


SPROUL RANCH ----- SEDAN KANSAS -----Jan. 20, 2012



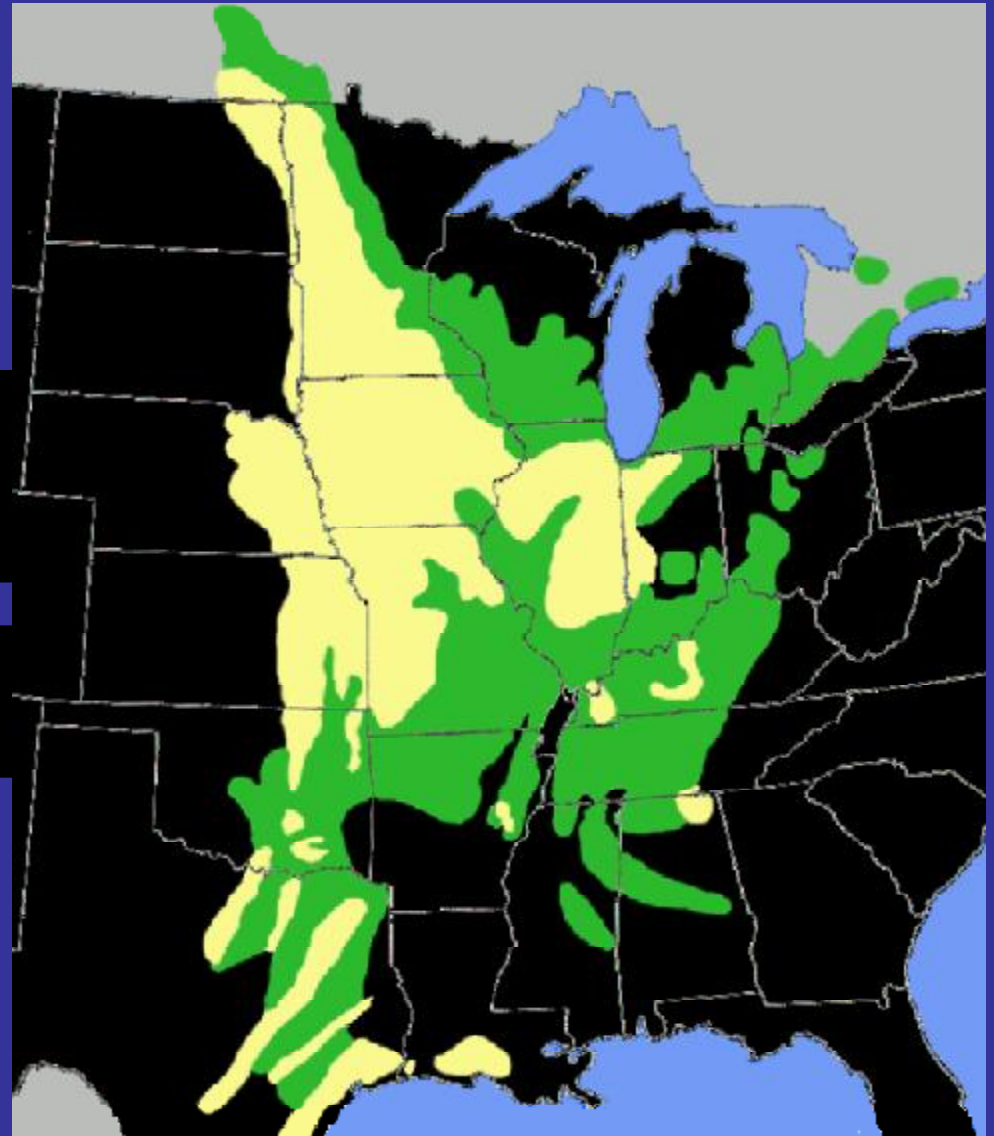




Historical Range of Tallgrass Prairie

 Tallgrass prairie - intermixed with savanna and woodland, except along the western edge

 Tallgrass savanna and woodland - intermixed with prairie and forest



The need for conservation easements

Roughly 83% of the historic tallgrass prairie in Kansas has been lost. Most of this was initially caused by the plow, but woody invasion, urban sprawl, commercial development, etc.

continue to nibble away at our native rangeland acreage.

- *Between 1982 and 2007, about 740,000 acres of native rangeland were lost in Kansas. During the same period, urban/built-up acres increased by 350,000 acres.*

Source: NRI database, NRCS (USDA)

Conservation Easement Programs in Flint hills of Kansas

- Kansas Land Trust
- Sunflower Land Trust
- The Nature's Conservancy (TNC)
- Ranch Land Trust of Kansas
- NRCS GRP and FRPP

Kansas Tallgrass Prairie

FLINT HILLS LEGACY CONSERVATION AREA



Collaboration

- Webster's definition:::

- *Bill's definition*:::







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