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INTRODUCTION

A nature preserve is an area of land or water in public or private ownership that is formally dedicated, pursuant to the terms of the law, to being maintained in its natural condition. It must either retain to a high degree its presettlement character or have ecological, geological or archaeological features of scientific or educational significance.

One way to think of nature preserves is as living museums to be used in a manner and under limitations consistent with their continued preservation, without unreasonable impairment, disturbance, or development, for the public purposes of scientific research, education and esthetic enjoyment. The nature preserves protect an extraordinary range of distinctive ecosystems and provide habitat for a great variety of Illinois' native species of animals and plants. Nature preserves provide habitat for many endangered and threatened species.

The Illinois Nature Preserves System was established by law in 1963 to secure the benefits of an enduring resource of natural land. A nine-member Illinois Nature Preserves Commission was also established at that time. The statute that establishes the system and defines the duties of the Commission is the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.

Responsibility for the system is shared by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the various landowners who have dedicated their lands as preserves.

VISITING THE PRESERVES

The great majority of Illinois' 236 nature preserves are open to the public for hiking and nature study on a daily basis, year round. Public use of nature preserves is generally limited to walking and observing nature. Such pursuits as birding and nature photography are high on the list of visitor activities. Interpretive programs are provided at some preserves. When public use is relatively heavy, visitors are required to stay on designated trails. The preservation of natural conditions must always be the primary consideration in determining use of nature preserves.

Scientific and educational use of the preserves is encouraged. Nature preserves are well suited to the study of natural ecosystems, botany, animal behavior and many other subjects. The preserves are good check areas in studies related to air, water and soil pollution. Research projects are carefully coordinated and are conducted only by permit. Only those preserves with interpretive staff are well suited for use by primary and secondary school groups or classes.

Not all preserves are developed for public access. It is best to consult the "Location and Access" and "For Further Information" comments for the individual preserves prior to making plans to visit an area. Advance permission is required to visit some preserves.

It is unlawful to disturb or remove anything from a nature preserve. Hunting, trapping, fires, camping, picnicking, rock climbing, littering and vehicles are all prohibited. Pets are not allowed in nature preserves. Grazing by domestic animals, farming, logging, mining, and quarrying are also prohibited. Additional regulations may be posted at individual preserves. The Nature Preserves Commission and Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Heritage visits each preserve as often as their small staffs allow. If you notice violations of these regulations or other management problems, or have other comments and suggestions, please contact the Nature Preserves Commission or the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Heritage. Please stay on trails during your visit, this reduces erosion and damage to fragile plant communities and disturbance to wildlife.

DEDICATION OF PRESERVES

An area becomes a nature preserve upon its formal dedication by the administering agency or owner with the approval of the Nature Preserves Commission, the Department of Natural Resources and the governor.

Dedication of an area as a nature preserve gives it maximum protection against future changes in land use. The law declares an area dedicated as a nature preserve to be put to its highest, best and most important use for the public benefit.

Departments and agencies of state and local government as well as private organizations and individuals are eligible to dedicate qualifying lands within their jurisdictions as nature preserves.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SYSTEM

A major objective of the nature preserves system is the preservation of adequate samples of all the significant natural features of the state. Natural features include geological and physiographic formations, soils, streams, lakes and aquatic and terrestrial communities of plants and animals. A classification of natural geographic divisions of Illinois has been devised (Page 5) to provide the primary basis for establishment of the nature preserves system. This approach offers the advantage of integrating the soils, topography, geology and biotic communities in one classification. The natural divisions and sections are distinguished according to differences in topography, glacial history, bedrock, soils and the distribution of native flora and fauna.

Another objective of the system is the preservation of habitats of species of native Illinois plants and animals that are vanishing or rare.

The Illinois system of preserves complements a national effort by federal and other state agencies to preserve representative examples of natural ecosystems.

NATURAL FEATURES OF ILLINOIS

Nearly all of Illinois was covered by continental glaciers during the Pleistocene or "ice age" and is mantled by glacial drift deposited by the glaciers.

Except for driftless areas in northwestern, extreme west central, extreme southern parts of the state and stream valleys, Illinois topography consists of a level to rolling plain of glacial till. This till plain is more dissected by stream erosion in the older till of western and southern Illinois than in the younger till of the east-central and northeastern parts of the state.

Illinois has about 430 soil types and 50 major soil associations. Most Illinois soils are derived from loess, a wind deposited silt, but glacial outwash, glacial till and alluvium are also important parent materials. Special soil conditions created by sand, bedrock, peat or the presence of claypan or fragipan layers often support unusual biotic communities.

Except for a small amount of igneous rock in southern Illinois, the outcrops of bedrock that occur in the state are of sedimentary materials ranging in age from Cambrian to late Pennsylvanian. Unconsolidated deposits of Cretaceous and Tertiary age occur in southern Illinois. The principal cliff-forming types of bedrock are limestone, sandstone and dolomite.

Illinois is a meeting place of diverse biotic communities. Within the state are communities of plants and animals typical of the northern bogs, the southern swamps, the eastern deciduous forest and the western prairies.

Illinois vegetation at the time of settlement was divided into about equal parts of forest and prairie. The forest communities varied from north to south and from wet sites to extremely dry sites.

Illinois has more than 130 species of native trees. There are more tree species in the southern part of the state than in the northern part. The majority of the upland forests are of the oak-hickory type, often with a predominance of bur oak in the northern counties while a greater variety of oak species are common in the central and southern counties. Beech-maple forests occur in southern Illinois and along the Wabash Valley. A few tamarack bogs are found in northeastern Illinois while bald cypress swamps occur in the southernmost part of the state.

Illinois' location near the eastern boundary of the prairie peninsula makes its prairies of considerable ecological interest. Illinois prairies are predominantly the tall-grass type which formerly contained extensive areas of wet prairie and marsh. The dominant grasses are big bluestem, Indian grass and little bluestem throughout much of the state. However, the species composition of prairies varies from one part of the state to another.

The pioneers were not familiar with prairie plants and did not leave an adequate account of the original prairie flora. Subsequent studies have determined only approximately the conditions which existed in the original prairie, since most of the prairies have been destroyed by cultivation and grazing. Some types, especially the "black soil" prairies, may no longer exist in some of the natural divisions in which they originally occurred.

In addition to the "black soil" prairie, Illinois has sand prairies, loess hill prairies, gravel hill prairies, glacial drift hill prairies and limestone glades. Their vegetation is generally dominated by mid-height grasses and often contains species more common to the south or west of Illinois.

Illinois is situated at the confluence of the major streams draining eastern North America. Except for a very small area in the Great Lakes drainage the state is drained by the Mississippi River and its tributaries. Glacial lakes are frequent in northeastern Illinois and the backwater lakes of the Illinois River valley are a distinctive feature of the state. The natural lakes, marshes, ponds, rivers and creeks of Illinois support a diverse fish fauna as well as many species of amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates and aquatic plants.

