engagement of the community and anglers through various forms of media.

The purpose of this MOA is to ensure funding for the project. Grove agrees to contribute \$5,000.00, and ODWC agrees to provide a 3:1 match to those funds and handle all coordination aspects of the project.

III. Goals and Objectives for the Program

The parties hereto agree to the following in achieving the goals and objectives of the Habitat Project:

ODWC and Grove agree to actively work together to complete the Habitat Project, which shall encompass the purchase and installation of multiple artificial fish habitat structures benefiting all valid Oklahoma fishing license holders and the aquatic communities of Grand Lake.

Funding of \$5,000.00 will be provided by Grove to ODWC to pay for the Habitat Project, which includes the purchase of artificial habitat from a commercial dealer. These funds will be matched by ODWC using ODWC funds and/or federal matching funds from the Sportfish Restoration Program. ODWC will request funds stated herein from Grove via invoice. Invoices shall be paid by Grove within thirty (30) days of receipt.

ODWC shall include positive recognition of Grove's contribution and participation in multiple forms of news and social media.

If federal grant monies are used in connection with the Habitat Project, the parties agree to comply with any requirements associated with such funding, including reporting, audit, and record-keeping requirements.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, either party may terminate this MOA with at least 60 days advance notice given to the other party, however no termination by Grove shall be effective following the purchase of materials to be used for the Habitat Project.

IV. Notices

Any written notices or communications between the parties shall be made to the attention of:

ODWC: Josh Johnston, Northeast Region Supervisor of Fisheries
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
P.O. Box 1201
Jenks, Oklahoma 74037
Ph: 918-299-2334

Grove: Bill Keefer, City Manager
City of Grove
104 West Third Street
Grove, Oklahoma 74334
Ph: 918-786-6107

V. Miscellaneous

This MOA constitutes the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter covered herein. However, the parties recognize that additional, more specific understandings and/or arrangements may be needed or useful as the Habitat Project is developed. As a result thereof, this MOA may be supplemented by addenda or by supplemental understandings or agreements made in writing and signed by both parties.

This MOA shall be effective as of the date set forth above and will continue through June 30th, 2020, unless sooner terminated as provided hereunder.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

THE CITY OF GROVE

“ODWC”

“Grove”

By:  3/25/2020
J. D. Strong, Director

By:  3/19/2020
Bill Keefer, City Manager