Symposium

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 symposia presenters must have a paid registration to participate as a speaker and will be responsible for their own travel and related expenses.

Format

- Symposia facilitate the exchange of information and ideas around a topic of regional or national priority for natural areas protection and/or management through a series of five presentations by multiple presenters and an organizer (who may also be a presenter).

- The organizer is responsible for the coordination and communication of the session with the presenters to organize content and to moderate the session.

- A symposium will be organized into two 90-minute concurrent sessions that follow chronologically in the agenda.

- Each presentation is 20 minutes long followed by a 10-minute Q&A period.

- A symposia will include a 30-minute facilitated discussion following the presentation.

- The symposia moderator ensures that presenters stay on time and do not run over.

Proposal submission

Due to the amount of time needed on the agenda. The deadline for symposia proposals is April 1, 2024.

The symposium organizer must submit a proposals including the following information:

- **Symposium title**.

- **Brief symposium description**.

- **A bullet agenda of the five topics to be addressed** in each presentation and the other presenters (if known).

- **Symposium Abstract** (if you are also one of the five speakers) in the style of a peer-reviewed journal article (not to exceed 400 words).

- **The conference topic** (listed on the NAC24 website).

If the symposia is accepted, each presenter will be asked to submit a title and description of their individual presentation.

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.

- Focuses on a current concern, concept, skill and/or a practical approach appropriate for a professional audience.

- Workshop content is relevant to natural areas conservation, restoration and/or management.

- The subject is of interest and relevant to those who steward natural areas.

- Conference submission is well organized, clear, and concise.

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.