Cliffs and ravines provide a wide range of microclimatic and edaphic conditions which may support communities of unusual plants and animals, or plants and animals far removed from their present normal range. In some cases they support relict species which indicate the past extent of biotic communities in Illinois. Unglaciated areas of the state harbor plants which apparently have persisted from pre-glacial or inter-glacial periods.

Illinois' caves, seeps and springs have a fauna uniquely adapted to the special requirements of these habitats. Some of these animals are restricted to a very few caves or springs in the world.

THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF NATURE PRESERVES

The Illinois Nature Preserves System now consists of 236 preserves containing 33,350 acres. They range in size from 0.5 acre to 1,940 acres and are distributed among 73 of the state's 102 counties. Ninety-six of these preserves containing 17,275 acres are held by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Of the remainder, 43 areas are held by county Forest Preserve Districts, 16 by county Conservation Districts, 15 by park districts, 12 by cities and villages, 7 by universities and colleges, 5 by counties and townships and 2 by county Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Not all the preserves are owned by state or local government. Twenty are owned by nonprofit conservation organizations, 21 are owned by private individuals and families, 1 is owned by a homeowners association and 1 is owned by a utility company.

HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

The following 236 areas, totaling 33,350 acres, have been dedicated as Illinois nature preserves. They are listed alphabetically in the Directory. The preserves are cross-referenced by county on page 11. The legend for the topographic maps is as follows:

-  Dedicated Nature Preserve
-  Dedicated Preserve Buffer
-  Additional Conservation Holdings

The scale of the USGS topographic base maps is 1:24,000 (1 inch = 2000 feet).

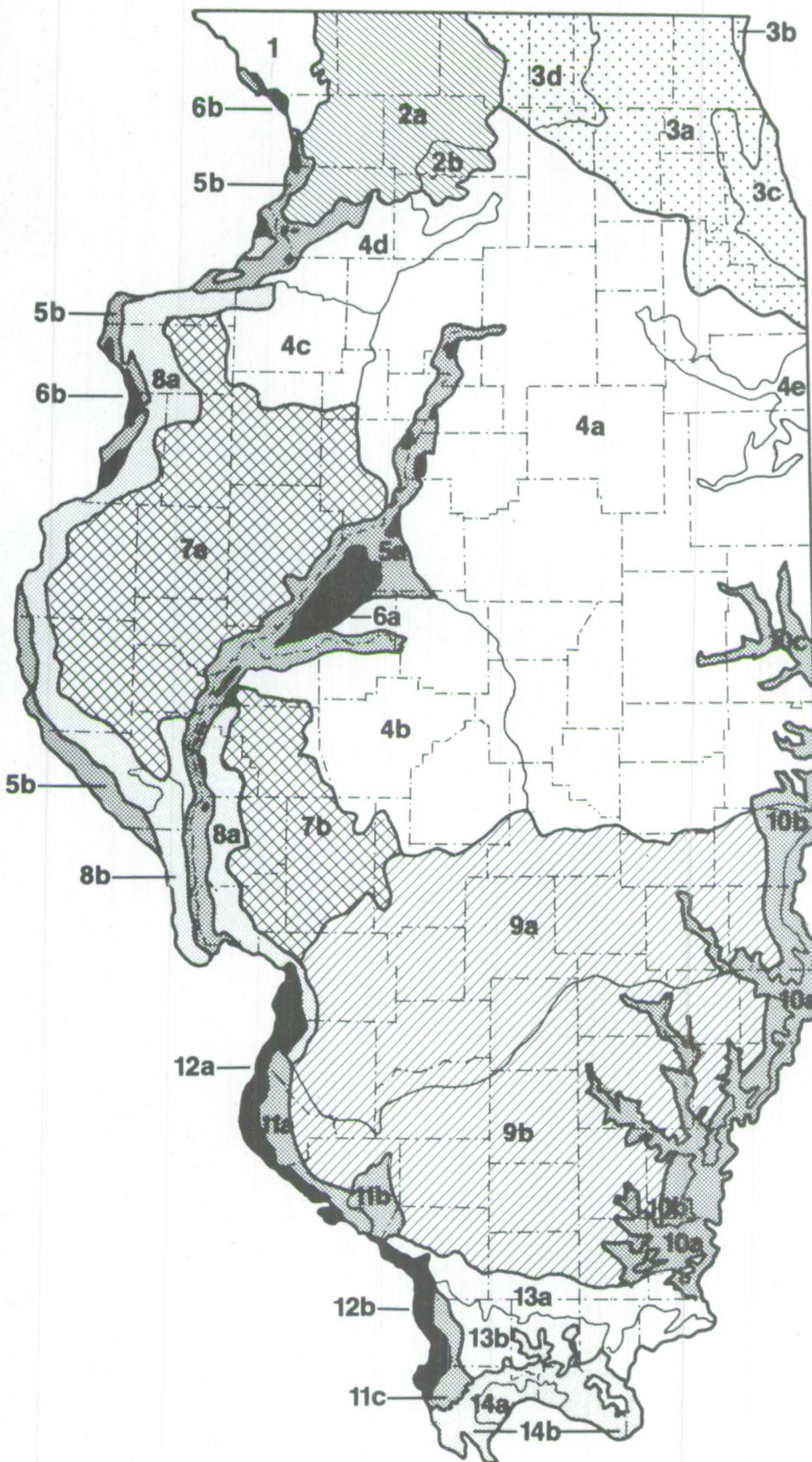
We have attempted to retain this scale wherever possible, though for some of the largest preserves reduction of the map was necessary. In some cases, more than one nature preserve is shown on the topo map on the backside of the preserve description sheet. In these cases, the preserve being described is indicated with an arrow.



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Fern Rocks

The Natural Divisions of Illinois



- 1 Wisconsin Driftless Division**
- 2 Rock River Hill Country Division**
 - a Freeport Section
 - b Oregon Section
- 3 Northeastern Morainal Division**
 - a Morainal Section
 - b Lake Michigan Dunes Section
 - c Chicago Lake Plain Section
 - d Winnebago Section
- 4 Grand Prairie Division**
 - a Grand Prairie Section
 - b Springfield Section
 - c Western Section
 - d Green River Lowland Section
 - e Kankakee Sand Area Section
- 5 Upper Mississippi River and Illinois River Bottomlands Division**
 - a Illinois River Section
 - b Mississippi River Section
- 6 Illinois River and Mississippi River Sand Areas Division**
 - a Illinois River Section
 - b Mississippi River Section
- 7 Western Forest-Prairie Division**
 - a Galesburg Section
 - b Carlinville Section
- 8 Middle Mississippi Border Division**
 - a Glaciated Section
 - b Driftless Section
- 9 Southern Till Plain Division**
 - a Effingham Plain Section
 - b Mt. Vernon Hill Country Section
- 10 Wabash Border Division**
 - a Bottomlands Section
 - b Southern Uplands Section
 - c Vermilion River Section
- 11 Ozark Division**
 - a Northern Section
 - b Central Section
 - c Southern Section
- 12 Lower Mississippi River Bottomlands Division**
 - a Northern Section
 - b Southern Section
- 13 Shawnee Hills Division**
 - a Greater Shawnee Hills Section
 - b Lesser Shawnee Hills Section
- 14 Coastal Plain Division**
 - a Cretaceous Hills Section
 - b Bottomlands Section

