

Weathering the Storms and Looking Forward

2020 - 2021



SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SNR Mission and Vision

▶ ~~Mission~~ Statement

- ▶ At the School of Natural Resources, our mission is to champion the natural world. We address education, research, and outreach. The School will also be the preeminent provider of natural resources information and service to the citizens and stakeholders of Nebraska and teach future leaders to manage the delicate balance between people and the environment on a global scale.

▶ ~~Mission~~ Statement.

▶ ~~Vision~~

- ▶ The School of Natural Resources will combine interdisciplinary approaches and disciplinary excellence.
- ▶ We are committed to training current and future natural resource and environmental professionals to be critical thinkers prepared to manage, sustain, and renew our natural resources.
- ▶ Foster an integrated, systems approach to address complex natural resource, environmental and business issues;
- ▶ Through our teaching, outreach, and research scholarship, we will:
 - ▶ Provide a quality academic experience for students;
 - ▶ Prepare students for careers in natural resources and the environment.
 - ▶ Conduct fundamental research of the mechanisms associated with natural resource systems;
 - ▶ Collaborate with others to conduct innovative scientific research that informs policy and management decisions;
 - ▶ Provide innovative outreach to citizens and stakeholders;
 - ▶ Investigate, record, and disseminate information about Nebraska's land, water, atmospheric and biological resources; and
 - ▶ Promote a holistic conservation ethic for the betterment of Nebraska, the nation and the world.
- ▶ Promote a comprehensive conservation ethic for the effective and appropriate management and sustainable use of natural resources.

And the Added Values Statements

▶ *Values*

These core beliefs guide our mission and vision:

- ▶ Our science should be useful beyond academia.
- ▶ We should operate with the highest of ethics and integrity.
- ▶ Our workplace should be inclusive and respectful.
- ▶ We should represent the diversity of our community, country, and world.
- ▶ Our culture should foster freedom of thought and expression.
- ▶ We should give of our time and talent to our community.

Working Plan

- ▶ The tripartite mission of the land grant university is paramount
- ▶ This is the School of Natural Resources - we connect people and the environment
- ▶ Our programs will continue to increase in importance in society



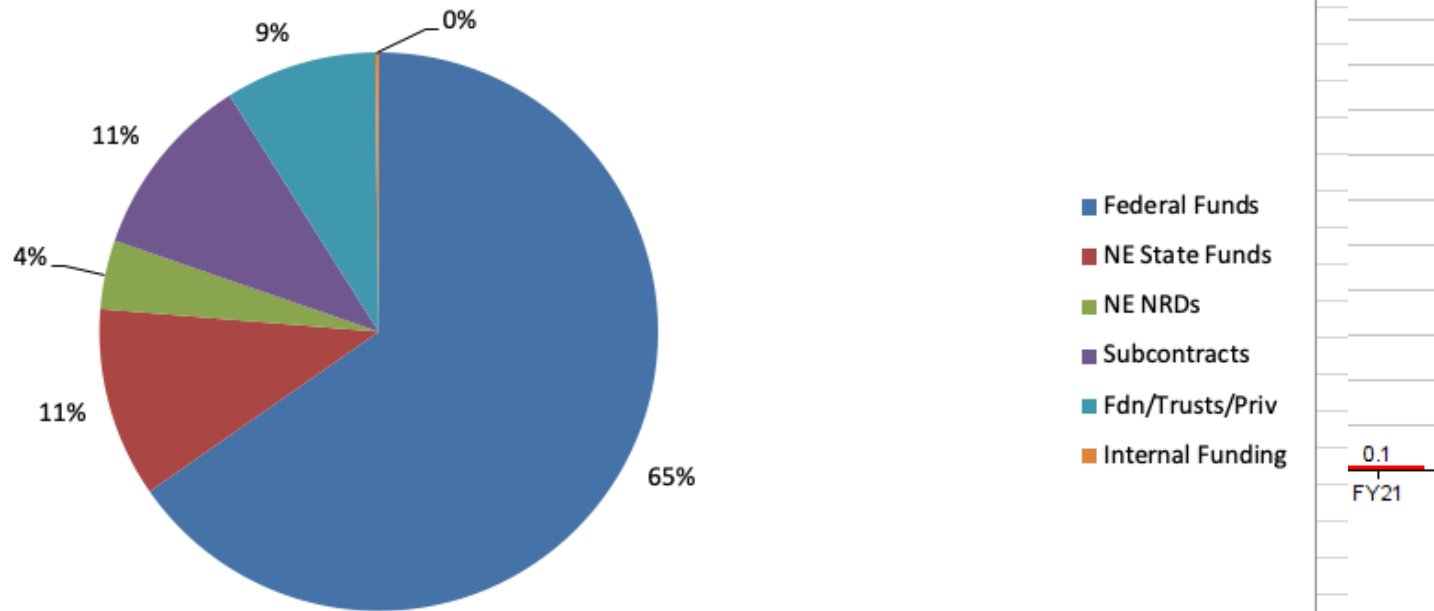
As Always - Integration and Identity



A Few Statistics - Research

Total Funding by Source		
Federal Funds	\$8,196,285	65.3%
NE State Funds	\$1,379,057	11.0%
NE NRDs	\$500,412	4.0%
Subcontracts	\$1,348,513	10.7%
Fdn/Trusts/Priv	\$1,100,701	8.8%
Internal Funding	\$24,975	0.2%
Total	\$12,549,943	100.00%

YTD Funding by Source



Hiring Status and Programs

- ▶ POP in Applied Ecology
 - ▶ Mark Vrtiska
 - ▶ Mainly teaching but also research and monitoring with Tern and Plover program.
- ▶ Landscape Ecologist Position affiliated with CRAWL
 - ▶ Dan Uden
 - ▶ Primary appointment in SNR, shared with AgHort
- ▶ SNR AD Position
 - ▶ We are finalizing Trenton Frantz as AD for Research and Extension
 - ▶ We will hear from him later
- ▶ Francisco Muñoz-Arrillo
 - ▶ BSE Water Modeling
 - ▶ Partial appointment in SNR completed



Hiring Status and Programs

▶ PBT Moving to SNR

- ▶ Occupying HH 200 plus several offices
- ▶ Mike Forsberg
 - ▶ Assistant Research Professor
- ▶ Mike Farrell
 - ▶ POP
- ▶ Graduate students and staff also completed move to SNR

▶ Aligning Vision with SNR

- ▶ Conservation/Environmental Storytelling (what they are known for)
- ▶ Linking that strength with Science in SNR and beyond
- ▶ Using PBT data in science

Michael Forsberg
Co-Founder +



Michael Farrell
Co-Founder +



New Fiscal Models

- ▶ We learned that UNL is modeling on UF
- ▶ Modified RCM - <https://budget.unl.edu/budget-model-redesign>
- ▶ Financial issues do not change, but are buffered by IANR
 - ▶ Credit hour production and majors
 - ▶ Grant overhead
 - ▶ Foundation
 - ▶ Other
- ▶ Service Delivery Initiative teams are still moving forward
 - ▶ More centralization
 - ▶ ITS is most recent—they will do our IT services and we will be billed each year
 - ▶ Don't be surprised if other groups move same way.
<https://bf.unl.edu/service-delivery-initiative>

Longer Term

- ▶ Outward looking for future
 - ▶ Development
 - ▶ Friends and Alumni
 - ▶ Agency partners
- ▶ National recognition
 - ▶ Broader relationships outside region
 - ▶ Enhancing present Center national and international partnerships



Have a Great Year!!!!!!

14 September

Alexander von Humboldt
Birthday

