

Restoration Challenges: Past, Present & Future

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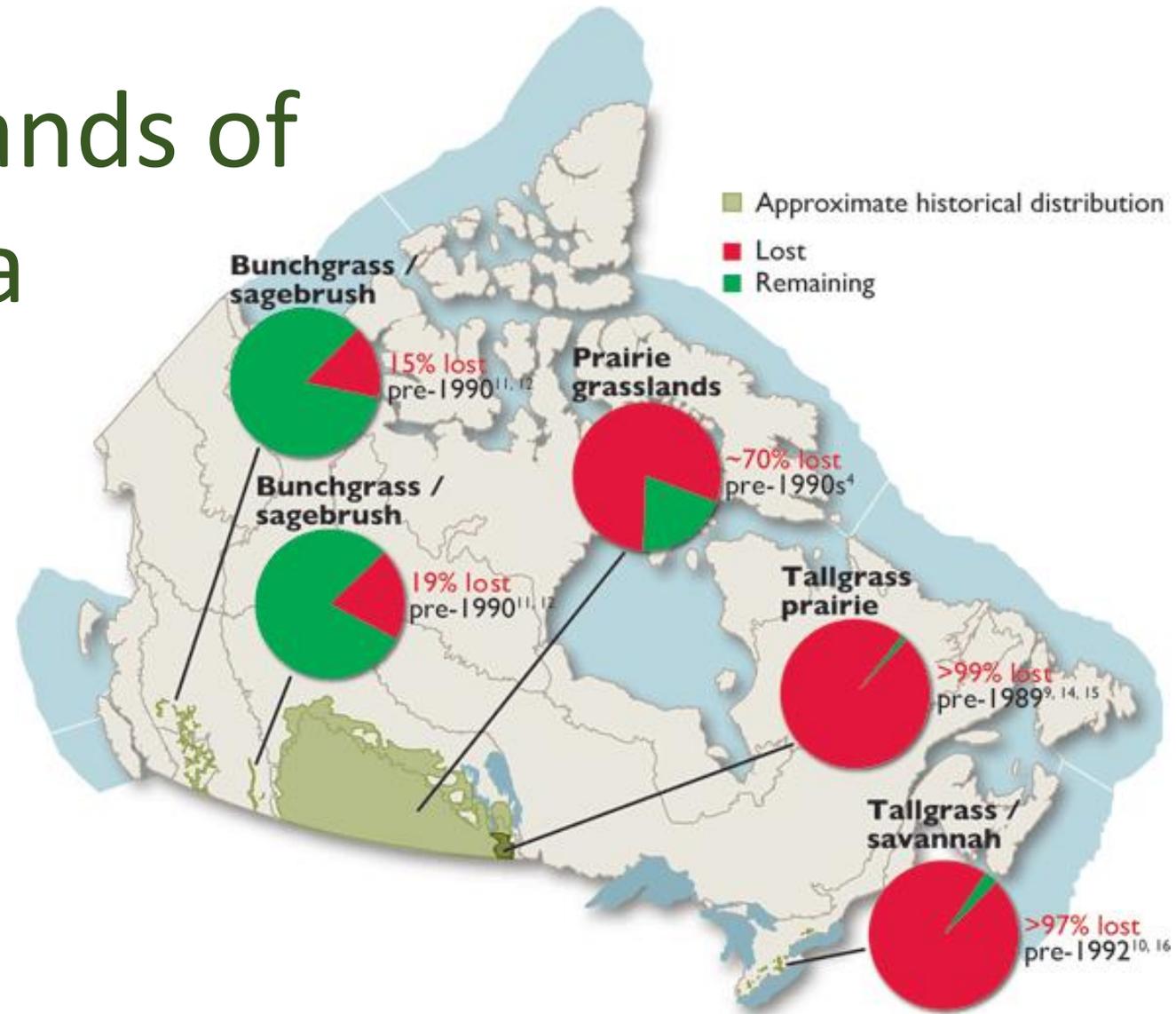
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"What will we do as the wisdom of our past bears down on our future? It is a story of ageless conversation, not only conversation among ourselves about what we mean and wish to do, but a conversation held with the land - our contemplation and wonder at a prairie thunderstorm, or before the jagged line of a young mountain, or at the sudden rise of ducks from an isolated lake. ...

