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For the past six years, Brian Obermeyer has been the Director of The Nature Conservancy's Flint Hills Initiative, a community-based effort to preserve the last landscape expression of tallgrass prairie in North America. Brian works with ranchers, landowners and other stakeholders to help preserve the biological integrity of this unique region.

Prior to his employment with the Conservancy, he conducted biological assessments and research through a company he founded, called Stream & Prairie Research. Brian was nominated by the Kansas Wildlife Federation as the Wildlife Conservationist of the Year in 2002, and, in 2005, he was recognized as an Outstanding Recent Graduate at Emporia State University. Brian holds a masters degree in Environmental Biology from Emporia State University.