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## An Oklahoma Project That's More Than Just OK

Welcome to Lakeside of Oakdale, the new upscale residential community under development in northeastern Oklahoma City, Okla. A tranquil 23-acre lake will be created as the anchor of the project. The setting's natural topography has helped determine the dam of the lake to be approximately 1,300 feet long, up to 30 feet high with a continuous 3:1 backside slope.

In addition, the current phase of the project called for the revegetation of nearly 11 disturbed acres at 3:1 slopes. As an economical alternative to Bermuda grass sod, it was the objective of Tallgrass Environmental Solutions to establish a native "tallgrass prairie" mix of grasses, wildflowers and forbs. Although installation prices for seeding and mix establishment were roughly equal to that of sod installation, the maintenance savings for the long term are far greater.



Lakeside of Oakdale is currently under development in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Because of the terrain, time of year and the unpredictable Oklahoma weather, immediate stabilization of the seed and soil was critical. Hydroseeding with the Kincaid 1,200-gallon hydroseeder began in April, some 30 days prior to optimal germination soil temperatures for many of the plants in the mix. A variety of techniques were used to accomplish this stabilization, such as the primary use of paper mulch on flatter areas, Bonded Fiber Matrix on steeper, longer slopes, and a mix of the two along with the Propex's SuperGro on all areas in between.

This is arguably one of the largest BFM installations in the state and quite possibly the only one with the utilization of SuperGro. In fact, Tallgrass, along with Greg Fuller of Vance Brothers, share the distinction of being the first and only Certified Applicators of this quality BFM product.

**Project Name:**  
Lakeside of Oakdale

**Location:**  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Owner/ Developer:**  
Turner and Company,  
of Edmond, Okla.

**Revegetation Contractor:**  
Tallgrass  
Environmental  
Solutions, LLC,  
Owner: Micca Rasp,  
Project Manager:

“Vance Brothers was instrumental in the completion of the seeding phases of this project,” says Joshua Rasp, project manager at Tallgrass Environmental Solutions. “As a new company, one that has discovered a fairly new niche in this area, we would not have been successful without the flexibility and trust of our vendors.

Although far from complete, the early results look promising. The site is currently stabilized with significant plant growth. Many of the wildflowers in the seed mix are already blooming, and some of the grasses have sprouted seedheads. To ensure the project’s prosperity, Tallgrass will continue maintenance on the project, including weed management, supplemental watering and fertilization through the spring of 2006.

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[Soil Guard Bonded Fiber Matrix by Mat Inc.](#), and [SuperGro Erosion Control Netting by Propex Fibers and Fabrics Company](#)