

## Individual Presentation

The Natural Areas Conference (NAC) is designed for land and water management practitioners. Those who conduct research or practice on-the-ground stewardship of natural areas to protect biodiversity for future generations. Land stewardship benefits from shared knowledge rich in diverse perspectives. NAC24 invites participation from all viewpoints, backgrounds, abilities, and experiences to enrich learning for all.

The conference theme and topics of interest are [posted on the website](#). Successful submissions will relate to one or more of conference identified topics.

**Please note:** *All presenters must have a paid registration to participate as a speaker and will be responsible for their own travel and related expenses.*

## Format

- An individual presentation is a 15-minute talk followed by 5 minutes of Q&A.
- Accepted presentations will be organized into 90-minute concurrent sessions by topic.
- Each session will include an assigned facilitator who will ensure that presenters stay on time and do not run over. **Please review the [Presenter Guidelines](#).**
- Individual presentations can focus on:
  - Completed or current research/projects,
  - New or emerging methodologies,
  - Experience-based land management strategies, and
  - Practices/strategies that may relate to:
    - communications,
    - community-engagement,
    - strategic and management planning, and
    - other related areas that support natural areas stewardship.

## Proposal submission

Please have the following assembled before beginning the electronic proposal submission.

- **Presentation title**
- **Brief presentation description** for the website agenda
- **Abstract** in the style of a peer-reviewed journal article (not to exceed 400 words).
- **The conference topic** (listed on the NAC24 website).

## **Proposal Review Criteria**

Designated members of the conference planning team will review proposals according to the criteria below, as well as determining how the proposal fits into the overall program. The committee may accept, decline, or offer an opportunity to present in a different format.

Accepted presentation proposals will meet the following criteria:

- Delivers information on a compelling topic germane to the conference themes
- Provides important advances or concepts related to conservation practitioners
- Content is focused on applied concerns to natural area conservation
- Topic demonstrates diversity, inclusion and equity in natural area management
- Demonstrates developing approaches, novel research, and/or efforts relevant to natural area conservation
- Conference submission appears to be well researched or has been successfully applied in the field

Submissions must be written in complete sentences using good grammar. Please be inclusive and consider that English may be a reader's second or third language.