



Illinois Department of Natural Resources MEMORANDUM

To: Colleen Callahan, Director

From: Ann Holtrop, Chief, Division of Natural Heritage

Date: July 28, 2022

Subject: Natural Areas Stewardship Grant Committee Recommendation

The Natural Areas Stewardship Grant Review Committee met on June 29 and July 21, 2022 to review the IDNR grant proposals for funding from the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund for fiscal year 2023. There is an estimated \$500,000 available for projects, and there was a total of \$1,073,870.63 in requests.

The Review Committee recommends \$500,000 in funds be encumbered for the following 10 projects:

Projects Recommended for Funding – Natural Areas Stewardship Grants

Applicant	INPC Site	Stewardship Action	Request
The Wetlands Initiative	Thomas W. and Elizabeth Moews Dore Seep Nature Preserve	Hire two seasonal technicians to perform intensive non-native cattail control, woody plant control, and planting of sedge plugs within high-quality seep wetland harboring the largest known population of the State-endangered Yellow Monkey-flower.	\$51,350.41
Friends of IL Nature Preserves	Kishwaukee Fen Nature Preserve, Old Plank Road Prairie Nature Preserve, Grisley Woods Land and Water Reserve	Purchase equipment and supplies, and enlist contractual assistance to support volunteer teams in invasives control, prescribed fire, seed dispersal, and rare species stewardship.	\$69,344.79
Citizens for Conservation	Barrington Bog Nature Preserve	Purchase a Utility Terrain Vehicle with tracks and a trailer for transport to facilitate	\$26,574.00

		restoration efforts, including herbicide application and prescribed fire within a bog wetland.	
Lake Bluff Open Lands Association	Skokie River Prairie Land and Water Reserve	Hire interns and contractual services to reduce undesirable woody species, remove undesirable mature trees, control invasives, and conduct prescribed fire to recover the natural community structure of a sedge meadow and prairie.	\$59,568.00
Clifftop NFP	White Rock Land and Water Reserve, Luella Schaefer Memorial Hill Prairies Land and Water Reserve	Enlist contractual services to support glade restoration, eradication of non-native invasive species, install fire breaks, and conduct prescribed fire.	\$35,800.00
ParkLands Foundation	Merwin Savanna Nature Preserve, Ridgetop Hill Prairie Nature Preserve, Chinquapin Bluffs Land and Water Reserve	Purchase a Utility Terrain Vehicle and cargo trailer to support mechanical and chemical removal of non-native invasive species and implement prescribed fire. Enlist contractual services to support savanna, forest, and prairie management.	\$99,559.00
Clifftop NFP	Storment Hauss Nature Preserve	Purchase a Utility Terrain Vehicle to haul equipment and volunteers and conduct site stewardship work. Hire contractor to perform large-scale management efforts.	\$53,999.00
Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, Inc.	Rutherford Refuge at Twin Bridges Nature Preserve, Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve, Apple River Canyon Nature Preserve and Land and Water Reserve, Wapello Land and Water Reserve, Hahnaman Sand Prairie Nature Preserve	Purchase a Utility Terrain Vehicle to increase stewardship capacity for performing invasive species control and prescribed fire.	\$20,000.00
Lake Forest Open Lands Association	Skokie River NP, Middlefork Savanna Nature Preserve, Middlefork Savanna Nature Preserve	Purchase equipment, supplies, and contractual assistance to support stewardship to improve natural community structure and diversity.	\$70,660.00

Natural Land Institute	Howard D. Colman Dells Nature Preserve, Burr Oak Valley Nature Preserve, Kyte River Bottoms Land and Water Reserve, Harlem Hills Nature Preserve	Purchase equipment to support non-native invasives removal and prescribed fire.	\$13,144.80
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Please let me know if you desire any additional information on any of the proposed projects. Upon your decision, the Review Committee will seek release of the funding.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION _____ APPROVE
 Ann Holtrop, Chief Date DISAPPROVE
 Division of Natural Heritage

AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF _____ APPROVE
 Colleen Callahan, Director Date DISAPPROVE