

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (SOQ)

Native Landscaping Services

Michael J. Fallon, Jr., Natural Resource Manager/Wildland Firefighter
Located in Iowa City, IA and serving Johnson County, IA and the surrounding area.

Mr. Fallon is the founder and sole proprietor of Native Landscaping Services, a non-traditional landscaping firm specializing in the re-creation and/or restoration of native landscapes.

Education

1992 Associate of Science, Northern Virginia Community College
1996 Bachelor of Science, Environmental Resource Management, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Professional Qualifications

Qualified Tree Inspector, Class A Faller (FALA), Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5) – in Training, Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 (RXB2) – in Training,

Training

Introduction to ICS (I-100), Wildland Fire Suppression Orientation (S-110), Introduction to Fire (S-130), Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130), Firefighter Type 1 (S-131), Look Up, Look Down, Look Around (S-133), Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service (L-180), Basic Fire Fighting (S-190), Water and Pumps (S-211), Wildfire Powersaws (S-212), Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S- 290), Introduction to Fire Effects (Rx-310)

Affiliations

Iowa Native Plant Society, Friends of Hickory Hill Park, Iowa Prairie Network, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Geological Society of Iowa, Johnson County Heritage Trust, Iowa Woodland Owners Association

Native Landscaping Services fills a niche traditional landscaping firms do not or cannot address. Our combined expertise in Natural Resource Management, Ecological Restoration, Forestry and Wildland Firefighting is rare in the world of professional landscaping services. Plus, we embody the qualities one likes best in a small business: reasonable rates, going the extra mile, a passion for the profession, personal attention and respect for the natural world. Our former clients include, but are not limited to, private landowners, municipalities, farmers and non-profits. Help landowners better understand, appreciate and care for the natural world is the core of our business philosophy.

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Natural Resource Management: Prairie, Savanna, Woodland, Forest, Wetland, Pond and Streambank Restoration & Maintenance; Invasive Plant Management; Wildlife & Game Habitat Creation; Cost-sharing Procurement; Floristic Assessment; Speaking & Consultation

Ecological Restoration: Native Area Design; Plant & Animal Inventories; Floristic Assessment; Planting & Seeding; Prairie, Woodland, Forest, Wetland, Pond, Streambank Restoration; Raingarden Design & Construction; Cost-sharing Procurement; Speaking & Consultation

Forestry: Timber Stand Improvements; Timber Inventories; Stewardship Plans; Invasive Plant Management; Planting & Seeding; Prescribed Burning; Cost-sharing Procurement; Speaking & Consultation

Wildland Firefighting: Prescribed Burn Planning & Implementation; Consulting; Fireline Construction; Speaking & Consultation

Projects

Private Residence; Scott County, IA – Prescribed Burn on 9-acre CRP parcel

Private Residence; Iowa County, IA – Prescribed Burn on 6-acre CRP parcel

Private Residence; North Liberty, IA – Restoration of three degraded woodland remnants

Private Residence; Iowa City, IA – Riparian planting and streambank stabilization

Private Residence; Johnson County, IA – Prairie installation and maintenance project

Private Residence; Iowa City, IA – Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) management project

Municipal Property (city of Iowa City); Iowa City, IA – Land Management Plan for Friends of Hickory Hill Park

Non-profit Property (Sugar Creek Audubon Nature Sanctuary); Grinnell, IA – Planned multiple prescribed burns

Charitable Work

Hickory Hill Park; Iowa City, IA – Designed, coordinated, led and executed multiple native landscape re-creation and restoration projects.