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Shari Clare is a professional biologist and one of the co-founders of Fiera Biological Consulting Ltd., a small consulting firm based in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Shari has nearly 20 years of vegetation and wildlife research and management experience in western Canada, and she specializes in ecological assessment, watershed and wetland management, natural resource policy development, and systematic conservation planning. In addition, Shari is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alberta, where her research interests include water policy, design standards for constructing and restoring wetlands, urban ecology, and the use of market-based instruments to improve environmental policy outcomes. She is currently involved as a research collaborator in a wetland research project that is focused on developing new remote sensing techniques to detect and assess the potential ecological value of drained wetlands, as well as new methods for testing market based instruments to incentivize wetland restoration on private lands (www.restoreourwetlands.ca). Over the last decade, Shari has focused a great deal of her professional and academic work on creating better tools and policies for managing natural areas, including more accurate inventories and standardized methods for assessing natural area condition and habitat connectivity analysis to enhance and preserve functional ecological networks.