

# PRIORITY AREA CRITERIA

## Improvement and/or Expansion of Existing Efforts

### Scoring

- 2 - Existing restoration area
- 1 - Adjacent to existing restoration area
- 0 - No existing effort present in the area

## Quality of Vegetative Community

### Scoring

- 2 - High or Good quality natural community (B or C ranking)
- 1 - Moderate or Poor quality natural community (D ranking)
- 0 - Altered / non-native plant community (F or NN ranking)

## Visibility & Public Perception

### Scoring

- 2 - Easily visible from parks, trailheads, parking lots, and other highly visited sites
- 1 - Distantly visible from parks, trailheads, parking lots, and other highly visited sites
- 0 - Not visible from highly visited sites

## Technical Viability of Initial Management

### Scoring

- 2 - Large machinery is able to access the site
- 1 - Only small machinery is able to access the site. Work by hand may need to be performed in some areas
- 0 - All proposed work must be done by hand only

## Presence of Biological Resources of Special Significance

- Water resources present on site or nearby
- Adjacent to areas sensitive to prescribed burns and/or grazing (private property)
- Rare, protected, or unique species
- Keystone Species, such as:
  - Bur Oak
  - White Oak
  - Swamp White Oak
  - Aspen
  - Hazel
  - Prunus species (Wild Plum)
  - Prairie Apple
  - Hawthorn species

### Scoring

- 2 - More than one biological asset
- 1 - At least one significant biological asset
- 0 - No significant biological assets

## Technical Viability of Long-term Management

- Disturbance due to high levels of nutrient deposits from previous use (barnyards) or adjacent sites (yard waste)
- Adjacent to areas sensitive to prescribed burns and/or grazing (private property)
- Area is prone to frequent flooding
- Area is susceptible to extreme erosion
- Steepness of terrain and access restrictions prohibit cost-efficient work

### Scoring

- 2 - Zero (0) to two (2) of the above threats are present
- 1 - Three (3) or four (4) threats are present
- 0 - All threats are present

- High Priority
- Medium Priority
- Low Priority

			Improvement and/or Expansion of Existing Efforts	Quality of Vegetative Community	Visibility & Public Perception	Technical Viability of Initial Management	Technical Viability of Long-term Management	Presence of Cultural & Biological Resources of Special Significance	Total
1	Mound Springs Park	1.1 East Lowlands	0	1	1	0	2	1	5
		1.2 Central Lowlands	0	0	1	2	1.5	2	6.5
		1.3 Central Uplands	0	1	1	2	1	2	7
		1.4 West Uplands & Lowlands	0	1	1	0.5	1	1	4.5
2	Parker's Picnic Grounds	2.1 Lowlands	0	1	1	0	1	2	5
		2.2 Uplands	2	1	2	1	1	1	8
3	Pond Dakota Mission	3.1 East Lowlands	1	1.5	2	1	1	1.5	8
		3.2 Central Uplands	2	1	2	1	1	2	9
		3.3 West Uplands	2	1	1	2	2	1	9
4		4.1 Marshlands	1	1	1	0	1	2	6
5		5.1 Floodplain	0	1	1	2	1.5	1	6.5
6		6.1 Hopkin's Farm	1	0	1	2	1.5	1	6.5
7	Anderson Park	7.1 Lowlands	0	2	1.5	2	1.5	2	9
		7.2 Uplands	0	1.5	0	1	1	2	5.5
8	Colman Lake	8.1 Lowlands	0	2	1	1.5	2	1	7.5
		8.2 Uplands	0	0	0	0.5	1	0.5	2
9		9.1 Savage Bridge	0	1	0.5	1	1	1	4.5
10	Nine Mile Creek	10.1 Lowlands	0	1	1	2	2	1	7
		10.2 Uplands	0	1	1	2	1.5	2	7.5