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Lindenwood University has received a \$25,000 grant from Maritz to continue a glade restoration project at its Boone Home Campus in rural St. Charles County. The grant will continue and expand the existing project, which over that past two years has reestablished an important habitat for a variety of species, some of which are rare or endangered.

Dr. David Knotts, who is director of the project and dean of Lindenwood's Boone Campus, said many glades in Missouri, like the one at the center of the project, have been taken over by invasive growth, such as cedar trees, which are not native to the area. A large part of the project has involved removing the cedar trees to allow for the reestablishment of the glade.

"A glade is an opening in a forest, facing south or southwest on a hillside," Knotts explained. "It has a desert-like habitat and is home to species like yucca and prickly pear cactus. Opening up the area by removing the invasive tree growth allows for the rock shelves to emerge, which creates habitats for species that would not be there otherwise. We are very grateful to Maritz for allowing us to continue with this project."

Knotts said the project has opened up habitats on the site for a variety of species of snakes, spiders, lizards, and insects, some of which are endangered. The goals of the next phase of the project are to expand the glade site through removal of more invasive tree species and monitor the flora and fauna in the area currently and over time.

"At Maritz, we are dedicated to empowering people to reach their full potential and ensuring a solid and bright future for generations to come," said Debbie Schirmer, community affairs manager at Maritz, "and we feel the best way Maritz can have an impact in the communities in which we live and work is to align ourselves with educational endeavors. The partnership with Lindenwood University, through the glade restoration project at the Daniel Boone Campus, not only exemplifies our company's mission, but also has better connected our two organizations to have a greater impact in the community and our mutual commitment to education."

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