

2018 Annual Report



Our Successes in FY 2018

We expanded the vision for the future of Symphony in the Flint Hills, dedicating ourselves to “heightening appreciation and knowledge of the Flint Hills tallgrass prairie” year-round.

In a year of drought for much of the region, we hosted the Smithsonian Exhibit WaterWays - and premiered a companion exhibit on Water in the Flint Hills. At our Signature Event, presentations on topics ranging from “Water Gaps” to “Water Witching” drew record crowds.

We shared the story of the Flint Hills with nationwide audience through a feature article published in the November 2018 issue of Smithsonian Magazine.

In April, we partnered with Rock Springs 4-H Center and The Nature Conservancy for “Cut Down a Tree for Earth Day,” where seventy volunteers cleared cedar trees from seventy acres of prairie.

We made strides toward our goal of broadening demographics with our Fall Event, WoodFest, which saw a 28% increase in registrations this year.

Mission

Heighten appreciation and knowledge of the Flint Hills tallgrass prairie.

Vision

We envision a future where our efforts inspire people to strengthen the Flint Hills by sustaining the region’s unique culture and landscape.

Core Values

- We create awe-inspiring experiences.
- We respect the culture and traditions of the Flint Hills.
- We advance ecological understanding and stewardship of the grasslands.
- We strive for excellence and authenticity in everything we do.
- We value environmental responsibility.
- We champion efforts to strengthen Flint Hills communities.
- We celebrate the beauty of the tallgrass prairie.

Thank you for your support in 2018!

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