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Our Mission

To maintain and enhance the health, diversity and beauty of Southwest Wisconsin's natural and agricultural landscape through permanent land protection and restoration, and to improve people's lives by connecting them to the land and to each other.

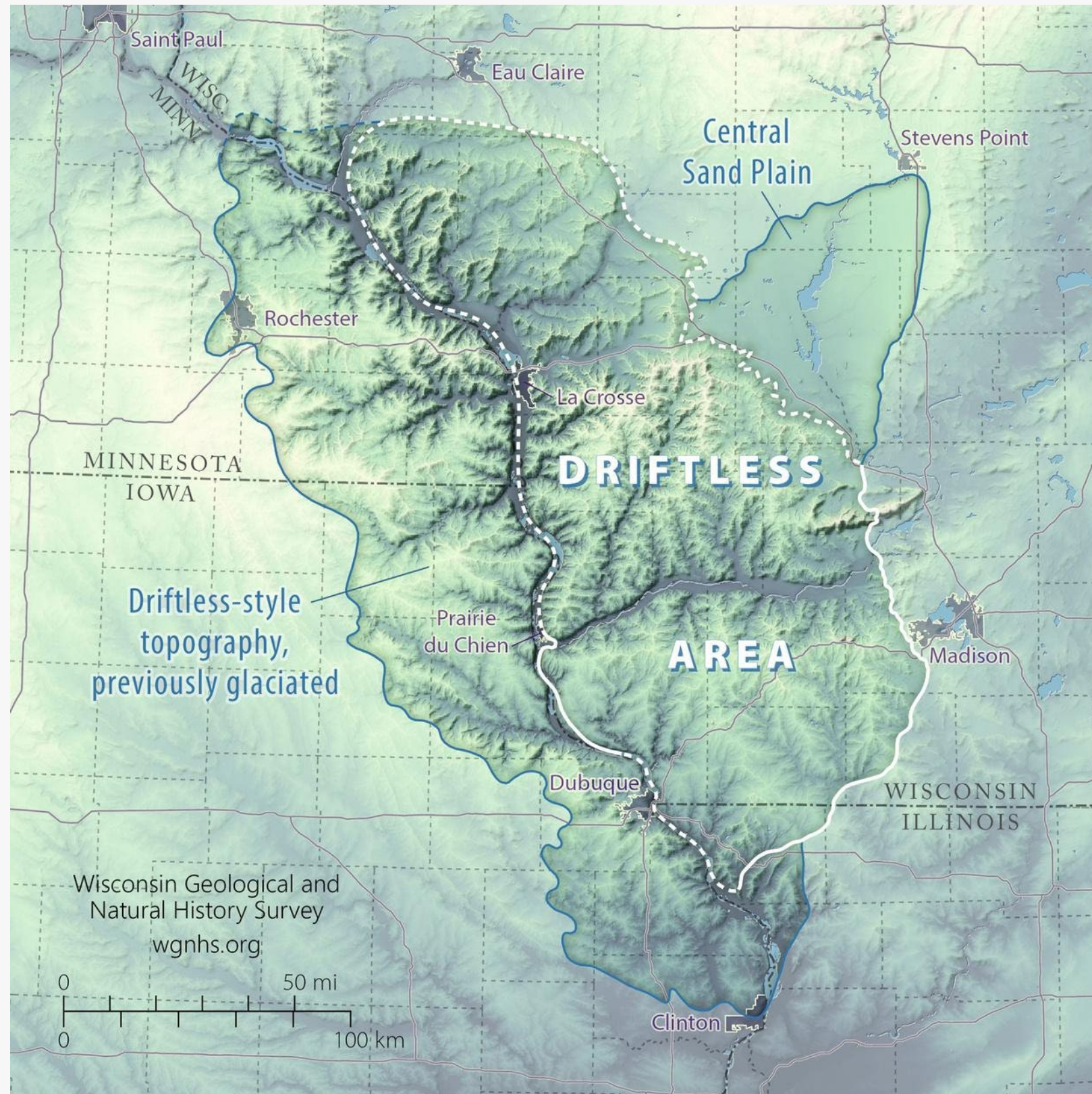


DRIFTLESS
AREA LAND CONSERVANCY

The Driftless Area

What is it?