This map is based on the configurations developed by John E. Schwegman

THE PRESENT NATURE PRESERVE SYSTEM
 Alphabetic by Nature Preserve Name

MAP#	NATURE PRESERVE	COUNTY	VOLUME
1	Almond Marsh	Lake	1
2	American Beech Woods	Clark	2
3	Argyle Hollow Barrens	McDonough	2
4	Ayers Sand Prairie	Carroll	2
5	Baber Woods	Edgar	2
6	Bakers Lake	Cook	1
7	Barber Fen	McHenry	1
8	Barrington Bog	Lake	1
9	Bartlett Woods	Lee	2
10	Beach Cemetery Prairie	Ogle	2
11	Beall Woods	Wabash	2
12	Belmont Prairie	DuPage	1
13	Bennett's Terraqueous Gardens	Tazewell	2
14	Berryville Shale Glade	Union	2
15	Big Creek Woods Memorial	Richland	2
16	Black Hawk Forest	Rock Island	2
17	Black Partridge Woods	Cook	1
18	Bluff Springs Fen	Cook	1
19	William & Emma Bohm Memorial	Madison	2
20	Bois du Sangamon	Macon	2
21	Bonnie's Prairie	Iroquois	2
22	Braidwood Dunes and Savanna	Will	1
23	Brookville Lutheran Cemetery Prairie	Carroll	2
24	Brown Barrens	Union	2
25	Brownlee Cemetery Prairie	Mercer	2
26	Burlington Prairie	Kane	1
27	Burton Cave	Adams	2
28	Busse Forest	Cook	1
29	Byler Cemetery Savanna	Adams	2
30	Bystricky Prairie	McHenry	1
31	Calamus Lake	Macon	2
32	Cap Sauers Holdings	Cook	1
33	Margery C. Carlson	LaSalle	2
34	Carpenter Park	Sangamon	2
35	Cary Junior High Prairie	McHenry	1
36	Cave Creek Glade	Johnson	2
37	Cedar Glen	Hancock	2
38	Cedar Lake Bog	Lake	1
39	Chauncey Marsh	Lawrence	2
40	Chestnut Hills	Pulaski	2
41	Churchill Prairie	DuPage	1
42	Colored Sands Bluff	Winnebago	2

43	Cotton Creek Marsh	McHenry	1
44	Cranberry Slough	Cook	1
45	Cretaceous Hills	Pope	2
46	Crevecoeur	Tazewell	2
47	Dean Hills	Fayette	2
48	Denby Prairie	Macoupin	2
49	Detweiller Woods	Peoria	2
50	Russell M. Duffin	Vermilion	2
51	Elizabeth Lake	McHenry	1
52	Exner Marsh	McHenry	1
53	Fairchild Cemetery Savanna	Vermilion	2
54	Farm Trails North	Lake	1
55	Elton E. Fawks Bald Eagle Refuge	Rock Island	2
56	George B. Fell	Ogle	2
57	Fern Rocks	Jackson	2
58	Ferson's Creek Fen	Kane	1
59	Carl Fliermans' River	Vermilion	2
60	Flora Prairie	Boone	2
61	Fogelpole Cave	Monroe	2
62	Foley Sand Prairie	Lee	2
63	Forest Glen Seep	Vermilion	2
64	Forest Park	Peoria	2
65	Forest Park South	Peoria	2
66	Fox River Fen	Kane	1
67	Franklin Creek	Lee	2
68	Freeport Prairie	Stephenson	2
69	Fults Hill Prairie	Monroe	2
70	Funks Grove	McLean	2
71	Gavin Bog and Prairie	Lake	1
72	Gensburg-Markham Prairie	Cook	1
73	Glacial Park	McHenry	1
74	Gladstone Fen	McHenry	1
75	Henry Allan Gleason	Mason	2
76	Glenbrook North High School Prairie	Cook	1
77	Goose Lake Prairie	Grundy	2
78	Gooseberry Island	Kankakee	2
79	Grant Creek Prairie	Will	1
80	Greenlee Cemetery Prairie	Henry	2
81	Grubb Hollow Prairie	Pike	2
82	Halesia	Massac	2
83	Hanover Bluff	JoDaviess	2
84	Harlem Hills	Winnebago	2
85	Harper's Woods	Stark	2
86	Harper-Rector Woods	Fulton	2
87	Hartley Memorial	Winnebago	2
88	Helm Woods	Kane	1
89	Heron Pond-Little Black Slough	Johnson	2
90	Hetzler Cemetery Prairie	Bureau	2
91	Highmoor Park	Lake	1

92	Hooper Branch Savanna	Iroquois	2
93	Horseshoe Bottom	Vermilion	2
94	Horseshoe Lake	Alexander	2
95	Howard's Hollow Seep	Vermilion	2
96	Hybernia	Lake	1
97	Illinois Beach	Lake	1
98	Iroquois Woods	Kankakee	2
99	Jarrett Prairie	Ogle	2
100	Jasper County Prairie Chicken Sanctuary	Jasper	2
101	Johnson's Mound	Kane	1
102	Jubilee College Forest	Peoria	2
103	Jurgensen Woods	Cook	1
104	Kankakee River	Will & Kankakee	1
105	Kemper Park	Kane	1
106	Kettle Moraine	McHenry	1
107	Kinnikinnick Creek	Boone	2
108	Kishwaukee Fen	McHenry	1
109	Julius J. Knobeloch Woods	St. Clair	2
110	Armin Krueger Speleological	Monroe	2
111	La Rue Swamp	Union	2
112	Lake Renwick Heron Rookery	Will	1
113	Lake-In-The-Hills Fen	McHenry	1
114	Laona Heights	Winnebago	2
115	LeRoy Oakes	Kane	1
116	Liberty Prairie	Lake	1
117	Lloyd's Woods	Lake	1
118	Lockport Prairie	Will	1
119	Loda Cemetery Prairie	Iroquois	2
120	Long Branch Sand Prairie	Mason	2
121	Long Run Seep	Will	1
122	Lusk Creek Canyon	Pope	2
123	Lyons Prairie and Marsh	Lake	1
124	MacArthur Woods	Lake	1
125	Manito Prairie	Tazewell	2
126	Maramech Woods	Kendall	1
127	Marion County Prairie Chicken Sanctuary	Marion	2
128	Marissa Woods	St. Clair	2
129	Massac Forest	Massac	2
130	Massasauga Prairie	Warren	2
131	Matanzas Prairie	Mason	2
132	Matthiessen Dells	LaSalle	2
133	McClure Shale Glade	Union	2
134	McMaster Woods	Greene	2
135	Mehl's Bluff	Tazewell	2
136	Meredosia Hill Prairie	Morgan	2
137	Mermet Swamp	Massac	2
138	Middle Fork Woods	Vermilion	2
139	Miller Shrub Swamp	Marion	2
140	Miller-Anderson Woods	Bureau & Putnam	2