...We have been telling ourselves the story of what we represent in the land for 40,000 years. At the heart of this story, I think, is a simple, abiding belief: it is possible to live wisely on the land, and to live well. And in the behaving respectfully toward all that the land contains, it is possible to imagine a stifling ignorance falling away from us."

Barry Lopez

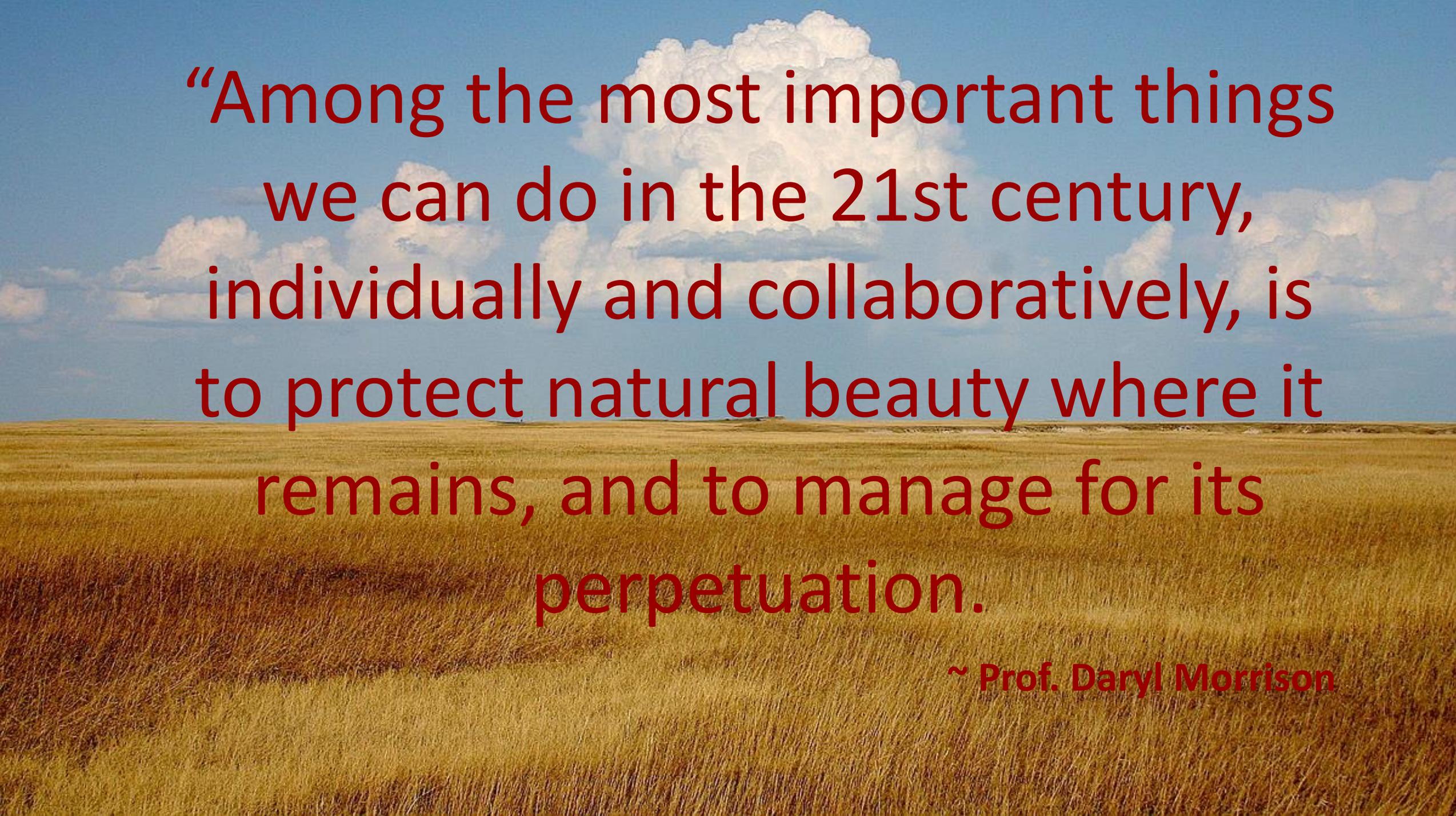
Grasslands of Canada



Map Source: Grassland Conservation Council





A wide-angle photograph of a vast, flat landscape covered in golden-brown grass. The horizon is low and straight, with