

# THE STATE OF LAND STEWARDSHIP IN ILLINOIS

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# Introductions



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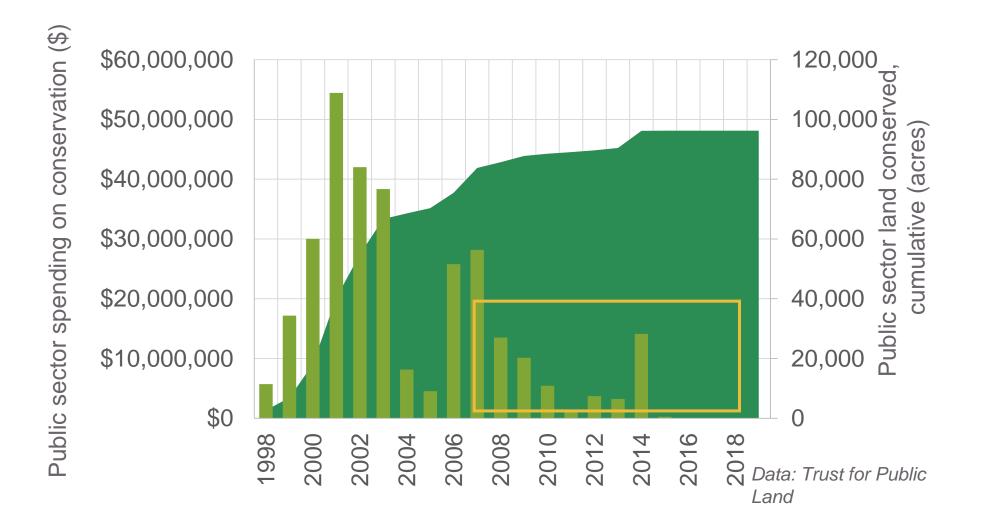
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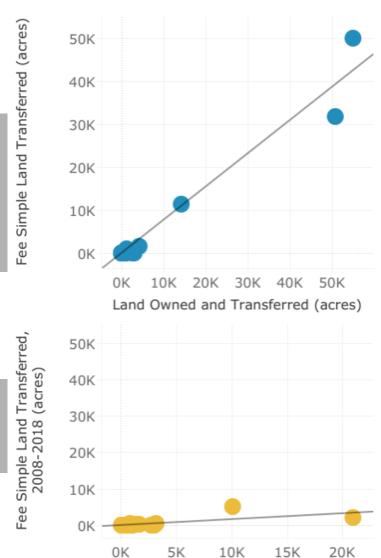
## **CONSERVATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR**





## SHIFTING MODELS

Approximately over the last 50 years, **77%** of acres acquired by land trusts were transferred for management by other agencies



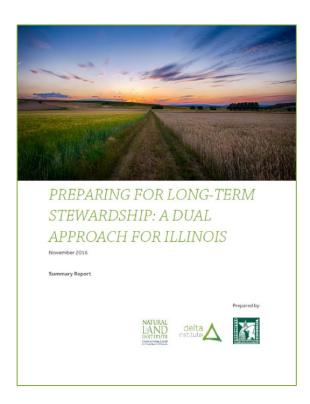
In 2008-2018, **16%** of acres acquired were transferred

Land Owned and Transferred, 2008-2018 (acres)

Data: Delta Institute



## **PREVIOUS WORK**



Regional partnerships that can optimize resources and capacity

Agricultural working lands investment cooperative

Land stewardship study and tools

**FUNDING** 

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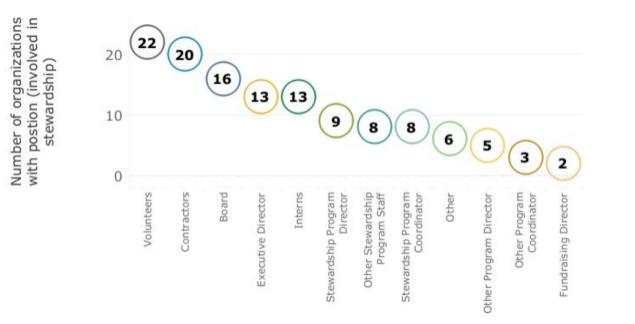
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## Investigated:

- Positions involved in stewardship
- Roles staff play
- Stewardship labor costs

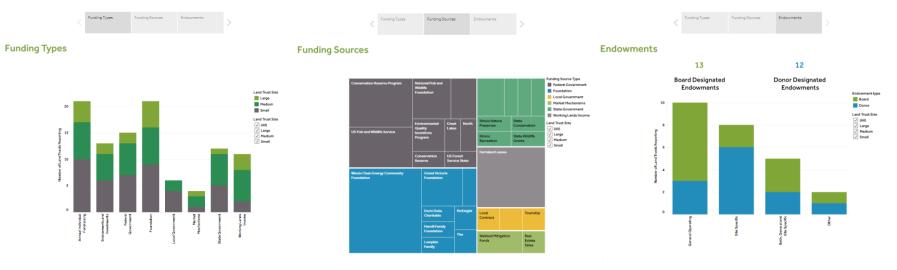




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## Explored:

- Current funding sources
- Innovative funding approaches







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### Working lands pilot case-study



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#### AN ILLINOIS CONSERVATION LAND TRUST TAKES A LEAP OF FAITH

DEVELOPING A WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE FOR FUNDING LONG TERM STEWARDSHIP

Natural Land Institute's Big Experiment

#### Appendix 3

Financial Feasibility Analysis

Financial Analysis of the Feasibility of a Working Lands Model for Conservation Organizations

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Foss Farm Whole Farm Conservation Plan



#### NATURAL LAND INSTITUTE: FOSS FARM

WHOLE FARM 2019

### **Civics for Environmentalists**

#### Contents

How Springfield works	
Your most important resource	
Legislative Timelines	
The Story of a Bill (the very basics)	
Drafting, Introducing, and Advancing a Bill	
Change through Administrative Rules	
Engaging with decision makers	
Why you should build relationships with elected officials	Provent and
Other decision makers to build relationships with:	ALC: NOT THE OWNER OF
What exactly is lobbying	
Non-Lobbying Work	
Should you register as a lobbyist?	
Conservation policy overview	
Agency Funding	
Fund Sweeps	
Other Conservation Policies	
2019 Progress	
Future Policy Priorities	
Additional Resources List	



#### TOOLKIT: CIVICS FOR ENVIRONMENTALISTS

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- Organized by types of funding, e.g. public, private
- Organized by funding mechanisms, e.g. grants, tax credits, etc.
- Organized by funding strategies, e.g. cost-share, revolving loan funds, offsets, etc.
- Further assessed for scalability, applicability, and implementation readiness
- Provides links to examples or related resources

stewardship.delta-institute.org/funding-matrix

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- Share and apply study findings
- Strengthen partnerships
- Identify policy priorities
- Develop a working lands program business model

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Check out all the data, study results, and tools online:

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- Stop by or listen in at other events:
  - Vital Session: Working Lands Case Study
    - Tuesday, March 24, 1-2 pm
  - Vital Session: Conservation Leasing
    - Wednesday, April 29, 1-2 pm
  - Downstate caucus of the climate table, date TBD: session on **policy**
- Close out webinar, August 2020: what we learned together

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