141	Mississippi River Sand Hills	Hancock	2
142	Mississippi Sanctuary	Madison	2
143	Momence Wetlands	Kankakee	2
144	Morton Grove Prairie	Cook	1
145	Mt. Palatine Cemetery Prairie	Putnam	2
146	Munson Township Cemetery Prairie	Henry	2
147	Myer Woods	Bureau	2
148	Nelson Lake Marsh	Kane	1
149	Norris	Kane	1
150	North Dunes	Lake	1
151	O'Hara Woods	Will	1
152	Oak Openings	Lake	1
153	Oakwood Hills Fen	McHenry	1
154	Oblate Fathers' Woods	Madison	2
155	John M. Olin	Madison	2
156	Ozark Hills	Union	2
157	Palos Fen	Cook	1
158	George S. Park Memorial Woods	Putnam	2
159	Julia M. & Royce L. Parker Fen	McHenry	1
160	ParkLands	Tazewell	2
161	Paw Paw Woods	Cook	1
162	Pecatonica Bottoms	Winnebago	2
163	Pecumsaugan Creek/Blackball Mine	LaSalle	2
164	Pere Marquette	Jersey	2
165	Pine Rock	Ogle	2
166	Piney Creek Ravine	Randolph & Jackson	2
167	Pistakee Bog	McHenry & Lake	1
168	Plum Grove	Winnebago	2
169	Posen Woods	Washington	2
170	Prospect Cemetery	Ford	2
171	Raccoon Grove	Will	1
172	Red Hills Woods	Lawrence	2
173	Reed-Turner Woodland	Lake	1
174	Revis Hill Prairie	Mason	2
175	Ridgetop Hill Prairie	Woodford	2
176	Roberts Cemetery Savanna	Montgomery	2
177	Robeson Hills	Lawrence	2
178	Robinson Park Hill Prairies	Peoria	2
179	Rock Cave	Effingham	2
180	Rock Island Trail Prairie	Peoria	2
181	Rockton Township Bog	Winnebago	2
182	Rocky Branch	Clark	2
183	Romeoville Prairie	Will	1
184	Round Bluff	Johnson	2
185	Edward L. Ryerson	Lake	1
186	Sagawau Canyon	Cook	1
187	Salt Creek Woods	Cook	1
188	Sand Prairie-Scrub Oak	Mason	2
189	Sand Ridge	Cook	1

190	Sand Ridge Savanna	Will	1
191	Carl & Claire Marie Sands/Main Street Prairie	McHenry	1
192	Searls Park Prairie	Winnebago	2
193	Section 8 Woods	Pulaski	2
194	Sentinel	Carroll	2
195	Severson Dells	Winnebago	2
196	Shick Shack Sand Pond	Cass	2
197	Shoe Factory Road Prairie	Cook	1
198	Short Pioneer Cemetery Prairie	Grundy	2
199	Skokie River	Lake	1
200	Somme Prairie	Cook	1
201	Spitler Woods	Macon	2
202	Spring Bay Fen	Woodford	2
203	Spring Bluff	Lake	1
204	Spring Grove Cemetery Prairie	Warren	2
205	Spring Grove Fen	McHenry	1
206	Spring Lake	Cook	1
207	Starved Rock	LaSalle	2
208	Stemler Cave Woods	St. Clair	2
209	Stubblefield Woodlots	McLean	2
210	Thaddeus Stubblefield Grove	McLean	2
211	Sunbury Railroad Prairie	Livingston	2
212	Temperance Hill Cemetery Prairie	Lee	2
213	Thomson-Fulton Sand Prairie	Whiteside	2
214	Thorn Creek Woods	Will	1
215	Thornton-Lansing Road	Cook	1
216	Tomlin Timber	Mason	2
217	Tomlinson Pioneer Cemetery Prairie	Champaign	2
218	Trout Park	Kane	1
219	Tucker-Millington Fen	Kendall	1
220	Turner Lake Fen	Lake	1
221	Upper Embarras Woods	Douglas	2
222	Volo Bog	Lake	1
223	Douglas A. Wade Prairie	Ogle	2
224	Wadsworth Prairie	Lake	1
225	Wards Grove	JoDaviess	2
226	Wauconda Bog	Lake	1
227	Weingart Road Sedge Meadow	McHenry	1
228	Weston Cemetery Prairie	McLean	2
229	Wier Hill Prairie	Putnam	2
230	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	DeKalb	2
231	Wilmington Shrub Prairie	Will	1
232	Wilson Prairie	Winnebago	2
233	Windfall Prairie	Vermilion	2
234	Wirth Prairie	Stephenson	2
235	Witter's Bobtown Hill Prairie	Menard	2
236	Wolf Road Prairie	Cook	1

