



# Natural Areas Program



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# Program Mission

The Land



The People







# Program Model

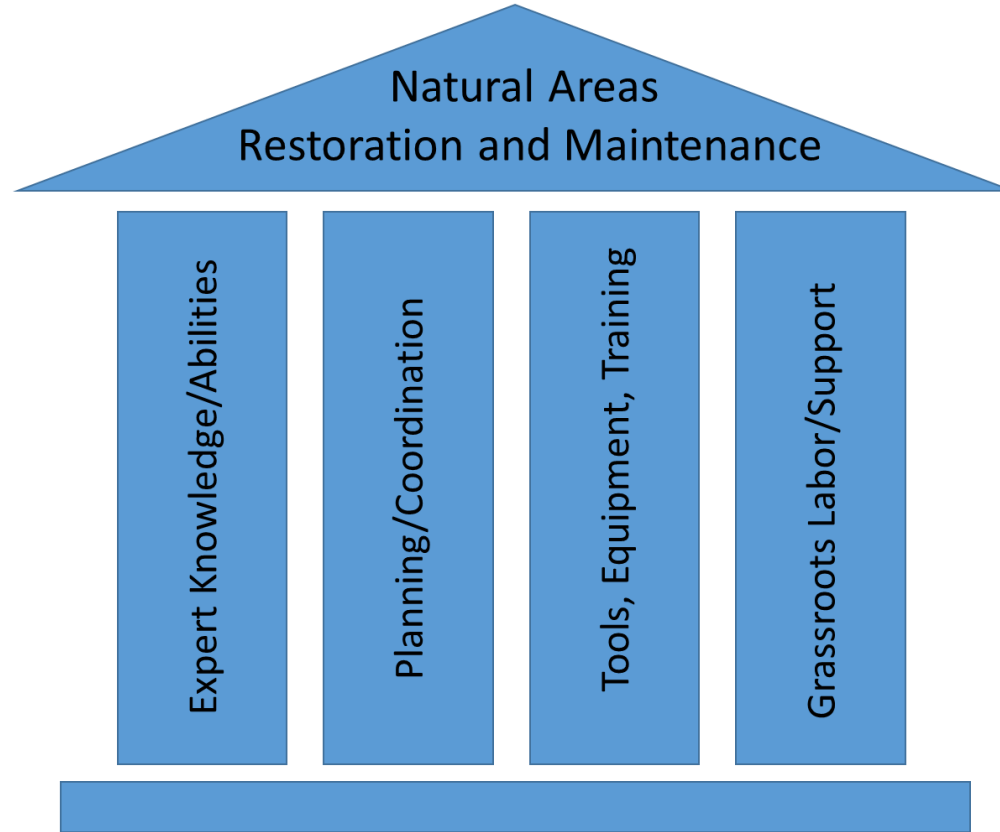