a few small, distant structures. The sky is a clear, bright blue, filled with large, fluffy white cumulus clouds. The overall scene is bright and open, suggesting a natural, rural environment.

“Among the most important things we can do in the 21st century, individually and collaboratively, is to protect natural beauty where it remains, and to manage for its perpetuation.

~ Prof. Daryl Morrison















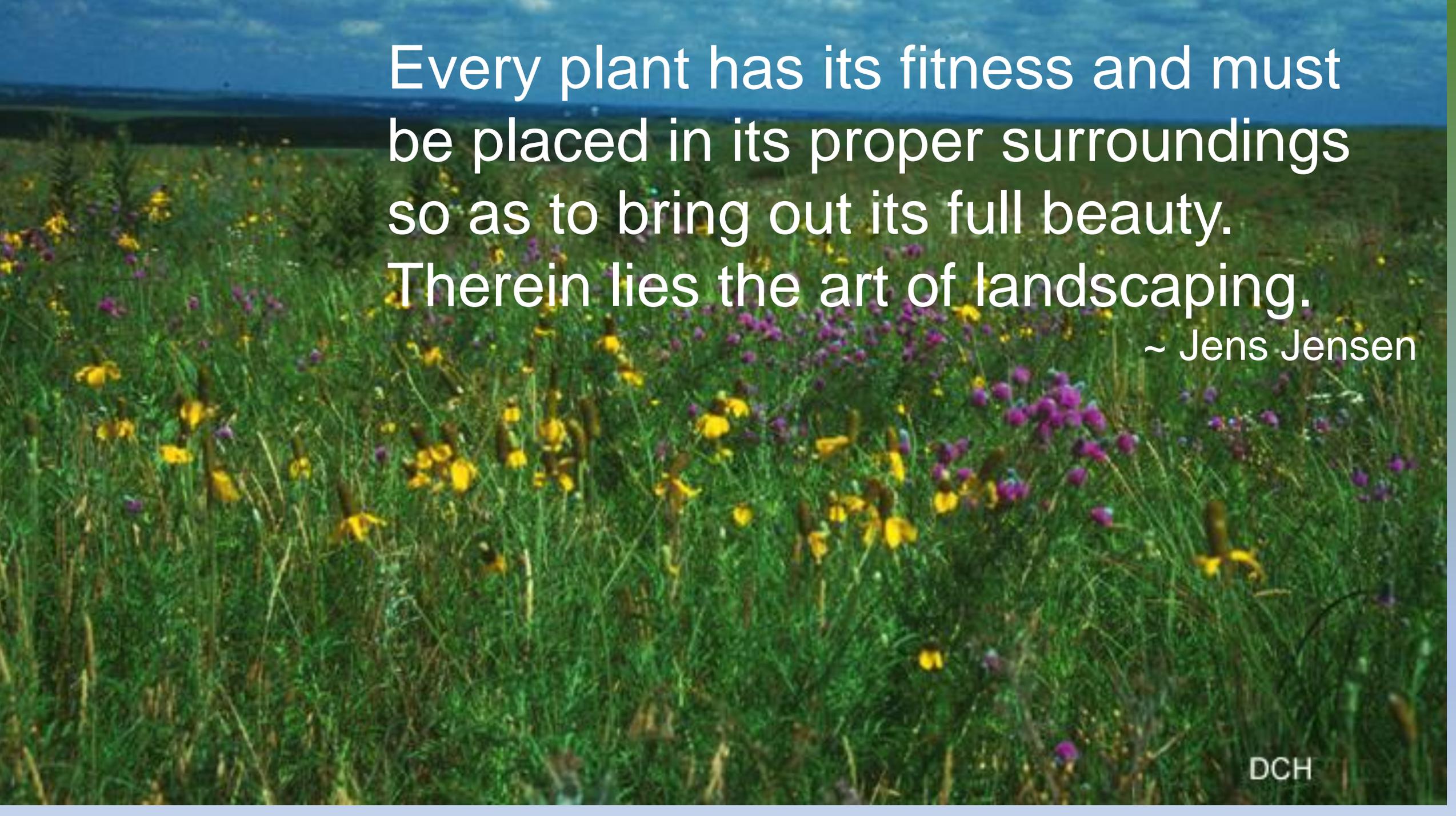
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“I dream of Green Cities with Green Buildings where rural and urban activities live in harmony.

