

Stewardship in Action



Everybody has a story. We want to hear yours.

Whatever region or ecosystem or habitat type you work in, whether your resume is a page or more than 10, no matter how many letters you have after your name, your experience and insight in conservation and stewardship - your story - is worth writing down, and worth sharing.

Stewardship in Action, compiled by the Natural Areas Association (NAA), is the place for you and your colleagues to talk about what you're doing in ecological stewardship: what's working, what isn't, and what you're doing to figure it out. Stewardship in Action can be a conversation starter, a guidepost for others if you've 'been there and tried that', and a place to ask for advice from people like you who are working to protect places and species they love.

Send us 300 words starting with one of the prompts below and we'll help you find the words to tell your story. In a one-hour interview with you, we can gather the important information and write the piece for you. Or if there's something you're keen to share, tell us about it in 3,000 words or less. Bonus points for cool photos that show what you're telling.

- What are you doing differently in ecological stewardship than you did last year? Three years ago? A decade ago?
- What are the biggest threats to the species you work with and what should we do to address them?
- What has surprised you in your conservation work? When, how, where, and why?
- How are you working with other people – colleagues, other organizations, volunteers, the public – to ensure long-term protection or restoration of species or natural communities?
- What new tool or approach (physical, technical, social) are you using in 2020? How, where and why? What kind of result are you expecting?
- What information would make your work more effective?
- Tell us about a recent professional interaction or project that was meaningful to you and why.

Your story will be included in the **Stewardship in Action** section of the *Natural Areas Journal* and other forms of communication such as the NAA website.

Send your story to Lisa Smith lsmith@naturalareas.org