



Who We Are

We restore the health, integrity and beauty of our clients' land and water resources. Our experienced staff utilizes scientifically advanced and cost-effective methods to improve wetlands, woodlands and prairies within both public and private settings. We work with our clients to foster ecologically sustainable landscapes ranging from forest preserves to private estates. Paramount is the belief that our work must benefit the larger environment in which we live, enriching the natural heritage of people, plants and animals.

What is Ecological Restoration?

Upon their arrival, the first European settlers set into motion processes that would forever change the landscape. Woodlands, prairies and wetlands were leveled, drained and filled to allow survival and prosperity. Today, ribbons of roadways traverse the nation, integrating a patchwork of cities, suburbs and farms. We have made progress, it would seem, and yet environmental problems only grow in magnitude and strength.

Excess stormwater causes millions of dollars in flood damage each year. Erosion along rivers and the Great Lakes impact homes and businesses while habitat is being lost at an alarming rate. Runoff from development reduces water quality within many of our ponds, rivers and streams.

The answer to the above problems might very well lie in the relatively new field of Ecological Restoration, which seeks natural solutions to environmental and landscape challenges.

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The Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) defines the discipline in the following way:

"...an intentional activity that initiates or accelerates the recovery of an ecosystem with respect to its health, integrity and sustainability. Frequently, the ecosystem that requires restoration has been degraded, damaged, transformed or entirely destroyed as the direct or indirect result of human activities...to the point at which the ecosystem cannot recover its pre-disturbance state or its historic developmental trajectory." (SER, 2000)

By returning the land to a natural condition, we are essentially re-awakening ecological systems and processes long-since dormant, to the benefit of society.

Why is Ecological Restoration Important?

Economic Value

- Stormwater management
- Erosion control
- Water quality enhancement
- Increased property values

Aesthetic Value

- Increased visual interest
- Wide variety of colors and textures
- Beneficial wildlife habitat

Quality of Life

- Passive recreation opportunities
- Lowered stress levels
- Educational opportunities for adults and children

Future Generations

- Establish a land ethic that will stand the tests of time
- Ecological enhancement



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Who uses Ecological Restoration?

More and more organizations, groups and individual citizens are capturing the benefits of carefully-directed restoration efforts. Our clients include:

- Municipal governments
- Civic organizations
- Forest preserve districts
- Park districts
- Non-profit groups
- Corporations
- Homeowners associations
- Developers
- Landscaping firms
- Engineering firms
- Private citizens and landowners
- Golf courses

What services are offered by Tallgrass Restoration, LLC?

Ecological Restoration

- Erosion control
 - Lake and pond shorelines
 - Stream and river shorelines
 - Retention/detention basins
 - Ravines and bluffs
- Ecosystem management
 - Wetlands
 - Prairies
 - Woodland/savanna
 - Ponds and lakes
 - Ravines and bluffs
 - Dunes
- Native forb, shrub and tree planting
- Buckthorn clearing
- Licensed herbicide application
- Prescribed burning
- Natural areas mowing
- Native seed dispersal

Environmental Consulting

- Open space planning
- Project management
- Landscape design and architecture
- Ecological assessment & monitoring
- Grant writing and application
- Training and education
- Publications
- Stormwater consulting



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