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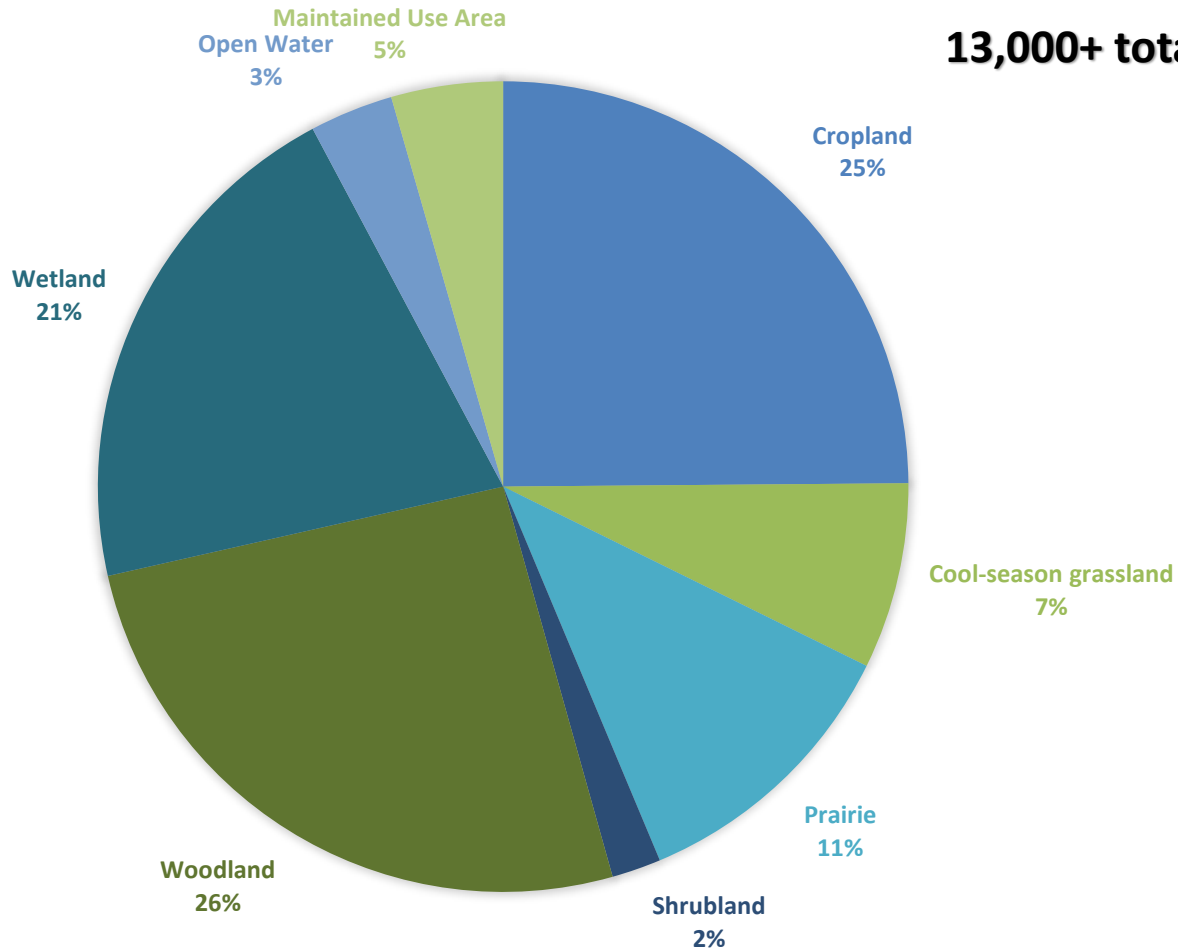
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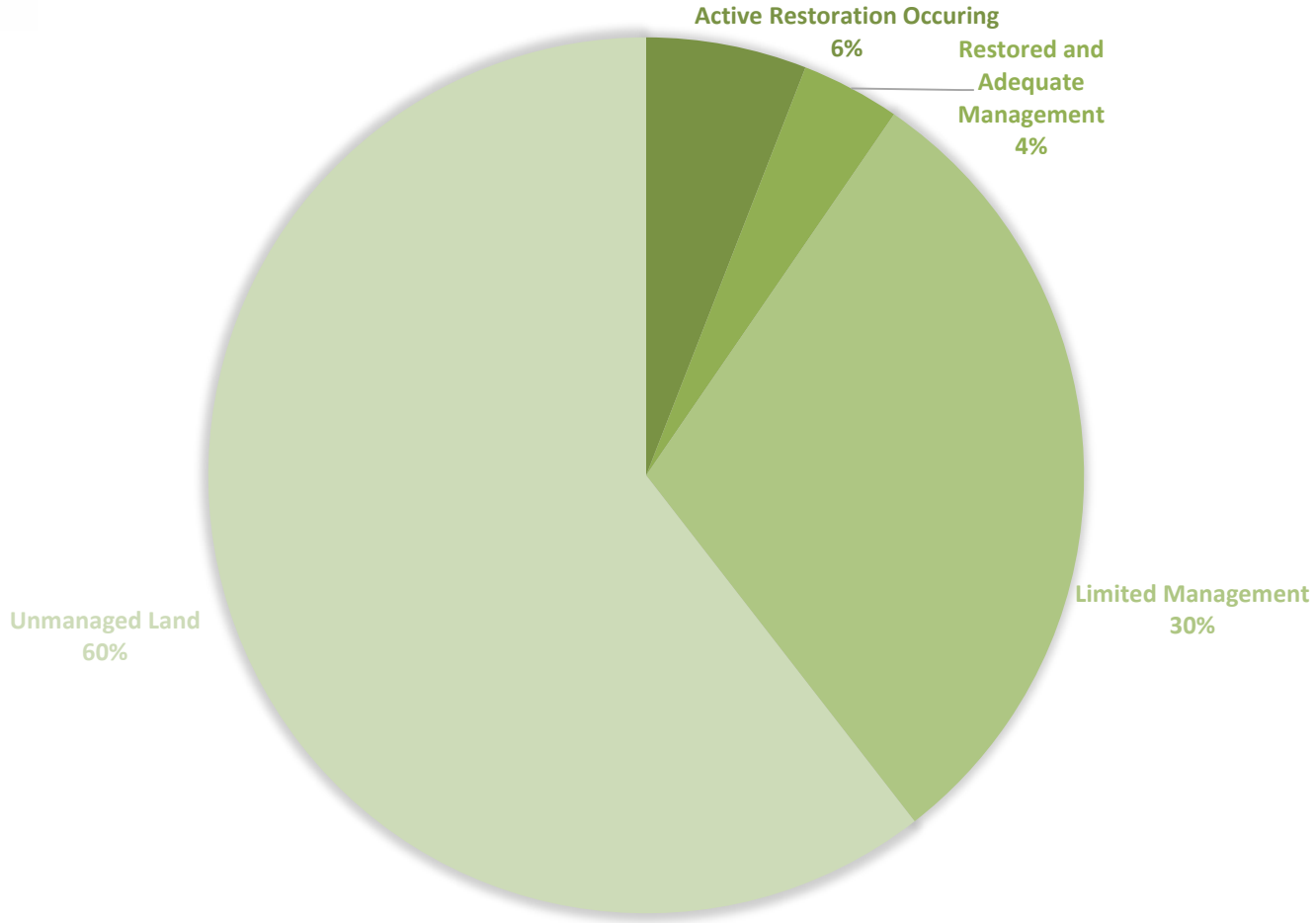
# Park System Land Cover

