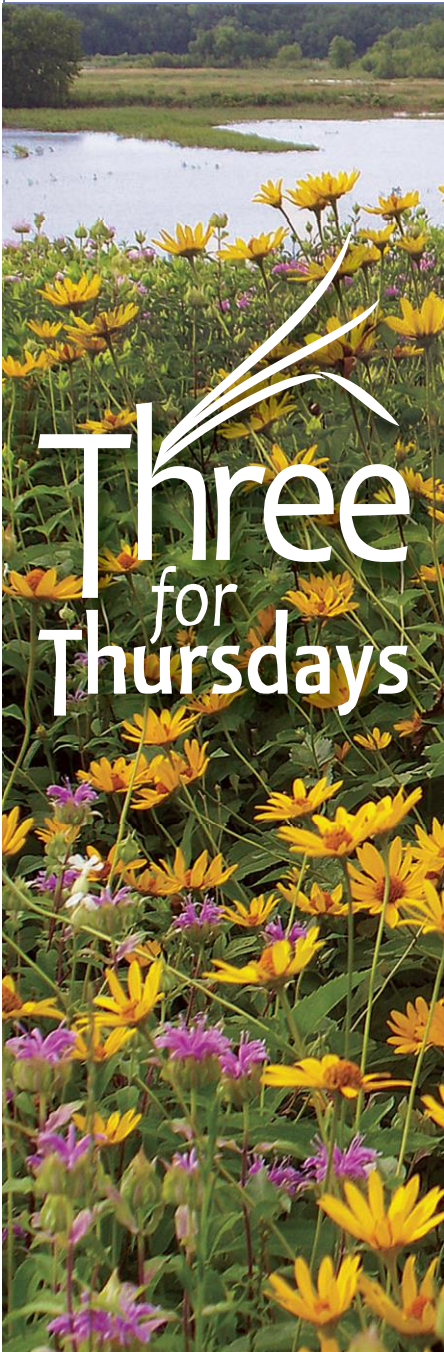


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Making the Case for Nature

I've been thinking of ways in which we can more easily understand our vision statement as a 'case' statement, and I have been reading more and more about putting value on what is called our 'ecosystem services', especially relevant since we heard Brook speak last week about messaging. I found this organization and invite you to explore the concepts.

"At the heart of a natural capital approach is the understanding that nature underpins human health, wealth, culture, identity and happiness, and that the ways in which it does so can be complex and little understood. A natural capital approach works to illuminate this value, and helps decision makers to understand the complex ways in which natural, social and economic systems interact, impact, and depend upon one another."

<https://naturalcapitalcoalition.org/>

The First 'State of The Grasslands Report'

Audubon Great Lakes, with the Chicago Wilderness Grasslands Task Force has produced the first *State of the Grasslands Report*, for the Chicago Metropolitan area, specifically talking about our most endangered and rare Illinois ecosystem. It addresses all the birds we have lost, or have become rare including the bobolink, eastern meadowlark, dickcissel, Henslow's sparrow and others. The Chicago region, however, is recovering, with targeted restoration and protection. You can listen in by scrolling down to Tuesday January 8th on the Worldview website here:

<https://www.wbez.org/shows/worldview/2ef22748-cb5e-4b50-abf3-b31744c2d98a>

You can find the report here:

<http://gl.audubon.org/landinggrasslands/state-grasslands>

Climate Change and Regenerative Agriculture

This article is showcasing research work that our friends at Delta Institute are doing on how building the soil health really assists with capturing and storing carbon. Very impressive work Delta!

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/devinthorpe/2018/12/12/how-investing-in-regenerative-agriculture-can-help-stem-climate-change-profitably/#2c48363b3e5c>

Let's talk soon! Kerry

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