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 Alphabetic by County Name

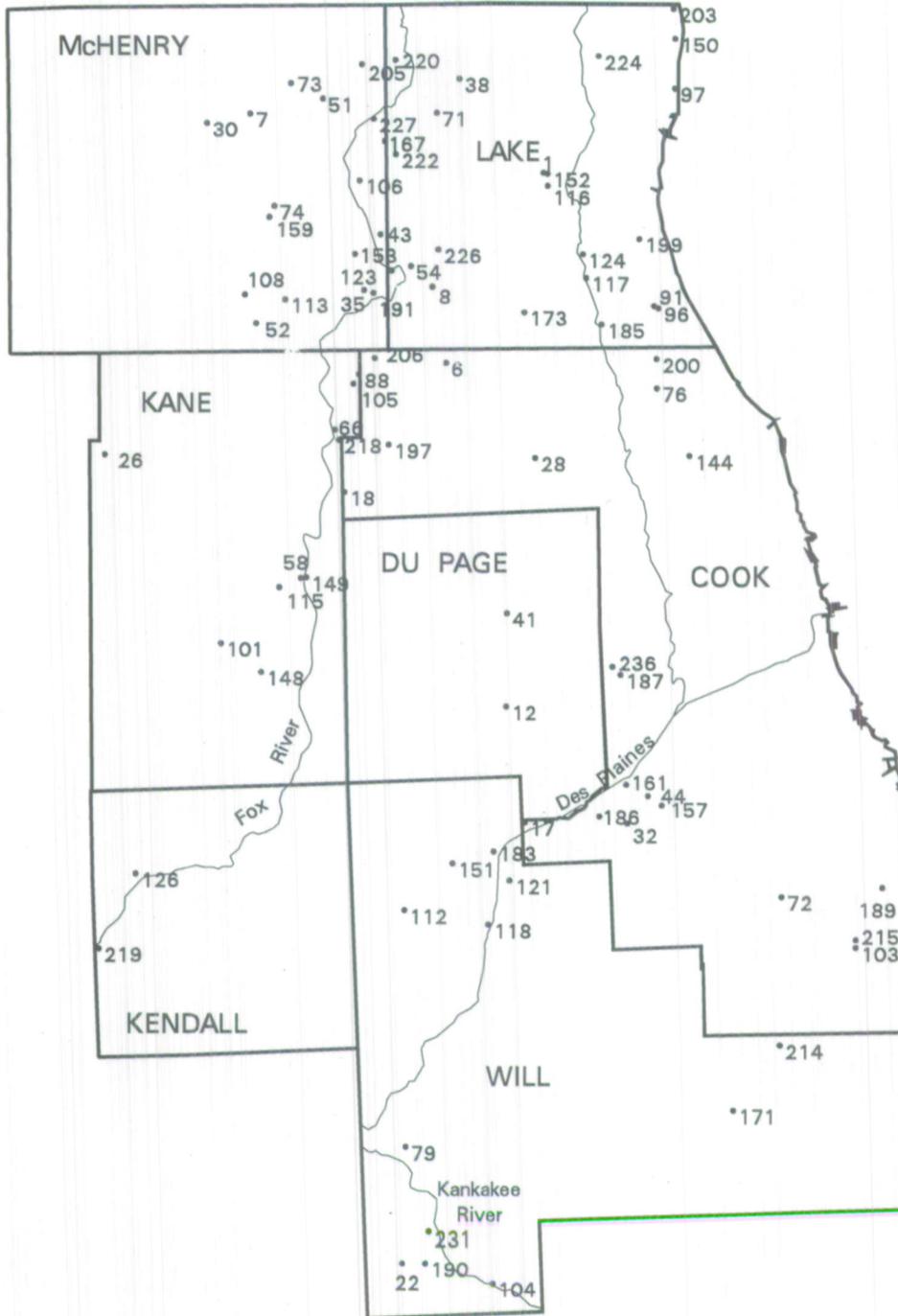
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217	Tomlinson Pioneer Cemetery Prairie	Champaign	2
2	American Beech Woods	Clark	2
182	Rocky Branch	Clark	2
6	Bakers Lake	Cook	1
17	Black Partridge Woods	Cook	1
18	Bluff Springs Fen	Cook	1
28	Busse Forest	Cook	1
32	Cap Sauers Holdings	Cook	1
44	Cranberry Slough	Cook	1
72	Gensburg-Markham Prairie	Cook	1
76	Glenbrook North High School Prairie	Cook	1
103	Jurgensen Woods	Cook	1
144	Morton Grove Prairie	Cook	1
157	Palos Fen	Cook	1
161	Paw Paw Woods	Cook	1
186	Sagawau Canyon	Cook	1
187	Salt Creek Woods	Cook	1
189	Sand Ridge	Cook	1
197	Shoe Factory Road Prairie	Cook	1
200	Somme Prairie	Cook	1
206	Spring Lake	Cook	1
215	Thornton-Lansing Road	Cook	1
236	Wolf Road Prairie	Cook	1
230	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	DeKalb	2
221	Upper Embarras Woods	Douglas	2
12	Belmont Prairie	DuPage	1
41	Churchill Prairie	DuPage	1
5	Baber Woods	Edgar	2
179	Rock Cave	Effingham	2
47	Dean Hills	Fayette	2