The Driftless Area is a region that was missed by the glaciers that flattened the rest of the Midwest. It has a unique topography of rolling hills and narrow valleys carved by streams, which support a wide diversity of plants and wildlife. The Driftless Area is also home to abundant art, agriculture, and architecture all influenced by a strong ethic of land stewardship.





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Land Protection



9747 ACRES PERMANENTLY PROTECTED



55 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS



6 MILES OF DRIFTLESS TRAIL



7 NATURE PRESERVES

Steering Committee

- Jennifer Filipiak (Chair) | Driftless Area Land Conservancy
- Marty Moses (Co-Chair) | Pheasants Forever
- Jim Giocomo | American Bird Conservancy
- Jessica Bizub | The Prairie Enthusiasts
- Sara Kehrli | Wisconsin DNR
- Katie Abbott | Iowa County
- Kelly vanBeek | US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Michele Kille | The Nature Conservancy

Land Management Core Team

- Britta Petersen (Chair) | Pheasants Forever
- Omar de Kok-Mercado | Mad Agriculture
- Katie Abbott | Iowa County
- Jake Pulfer | Pheasants Forever
- Andy Bingle | Driftless Area Land Conservancy

Land Protectors

- Stephanie Judge (Chair) | Driftless Area Land Conservancy
- Rich Henderson | The Prairie Enthusiasts
- Matt Reetz | Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance
- Claire Davidson | The Nature Conservancy
- Sharene Smith | Dane County
- Marty Moses | Pheasants Forever
- Alison Volk | American Farmland Trust
- Sharon Fandel | Wisconsin DNR
- Fil Sanna | BadgerLand Foundation
- Dave Sample | Retired DNR Grassland Bird Researcher

Managed Grazing Group

- Katie Abbott (Point Person) | Iowa County
- Camron Cafferty | Ducks Unlimited
- Krysten Zummo | Audubon
- Bree Schnelle | Sand County Foundation
- Ann Calhoun | The Nature Conservancy
- Kat Prince | The Xerces Society

CRP Crew

- Britta Petersen (Point Person) | Pheasants Forever
- Rocco Delmedico | Pheasants Forever
- Katie Abbott | Iowa County

Prescribed Burn Bunch

- Jake Pulfer (Point Person) | Pheasants Forever
- Olivia-Horton Pacana | Pheasants Forever
- Andy Bingle | Driftless Area Land Conservancy
- Kristina Weld | Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council
- Rocco Delmedico | Pheasants Forever
- Rob Shubert | The Prairie Enthusiasts

Data & Big Idea Ideators

- Omar de Kok-Mercado (Point Person) | Mad Agriculture
- Krysten Zummo | Audubon
- Ashly Steinke | Audubon
- Ann Calhoun | The Nature Conservancy
- Nate Fore | Pheasants Forever
- Rocco Delmedico | Pheasants Forever
- Jim Giocomo | American Bird Conservancy

Remnant Rescuers

- Andy Bingle (Point Person) | Driftless Area Land Conservancy
- Rob Shubert | The Prairie Enthusiasts
- Darcy Kind | Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Sam Anderson | Blue Mounds Area Project
- Britta Petersen | Pheasants Forever
- Ann Calhoun | The Nature Conservancy

Funding and Fundraising



Perennial Statements



Purpose Statement:

- *The Southern Driftless Grasslands partnership collaborates to stabilize and increase grasslands in southwest Wisconsin.*

We do this through:

- *Connecting landowners and land managers to resources for management of their land.*
- *Sharing resources between partners to act quickly and strategically to capitalize on land protection opportunities.*
- *Assessing and problem solving through emergent challenges and opportunities that impact our ability to deliver conservation.*

Land Management:

- *The Southern Driftless Grasslands partnership collaborates to manage land in southwest Wisconsin with priority given to:*

- *Increasing the quantity, quality, and connectivity of grassland acres in the Bird Conservation Areas (BCAs).*
- *Investing in resources and relationships to ensure the sustainable management of grasslands.*
- *Ensuring survival of remnant prairie and oak savanna through appropriate management.*

Land Protection:

- *The Southern Driftless Grasslands partnership collaborates to protect land from incompatible development in southwest Wisconsin with priority given to:*

- *Land in the Bird Conservation Areas (BCAs).*
- *Using perpetual tools (e.g. easements and fee title) while recognizing the strategic use of limited-term protection (e.g. CRP, leases, short-term easements).*
- *Grassland-dominant and/or remnant parcels.*

Empowering ownership, diverse leadership and equitable collaboration to solve very complex challenges
 Roles within this governance model are constantly evolving.

