



August 22 & 23, 2023

## **Stewardship in Action Field Workshop**

*Urban Treasures: Restoration & Management of High-Value Remnant Natural Areas*

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Relatively intact natural communities still exist within metropolitan areas and, in some cases, harbor rare and endangered species. Just ask Linda Lehrbaum, Program Manager, Kansas City WildLands. Kansas City WildLands, a coalition of resource professionals, private conservation organizations, government agencies, and community-members, is determined to restore and conserve the remnants of Kansas City's original landscape - within boundaries that cross two states! There is much to be shared about this unique approach.

On top of the usual threats that challenge the management of natural areas (exotic species, absence of fire, and inadequate funding, for example), urban natural areas have some threats and challenges not shared by natural areas in rural settings. Greater pressure from overuse, constraints due to hard boundaries, and challenges from conflicting priorities, a concerted and consistent effort is needed to manage and maintain these high-value natural areas.

#### **This Stewardship in Action Field Workshop will explore:**

- The value of conserving urban and suburban remnant natural areas.
- The unique challenges to protect urban natural areas with hard boundaries, such as prescribed fire and maintaining wetlands with dense populations and hard boundaries;
- Strategies to engage local, municipal, state government agencies and the public in the effort to conserve, protect, and support high-value remnant natural areas;
- A model native seed production program with multi-municipality and organization involvement;
- How to navigate the tensions related to conflicting priorities in connection to these spaces;
- Strategies to prioritize scarce resources, and the question no one wants to ask, when do you let one space go to focus on another that may have higher conservation values.

## Registration

Without Lodging: \$199  
Lodging Included: \$479\*\*

\*\*Lodging included in registration will be at [Southmoreland on the Plaza](#). Room availability is limited. Please register early!

Registration includes:

- Transportation to field sites
- Breakfast on Tuesday & Wednesday
- Boxed lunch on Tuesday & Wednesday
- Informal social event on Tuesday evening
- Supplemental maps and resources

***Join NAA for a two-day, hands-on, small group workshop for land & water practitioners!***

***Capacity is limited!***

## Location

Kansas City, Missouri

- Presentations & Transportation Pick Up: [Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center](#), Kansas City, MO
  - [Directions - Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center](#)
- Field Visits: Field sites will be located in Kansas City, MO and KS. (Transportation provided)

## Accommodations

For those who select the lodging included option, registration will include two nights you will stay in a 1913 revival mansion, [Southmoreland on the Plaza](#).

Walking distance to Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, and located close to Kansas City's famous Country Club Plaza (just the plaza for locals), the mansion features beautifully appointed rooms and comfortable common areas - perfect for collegial conversation and networking. Rooms in the mansion are limited - so register for the workshop early!

## Nearest Airport

The [Kansas City International Airport](#) is approximately a 30-minute drive to Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center and nearby accommodations.

## COVID Policy

Proof of vaccination will not be required.

NAA's goal is to create a healthy environment for all participants. For the safety and consideration of everyone, please stay home if you are feeling ill, have a fever, or are recovering from an illness.

If you have recently been diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19, please consult and adhere to the CDC Isolation and Exposure Calculator. Please do not attend if you have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

NAA policies and protocols may be updated at any time based on CDC and/or local or state public health guidelines as needed. By attending this event, you assume all of the risk of contracting COVID-19 and agree to hold the NAA harmless.