170	Prospect Cemetery	Ford	2
86	Harper-Rector Woods	Fulton	2
134	McMaster Woods	Greene	2
77	Goose Lake Prairie	Grundy	2
198	Short Pioneer Cemetery Prairie	Grundy	2
37	Cedar Glen	Hancock	2
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92	Hooper Branch Savanna	Iroquois	2
119	Loda Cemetery Prairie	Iroquois	2
57	Fern Rocks	Jackson	2
100	Jasper County Prairie Chicken Sanctuary	Jasper	2
164	Pere Marquette	Jersey	2
83	Hanover Bluff	JoDaviess	2
225	Wards Grove	JoDaviess	2
36	Cave Creek Glade	Johnson	2
89	Heron Pond-Little Black Slough	Johnson	2
184	Round Bluff	Johnson	2
26	Burlington Prairie	Kane	1
58	Ferson's Creek Fen	Kane	1
66	Fox River Fen	Kane	1
88	Helm Woods	Kane	1
101	Johnson's Mound	Kane	1
105	Kemper Park	Kane	1
115	LeRoy Oakes	Kane	1
148	Nelson Lake Marsh	Kane	1
149	Norris	Kane	1
218	Trout Park	Kane	1
78	Gooseberry Island	Kankakee	2
98	Iroquois Woods	Kankakee	2
143	Momence Wetlands	Kankakee	2
126	Maramech Woods	Kendall	1
219	Tucker-Millington Fen	Kendall	1
1	Almond Marsh	Lake	1
8	Barrington Bog	Lake	1
38	Cedar Lake Bog	Lake	1
185	Edward L. Ryerson	Lake	1
54	Farm Trails North	Lake	1
71	Gavin Bog and Prairie	Lake	1
91	Highmoor Park	Lake	1
96	Hybernia	Lake	1
97	Illinois Beach	Lake	1
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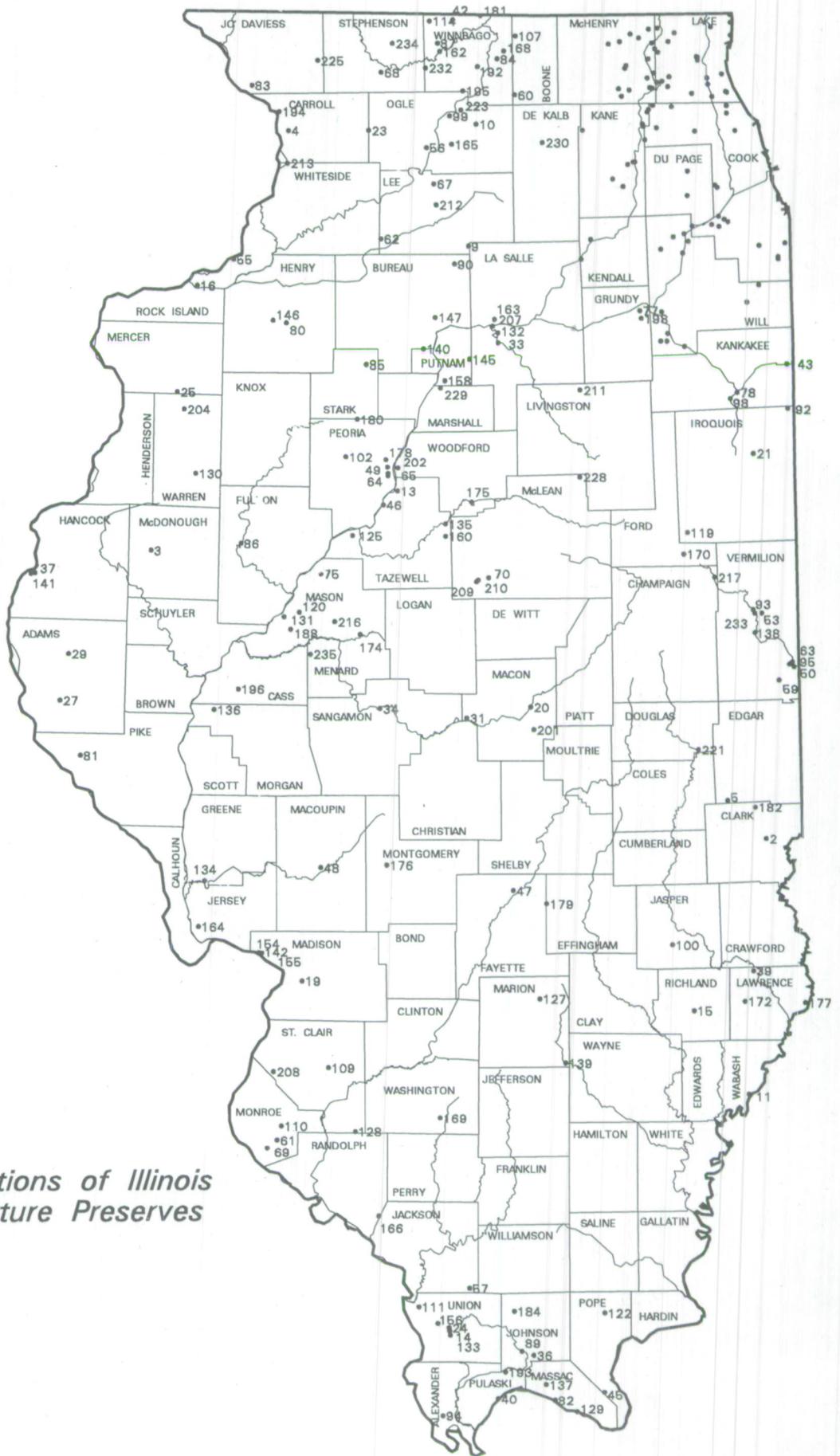
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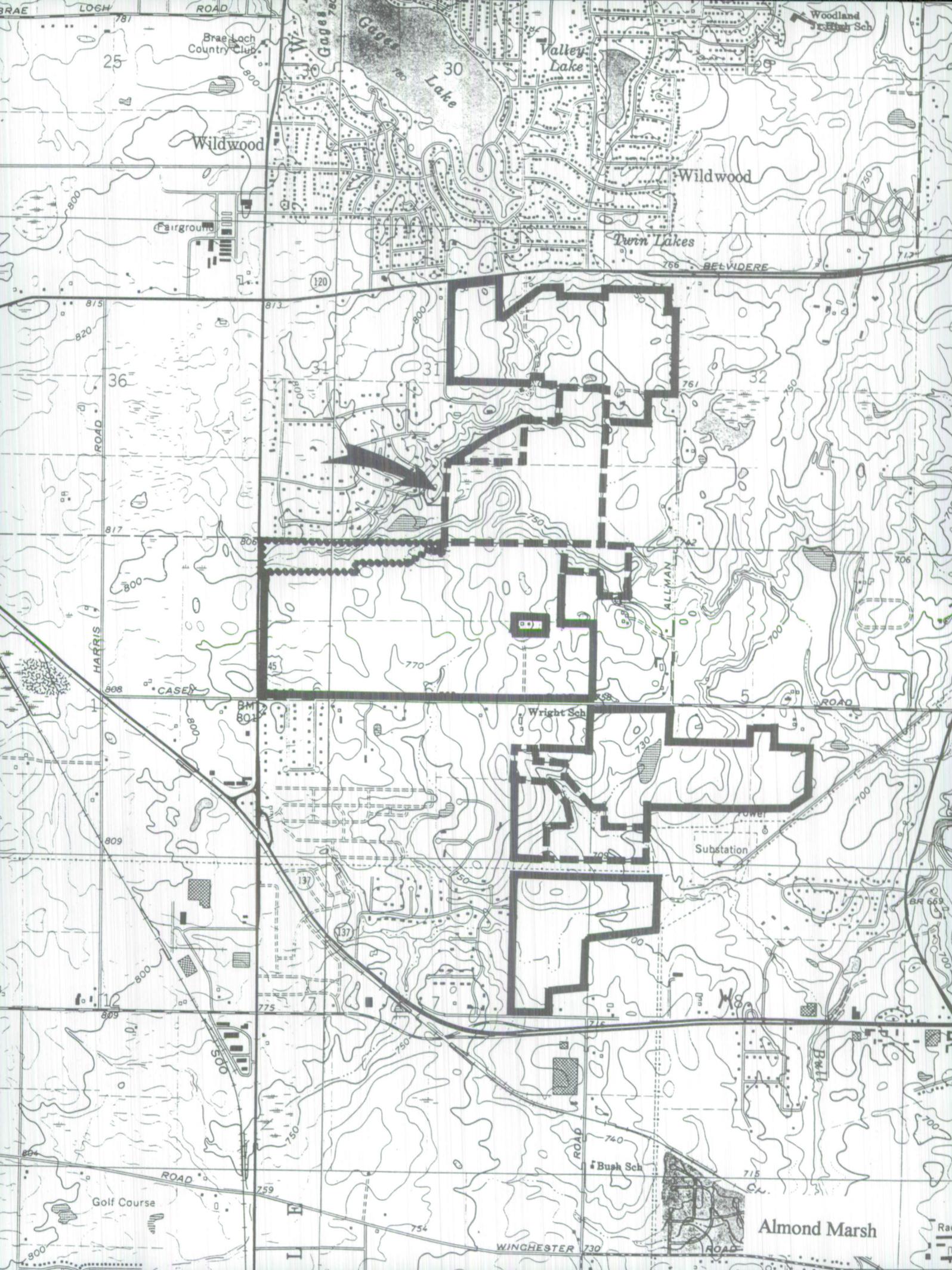
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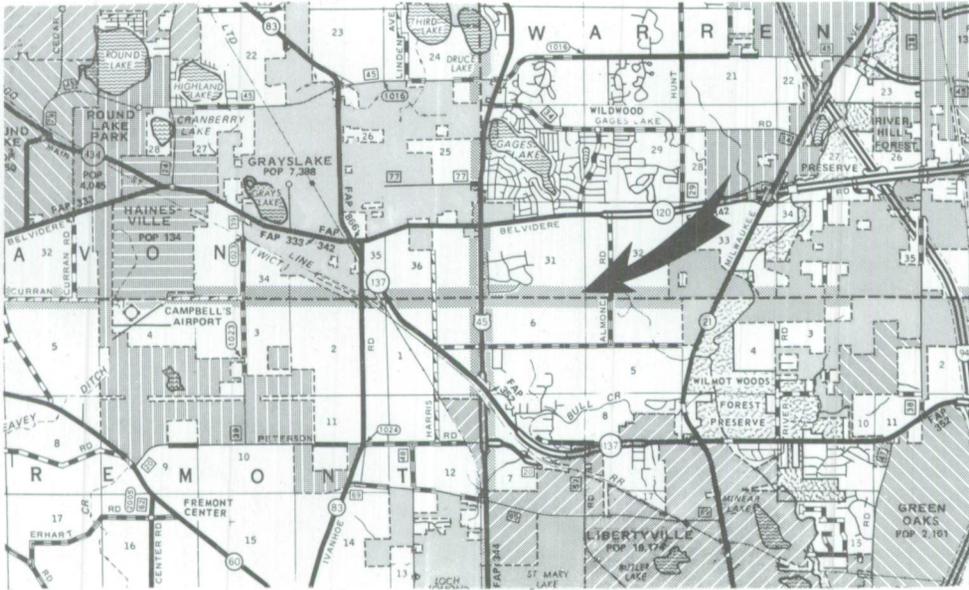