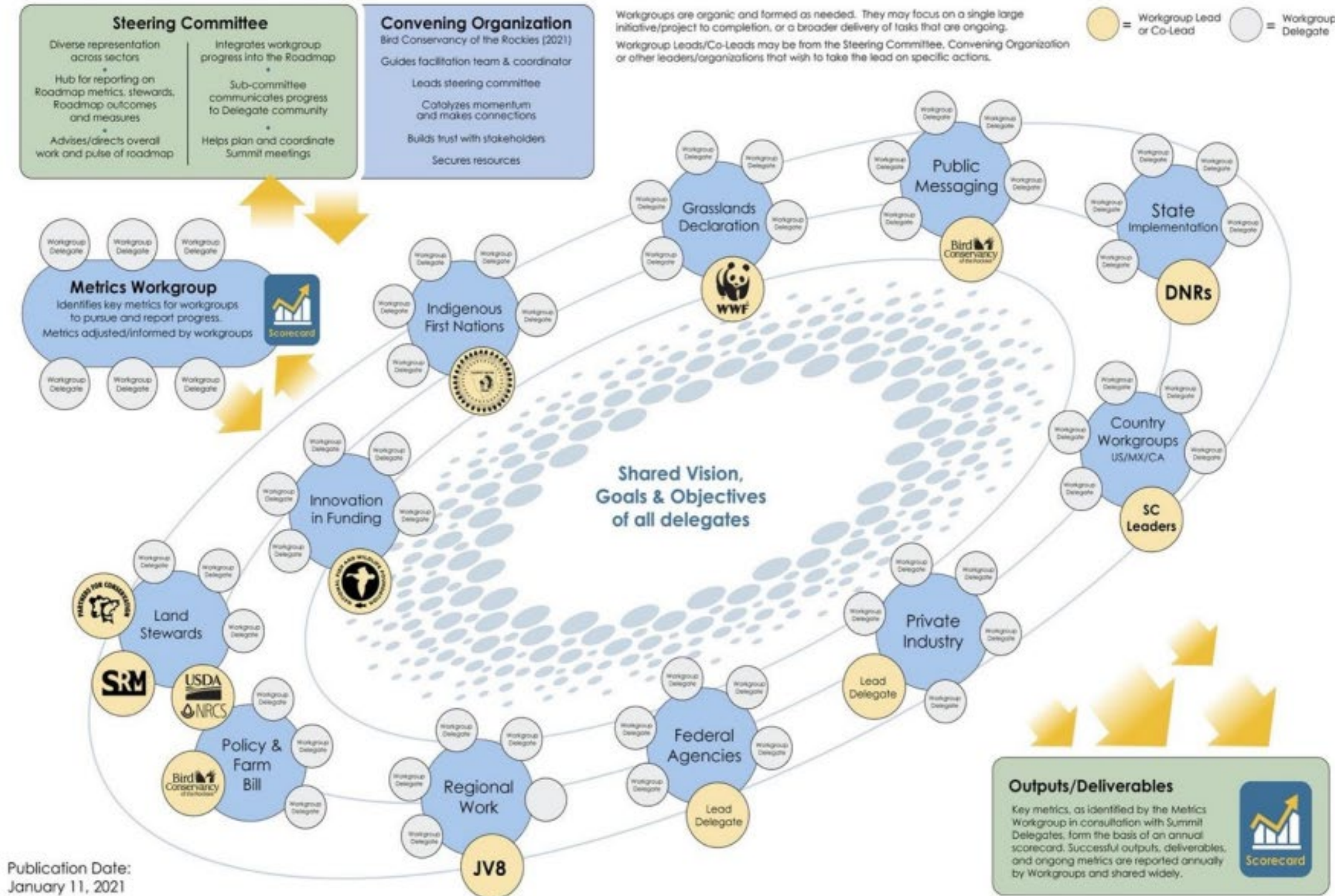


Figure 4. The Roadmap’s adopted model of Constellation Governance. The Steering Committee and Backbone Organization (listed here as Convening Organization) provide structure to the Community, while the many stakeholders engage through a decentralized process organized around the shared Vision, Goals, and Priorities.