

**Possible Look:**



**ABOUT NATURE CONSERVATION**

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**Content:**

(National Geographic,

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/conservation-encyclopedia/>)

Conservation:

- “Conservation is the act of protecting Earth’s natural resources for current and future generations; management of a natural resource to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect.”
- Conservation is about protecting and managing natural resources to prevent damage, whether that’s from exploitation or neglect.

- “Earth’s natural resources include air, minerals, plants, soil, water and wildlife.”
- Difference between Conservation and Preservation
  - Conservation: “seeks the sustainable use of nature by humans, for activities such as hunting, logging or mining”
  - Preservation: “focuses on protecting nature from human use”
- “Conservation is necessary because humans have overexploited much of Earth’s land and natural resources, which has resulted in pollution, habitat destruction and climate change.”
- Invasive Species: “plants or animals that are introduced to a new location and cause harm”
- “Conservation does not just protect habitats and the plants and animals in them; it also helps the people who rely on these resources.”
  - By participating in acts of conservation, it allows for us to help reverse, or at least slow down, the effects of our overexploitation of these crucial resources. By being respectful and making smart decisions, we can rely on these natural resources without destroying them.

HeartLands Conservancy:

- About: “HeartLands Conservancy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit conservation land trust. Since 1989, the organization has been a catalyst for transformative change and resilience for the lands, waters, heritage, and communities in southern Illinois.”

- Mission: “The mission of HeartLands Conservancy is to empower and collaborate with the people of Southern Illinois to advance and protect the health of our distinctive communities and nationally significant natural and cultural resources.”
- Volunteer Opportunities:
  - Volunteer Stewardship Day
    - Poag Sand Prairie in Edwardsville, IL 4/9/26, 9am-12pm
    - Hobson Wildlife Reserve in Collinsville, IL 4/2/26, 9am-12pm
    - etc.
- HeartLands’ Socials:
  - Instagram: @heartlandsconservancy
  - Facebook: @HeartLands Conservancy