‘Achieving a fit’ between the built form and the land has been my dictum. This can only be done if all our design-related professions collaborate and thereby demonstrate co-operatively their relevance in meeting the enormous developmental challenges facing our increasingly crowded urban regions.”

- Cornelia Hahn Oberlander



A wide-angle photograph of a lush green field filled with numerous small yellow and purple flowers. The field extends to a flat horizon under a clear, bright blue sky. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

Every plant has its fitness and must
be placed in its proper surroundings
so as to bring out its full beauty.
Therein lies the art of landscaping.

~ Jens Jensen

Site Shown: Bismarck, ND

USDA Plant Materials Centers









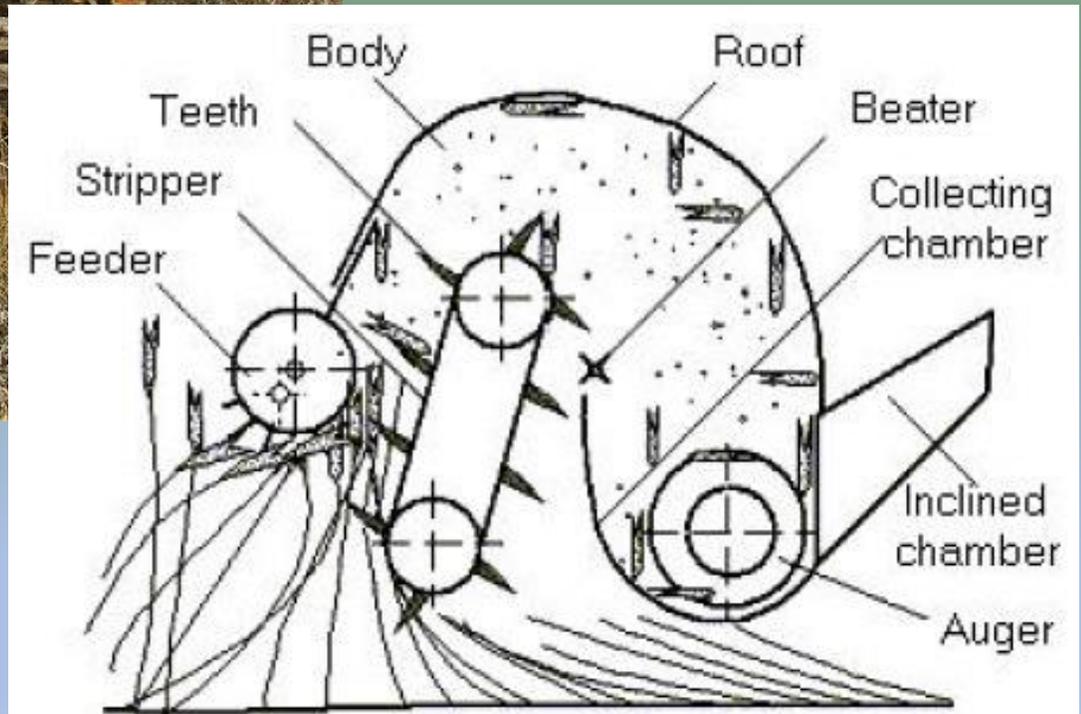
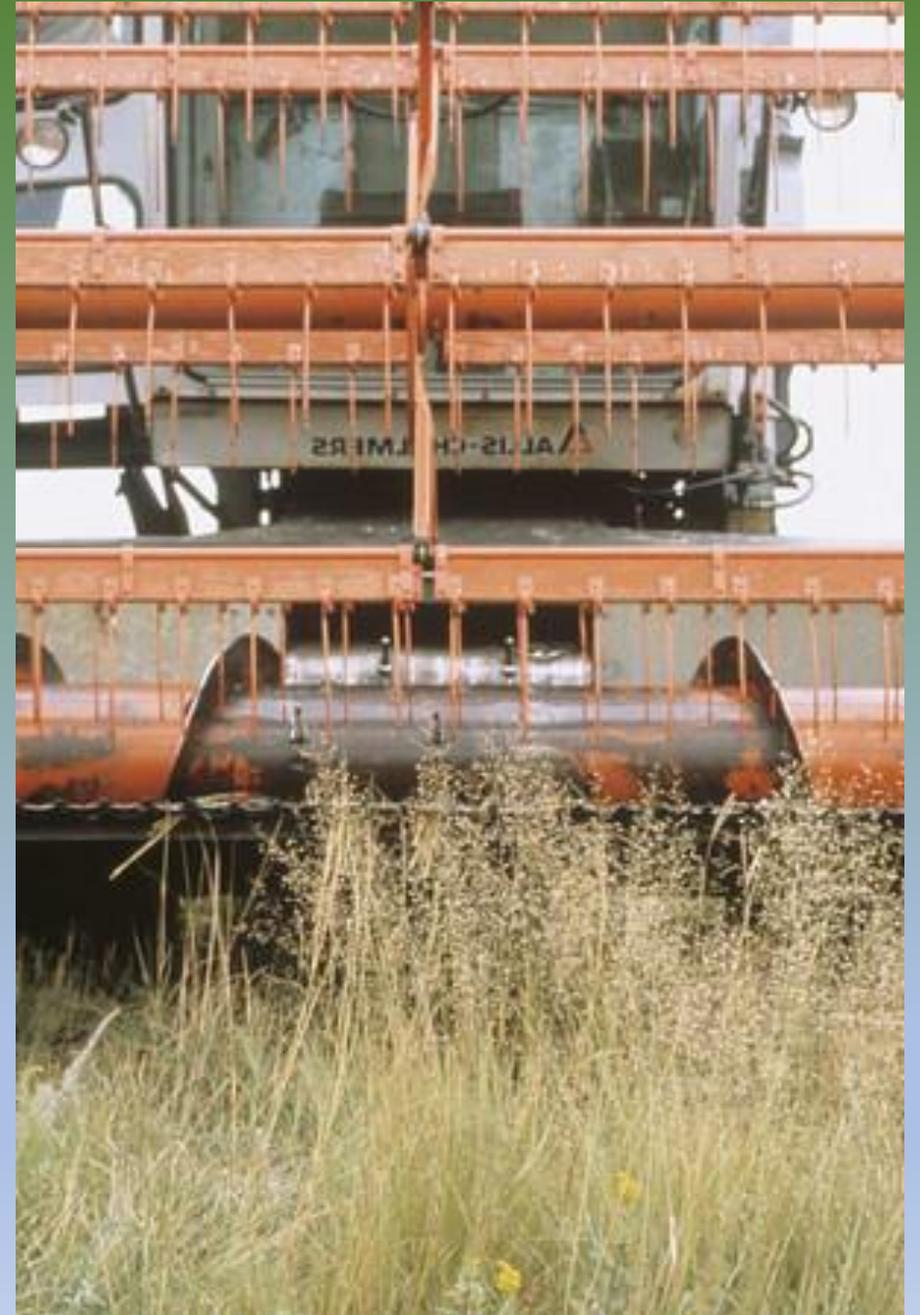