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Almond Marsh Nature Preserve

Lake County

Location and Access:

From Libertyville, at the jtc. of Rts. 21 (Milwaukee Ave.) and 137 (Buckley Rd.), go west on Rt. 137 to Rt. 45, north on Rt. 45 for .5 mi. to Casey Road; east on Casey 1.5 mi. to Almond Rd.; north on Almond 1 mile; west into the Lake County Forest Preserve Planning and Conservation office. The nature preserve extends from the north side of the parking lot.

Special Note: No trail system is in place for viewing this preserve.

Description:

Almond Marsh is approximately 110 acres of wetlands, oak woodlands, savanna and old fields. The latest advance of the Pleistocene continental glaciation in this area resulted in a landform of morainal ridges separated by depressions and small drainageways. The highlight of the preserve is an approximately 80-acre marsh and sedge meadow complex, over half of which is high quality. Wooded slopes border the wetlands providing important continuity to the diverse natural communities located at Almond Marsh. Predominant trees of the woodlands are bur, white and red oaks. The sedge

meadow is dominated by tussock sedge with at least nine other sedge species also occurring including beaked sedge and the rare wheat sedge. Forbs in the wetland communities include blue flag, marsh skullcap, bur-reed, common arrowhead and several asters.

The Almond Marsh Nature Preserve is part of an inter-agency cooperative project to establish the Liberty Prairie Open-Space Reserve. The project brings together public agencies and private landowners to form a macro-site preserve of approximately 2,500 acres in Libertyville Township.

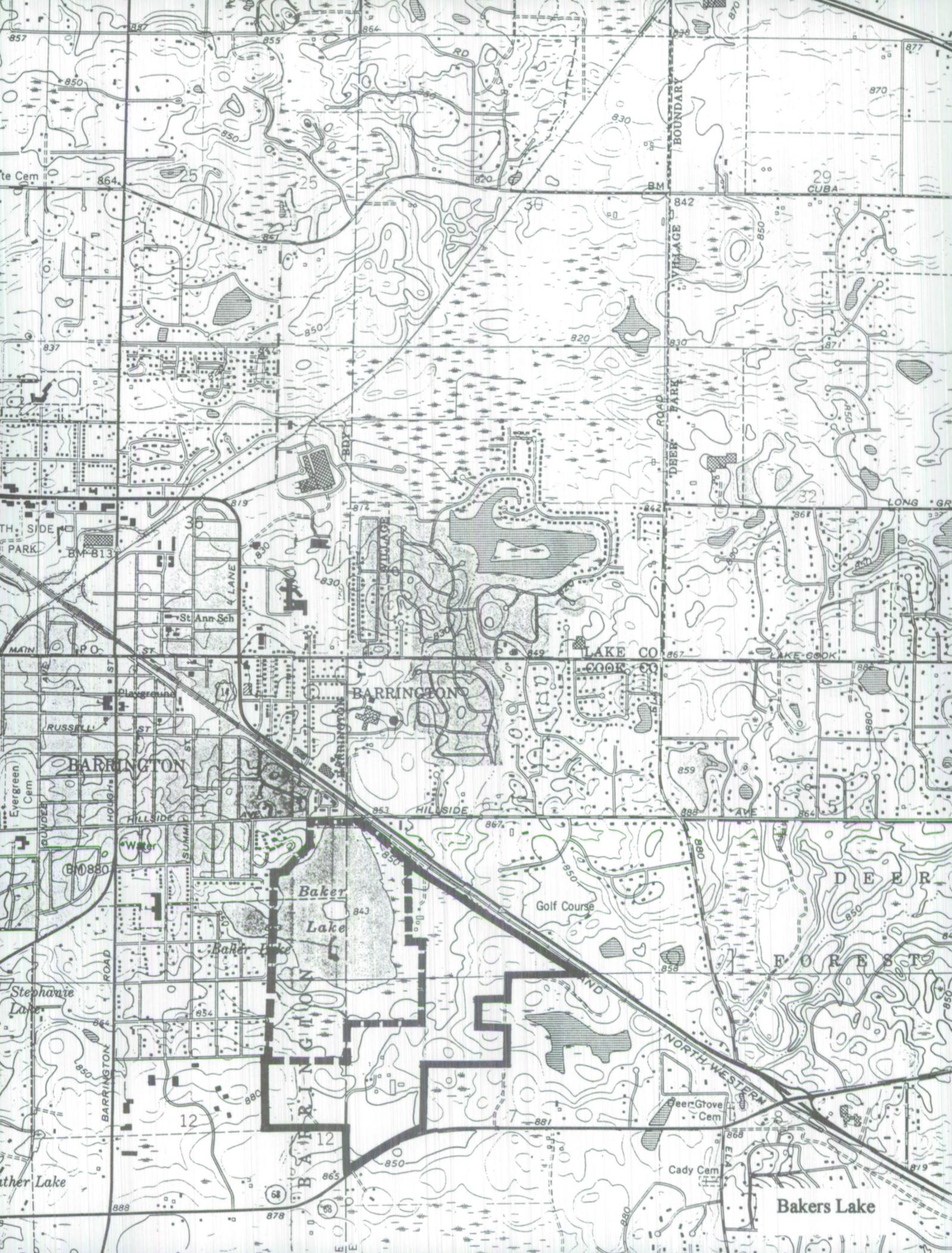
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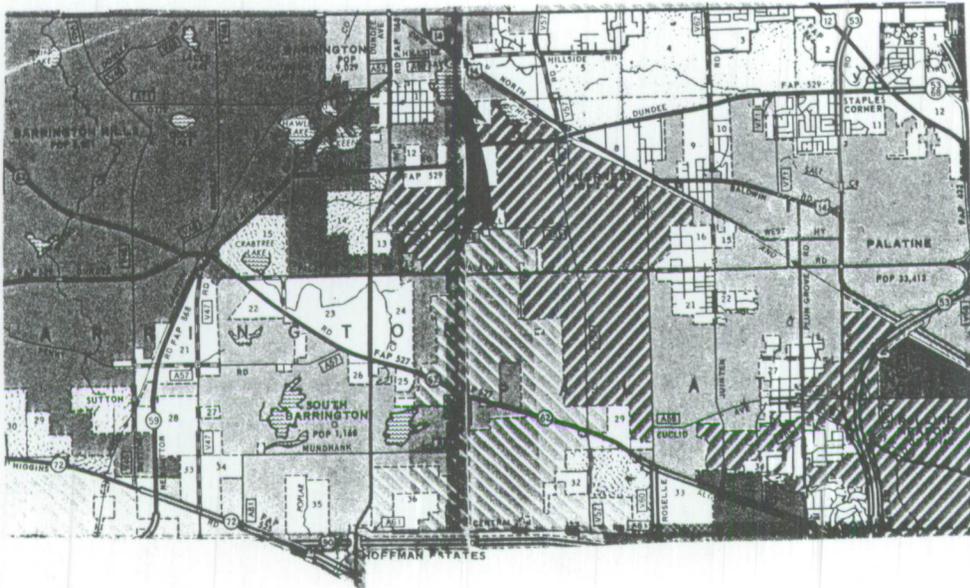
Dedicated: December 1990

