

# Sustainable Land Management and Offsite Native Vegetation for LEED®

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Preserving our heritage and fostering a healthy environment through sustainable land management. Leonardo Academy can assist you with creating and implementing a Sustainable Management Plan that is tailored to your property's needs. We work with woodlands, savannas, prairies, wetlands and other ecological communities you may have on your land. We base our plans on your vision for your land, as well as the environmental context including:

- Ecological communities present
- Historical vegetation and land use patterns
- Restoration and preservation goals
- Management challenges currently facing the property

Sustainable Management Plans provide owners and land managers with clear direction on the management activities needed to achieve your vision, and will help you make management decisions that are beneficial to your property in both the short and long run.

## Sustainable Land Management Plan Development

Leonardo Academy plan development services include:

- Site assessments and inventories
- Development of sustainable management strategies addressing operation, restoration and preservation activities

## Integrating the Federal and State Programs into Land Management Plans

Many of the state and federal programs that support various aspects of land management are narrowly focused, each with their own particular objectives, rules and requirements. As a result, fitting them together with each other and your land management objectives so they all support integrated progress toward your goals can be very challenging. Leonardo Academy can help you put all these pieces together. We have experience with:

- Managed Forest Law (MFL)
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (PFW)
- Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program (WFLGP)
- Landowner's Incentive Program (LIP)

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## Valley Ridge Preserve

Valley Ridge Preserve is a 145-acre parcel in Richland County, Wisconsin that was donated to Leonardo Academy in January 2008. The preserve is largely covered in woodlands with areas of remnant oak savannah and about 30 acres in former farm fields. Leonardo Academy is restoring the oak savannah, maintaining the forests and working to convert the fields to native prairie over time. Our goal is for the preserve to provide a model that demonstrates sustainable land management practices to other land owners.

## LEED-EB Credits

Leonardo Academy can help your building earn LEED-EB points for Sustainable Sites (SS) credit for Protecting or Restoring Open Habitat and the associated innovation point by providing off-site native vegetation at Valley Ridge Preserve. Your company's payment for maintenance of this off-site native vegetation will help support Leonardo Academy in using Valley Ridge Preserve as a research, demonstration and education site for sustainable land management.

### For more information:

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