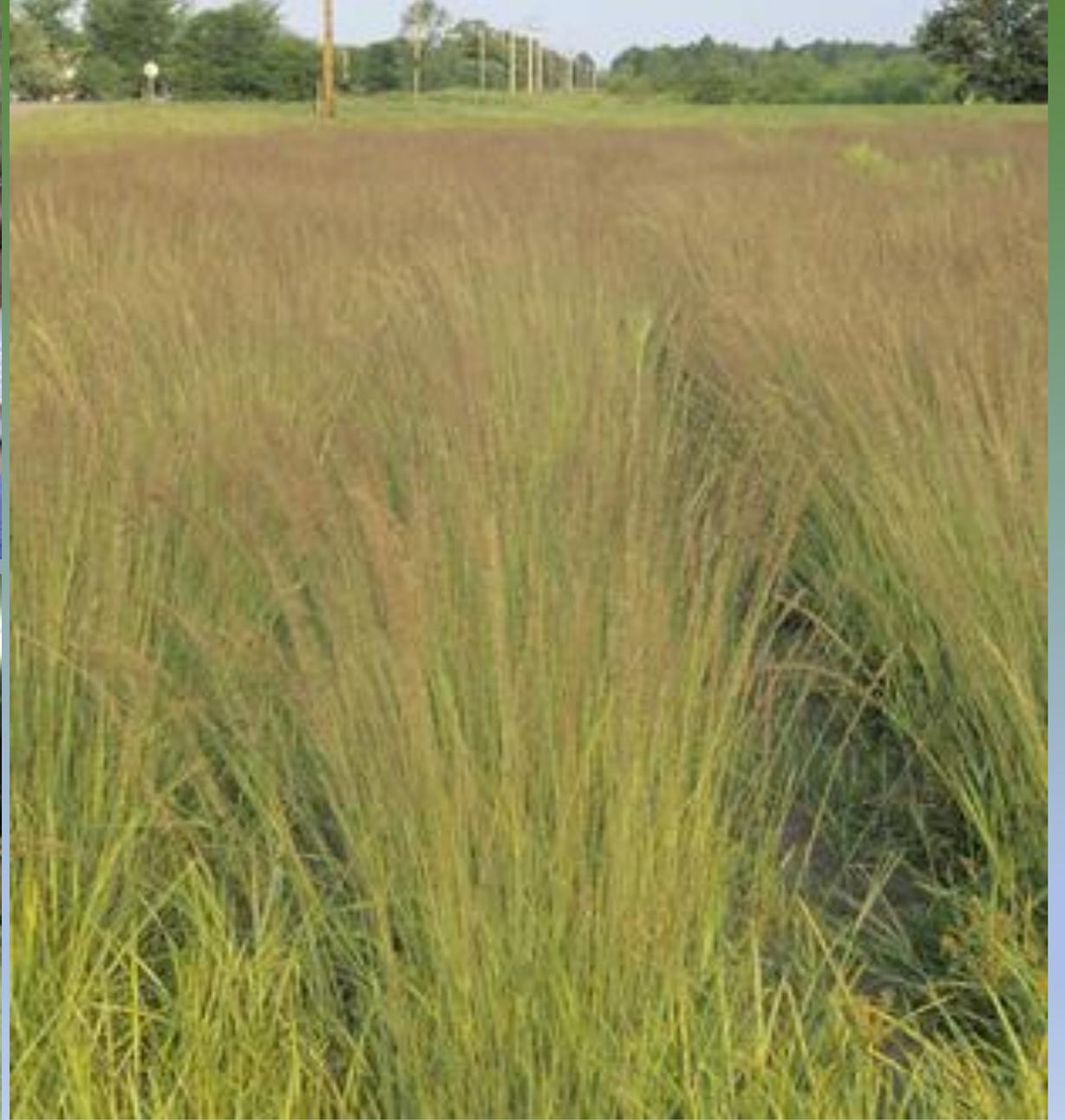
Fig. 3. The structural drawing of the stripper header.



