The School of Natural Resources continues to lean forward in its mission to meet the natural resources challenges of today and the future. We fully embrace the land grant university mission of teaching, research and extension by treating each as a pillar supporting our programs. We declared this year to be one of additional focus on teaching. How public universities fulfill their mission to educate is facing many challenges. Those challenges can be viewed as problems or opportunities. Here, at SNR, we are choosing the latter. Over the next year, we will critically evaluate the way we train students to become natural resources professionals. We will:

- Revise the remote sensing and spatial science teaching programs to better serve our students as well as those across campus to provide the foundational and advanced training necessary to succeed in these fields.
- Investigate accelerated bachelor’s/master’s programs with University of Nebraska-Lincoln departments, especially those with a focus on environmental sciences.
- Develop a range of additional partnership opportunities to broaden our experiential-learning opportunities.
- Create more short-course opportunities in our degree areas.
- Develop creative programs for additional post-graduate training and education.
- Create a new program in urban forestry.

Our rapidly changing world requires us to become much more nimble in how we train professionals in our fields. We view some of the short-term changes we will institute as just a beginning. Higher education must be more radical in future vision to not only meet our goals and objectives, but to remain relevant to society.
VISION STATEMENT

The vision for the School of Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is to be an international leader in natural resources education, research and outreach, and to be the primary provider of natural resources information and service to the citizens and stakeholders of Nebraska.

FALL 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

**Natural Resources Career Fair, Sept. 27**

Join UNL Career Services and hundreds of state and national employers for the Fall 2018 Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nebraska East Union. Visit www.unl.edu/careers/fairs for more information. For other career service opportunities, visit careers.unl.edu/career-services-events-calendar.

**Fall 2018 SNR Seminar Series, Oct. 3 to Dec. 5**

Seminars take place at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Hardin Hall auditorium. The seminars are free and open to the public. For the complete schedule, including lecture abstracts and bios for our seven speakers, visit go.unl.edu/snr2018seminars.

**Nebraska Forest Festival, Oct. 27**

The 2018 Forest Festival will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Horning State Farm Demonstration Forest in Plattsmouth. This year’s event will celebrate Nebraska’s growers, producers, and artisans, and also will feature a spin off SNR’s NaturePalooza. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit nfs.unl.edu.

**Fall UNL Research Fair, Nov. 6 to 8**

The annual Fall UNL Research fair is a celebration of research and creative and scholarly activity at the university. The three-day fair will be at the Nebraska Union. For more information, visit researchfair.unl.edu.

**Nebraska vs. Illinois tailgate, Nov. 10**

A tailgate hosted by the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Association and the School of Natural Resources begins four hours prior to kickoff in the Great Plains Room, Nebraska East Union, on Nebraska East Campus. No RSVP required.

For more information, visit ianr.unl.edu/tailgate.

**School of Natural Resources Commencement, Dec. 14**

SNR will celebrate our December graduates at 2 p.m. in Hardin Hall Auditorium, 3310 Holdrege St. Friends and family are welcome. Snacks will be provided. More details to come.