

Site Management Standards for Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Sites

Site managers shall consider the following when designing management plans; the KHLCF Board may approve other management practices on a site-specific basis.

1. Signage acknowledging the KHLCF shall be maintained in all public areas.
2. Management priority shall be given to the protection and enhancement of habitats of any state or federally listed rare, endangered, threatened, or special concern species identified in site biological inventories. Best management practices as determined by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission shall be followed.
3. Areas lacking state or federally listed rare, endangered, threatened, or special concern species shall be managed to improve habitat for native wildlife, forest health, natural communities, and overall biodiversity through practices approved by the KHLCF board.
4. No non-native invasive species shall be introduced for any reason on the site, including but not limited to wildlife forage or cover. Unacceptable species include those identified on the most recent Kentucky Exotic Pest Plant Council list of threats.
5. A reasonable effort shall be made to control invasive species impacting the site. Invasive control methods shall follow KHLCF guidelines.
6. Outdoor recreation shall be limited to practices compatible with protection of habitat for native wildlife, forest health, natural communities, and overall biodiversity. Hunting and fishing may be permitted under the cooperation or supervision of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Otherwise only passive recreation shall be planned on the site; this is generally limited to low impact/non-motorized/nature study/foot-traffic only on hiking trails that are constructed to KHLCF standards.
7. Only silvicultural practices compatible with improvement of habitat for native wildlife, forest health, natural communities, and overall biodiversity shall be conducted, and any practices shall be included in the KHLCF Board approved RMP; demonstrations of forest management (i.e. Best Management Practices and low impact logging methods) may be permissible.
8. The KHLCF does not ordinarily fund the purchase or construction of buildings. Permission to build structures with outside funds shall be approved by the KHLCF board prior to construction.
9. Applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain outside funding for construction of parking lots, access roads, and other expensive infrastructural features.
10. Funding recipients are obligated to manage KHLCF sites in accordance with the site's most recently approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) in perpetuity. All activities on the site shall conform to the most recently approved RMP regardless of any outside funding source.