**13,000+ total acres**





# Natural Areas Management Status







# Accomplishments

Performance Metrics	Average Annual Accomplishments
Lbs. Native Seed Collected	1,000-1,800 lbs. (\$1.3 million value over 3 years)
Native Species Collected	190-220 species
Acres planted	140-160 acres
Prescribed Fire Acres Burned	400-650 acres
Acres Invasive Weed Control	500 acres
Acres Brush Control	50 acres

Performance Metrics	Accomplishments Since 2016
Timber Harvest Revenue	4 Park Properties, ~ 60acres, ~ \$280K revenue
Grants	≈ \$500K revenue





# Opportunities for Growth

Provide sufficient staff guidance, coordination, and oversight to ensure volunteer safety, efficiency, and stewardship quality.



## Natural Areas Program Volunteer Handbook



Revised February 2019







# Opportunities for Growth

Recruit and train at least one Certified Land Steward Volunteer for each Parks property and provide necessary tools and supplies



Property Type	# of Properties	Total Acres	% sites w/CLS
Rec. Parks	26	5,590	50
NRAs	12	3,350	66
Wildlife Areas	19	3,761	21
Forests	2	188	50
Historic Sites	6	159	50
Trails	2	206	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>13,267</b>	



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Provide focused and regular skilled land management work, otherwise beyond the ability or interest of volunteers.







# Opportunities for Growth

## Current Funding and Partnerships

- 3 DCP + DNR LTE crew
- Waterfowl, Turkey, Pheasant Stamps
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (equipment MOUs)
- Project Wingspan
- Operation Fresh Start Conservation Crews
- Private Donations
- Timber Revenue (2 advanced LTEs)



## Future Opportunities

- Operation Fresh Start Graduate Crew
- Timber Revenue
- Friends Group Support (PBC, LVHP, SFP)
- Corporate Sponsorships
- Carbon Credits
- Expanded seasonal staffing
- Large Grants





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Questions...



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