

Wisconsin Natural Areas Preservation Council
MISSION STATEMENT and
CORE VALUES & PRINCIPLES
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Mission Statement

Recognizing the critical role that State Natural Areas (SNAs) play in protecting Wisconsin's natural heritage and pursuant to [ss. 23.26](#), Wis. Stats., the Natural Areas Preservation Council mission is to:

- A. Advocate for a strong SNA Program
- B. Promote research and education on SNAs
- C. Encourage scientifically-based management on and decision-making for SNAs

Core Values and Principles

Professionalism: The Council will act in a democratic, professional and inclusive manner, operating with complete transparency in all that it does.

Stakeholder Involvement: The Council will involve and inform stakeholders with interest in SNAs and engage them in protection and management of SNAs.

Biological Diversity: Recognizing the intrinsic value of State Natural Areas, the Council will promote the establishment and management of SNAs as an integrated system to facilitate the protection of Wisconsin's biodiversity.

Scientific Foundation: The Council will routinely reference the principles of conservation biology and apply them to SNA concerns. The Council maintains that natural areas need to be carefully monitored and managed based upon the principles of conservation biology. Scientific knowledge is important for the conservation, restoration and sustainability of SNAs.

Promote/Advocate: The Council will strive to protect the future and integrity of SNAs by championing individual SNAs and the SNA system at all levels including political, public and institutional. As needed, the Council will also take action to prevent harm to SNAs due to activities in or adjacent to SNA properties.

Education: The Council will promote educational activities that increase the awareness and understanding of SNAs, and encourage the appropriate use of SNAs as an educational resource to better understand Wisconsin's natural and cultural heritage.

Stewardship and Monitoring: The Council will support managing SNAs in a manner that is consistent with the statutorily defined purposes of SNAs. In addition, the Council supports ongoing monitoring and inventories in SNAs as an essential component of adaptive management.

Research: The Council will promote and encourage research that increases understanding of SNAs and their long-term management and protection, and will strive to support leading-edge or emerging natural areas research in SNAs.