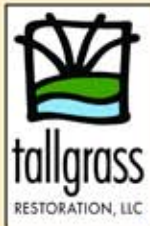




# BizSnaps

A Snapshot look at local businesses



**Tallgrass Restoration, LLC**  
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**When was the business started?** Tallgrass Restoration originally started in 1997 in Illinois. Our Wisconsin office has been in business since 2005.

**Described your products/services?** Tallgrass Restoration is an ecological restoration company that restores the health, integrity, and beauty of our clients' land and water resources. Our services include native landscaping and habitat installation, invasive species management, controlled burns, shoreline and ravine erosion control, and natural areas consulting.

**What do you do, product, service, or philosophy, which differentiates you from your competitors?** Our cost-effective projects begin with a free on-site consultation and continue with ongoing stewardship. We are committed to establishing sustainable landscapes that will enrich and benefit the heritage of plants, animals, and people.

**How did you get interested and/or started in this business?** All of us at Tallgrass have pursued our interest in the outdoors through education in biology and natural resources. At Tallgrass, we can use our knowledge and experience for something we are truly passionate about: restoring our natural areas and open spaces to the benefit of people, wildlife and our environment as a whole.

**What kind of training or background do you have?** We all have biological science backgrounds focusing on ecology. All of our crew members are certified in prescribed burning and herbiciding.

**What are your future plans for your business?** Our future plans involve promoting natural solutions to common problems that face home and business owners. In addition to the aesthetic and ecological benefits of planting a backyard prairie, there can be enormous cost savings from the maintenance, mowing, watering, and fertilizing that are necessary with traditional landscaping. Even small improvements can make large impacts to local water quality, wildlife, and the community as a whole.

**What have been some of the challenges you've faced and how did you work them out?** Our greatest challenge has been educating people that even though a plant looks pretty or is providing a screen from the road, doesn't mean that it really belongs there. Many invasive and non-native plants stay in the environment because some people do not realize their environmental consequences.

**What do you find most rewarding about this type of work?** Whether it is seeing a woodlot cleared of invasive buckthorn or a lawn turned into a beautiful prairie, we are constantly being rewarded when a project is completed because we get to see the beneficial changes that were made to the landscape.

**What type of customers use your products/services?** Anyone who has land from a city lot to backyards acres in size can benefit from our services.

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