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Highway Median



Wetland Prairie

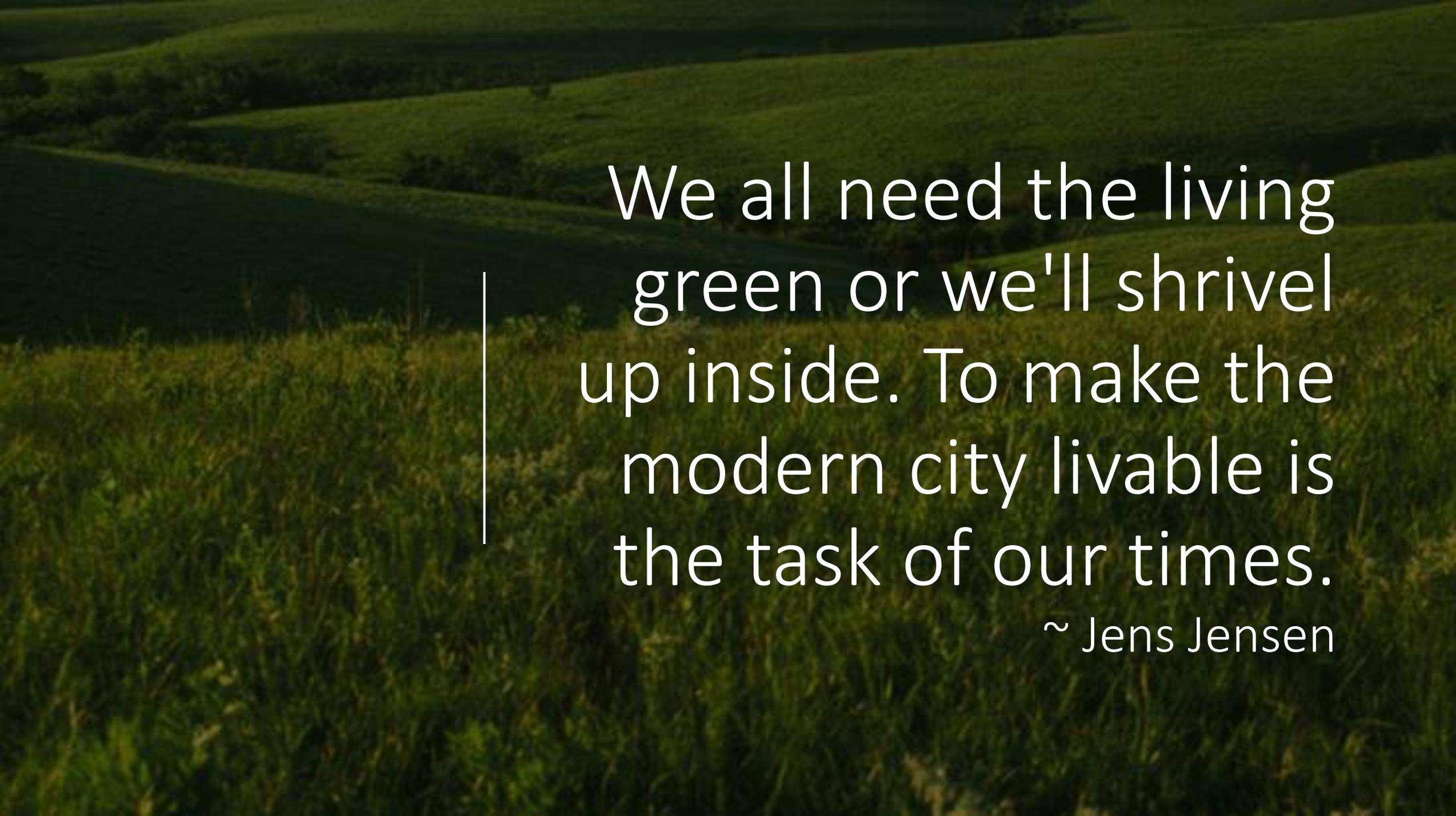


Tall Wetland Prairie



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Paul Hawken



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green or we'll shrivel
up inside. To make the
modern city livable is
the task of our times.

~ Jens Jensen

Thank You



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