

**By The Numbers:** This fall the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program volunteers **contributed 1,559** hours of volunteer service in program and projects around the state, valued at **\$46,693**. In their efforts, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **connected** with **2,957** Nebraskans through their volunteer service and have directly **impacted 1,881** acres across the state in resource management projects, many projects dealing with state listed at risk species and water quality. Since Nebraska Master Naturalist volunteering efforts began a total of **107,407** volunteer service hours have been contributed statewide. That volunteering is valued at **\$3,216,839** in salary savings to our partners and Nebraskans by utilizing Nebraska Master Naturalists for volunteer support in participating in a wide array of volunteer projects.

### **Highlighted Events:**

The fall of 2022 was again full of impactful volunteer and continuing education events. In October we hosted our annual Fall Core 24 training in central Nebraska that spanned across two weekends. The first weekend was held at The Crane Trust and the second weekend was Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary. This training brought in 15 new Master Naturalists into the program membership. These new members hail from central and eastern parts of the state. It was a great experience for them to connect to the natural landscape and learn from leading conservation professionals. These new members will go on to assist in performing our organizational mission and contribute our partners conservation missions as well.

In October our Jr Master Naturalist coordinator had the opportunity to share our Jr program training and curriculum in North Platte at the annual Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science NATS Fall conference. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet and make connections with educators in marketing our youth program. On hand were examples of our lessons and training materials to showcase the potential of this program.

In November we held our 5<sup>th</sup> Nebraska Master Naturalist Conference. This was the first in person conference we have hosted since 2019 and the start of the covid pandemic. It was a beautiful day where 75 master naturalists attended. The conference presenters were made up of Naturalists and program partners. The presenters shared information about projects they have been apart of, data that they have collected in their naturalist work, and recruited for upcoming programs and volunteer projects. The conference was held at Fontenelle Forest's Camp Brewster in Bellevue, NE. We look forward to planning and enhancing next year's conference.

### **What is Ahead:**

Our 2023 training dates have been set, and we are currently accepting applications into those training opportunities. We will be hosting four training sessions, two core 24 trainings, and two complete training. The trainings will take place in eastern, central, west and north central areas of the state. We are excited to offer more training opportunities in 2023 that we have since 2018.

The Nebraska Master Naturalist Program has taken a big step into the future financial sustainability of our program by entering a trail merger with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. The goal is for the NMNP to merge into the NSA in July 2023. Both organizations believe that our similar missions and shared values align well and will be mutually beneficial to our partners, members and stakeholders. During this trail period both organizations are working together to unlock funding and other resources to make this merger successful.

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2022 4t Quarter Totals			
	Total Hours	Number of People Made	Number of Acres
	Volunteered	Contact With	Impacted
Total 4th Quarter Administrative Efforts	130.25	117	44
Total 4th Quarter Interpretation & Outreach:	473.8	2019	160
Total 4th Quarter Natural Resource MGMT:	333.4	311	464.1
Total 4th Quarter Citizen Science:	589.2	470	1213
Total 4th Quarter Outdoor Skills:	32.4	40	0
<b>Total 4th Quarter Volunteer Hours:</b>	<b>1559.05</b>	<b>2957</b>	<b>1881.1</b>
Value of Volunteer time: 29.95			
Total Value of 4th Quarter Volunteering	<b>\$ 46,693.00</b>		
Total Volunteer time 2010-2022	<b>107,407</b>	<b>895,008.00</b>	<b>163,696</b>
LTD Total Volunteer Time	<b>\$ 3,216,839.00</b>		
Value			
	Total Continuing		
	Education Hours		
Total CE Hours 2010-2022:	25,087.00		
Total 4th Quarter CE Hours:	405.9		

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