Size: 110 acres

Topo Map: Libertyville and Grayslake 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Lake County Forest Preserve District, Natural Resource Manager, 2000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048 (708/680-6301)





Baker's Lake Nature Preserve

Cook County

Location and Access:

From Barrington, take Hwy. 14 southeast about 1 mile. The nature preserve is south of Hillside Avenue and southwest of Hwy. 14.

Special Note: Trails and parking are available at this preserve.

Description:

Baker's Lake Nature Preserve is a 209 acre area containing a 112 acre lake with an island and a stand of mature open-grown oaks. The area provides visitors with an example of a nature preserve which was dedicated primarily to protect a breeding area for rare and endangered birds rather than for its plant communities. The preserve protects a rookery for 4 species of colonial nesting birds; black-crowned night heron, great egret,

double crested cormorant and great blue heron. The area also supports common moorhen, yellow-headed black-bird, and black tern. Other species, especially water-fowl, are present during migration.

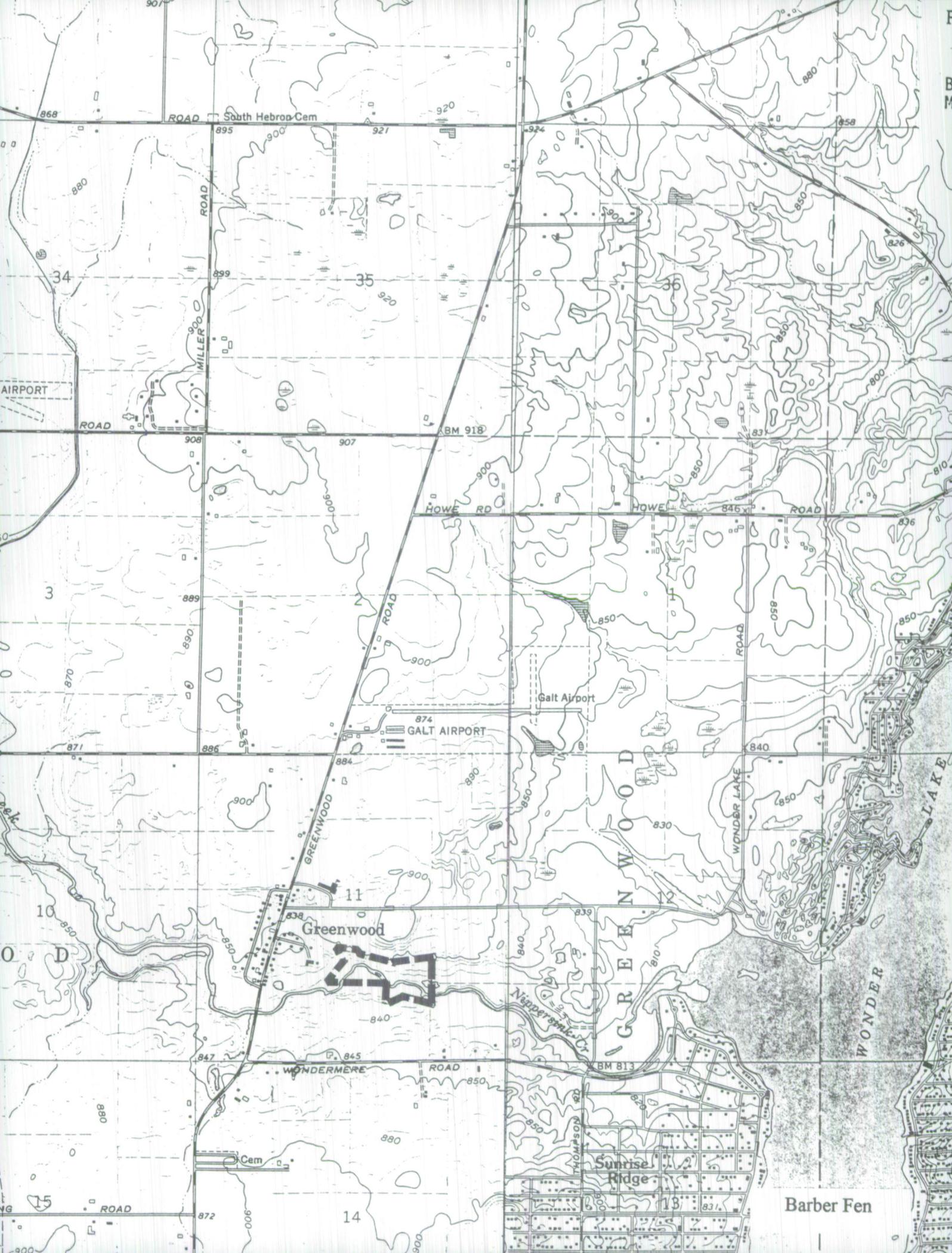
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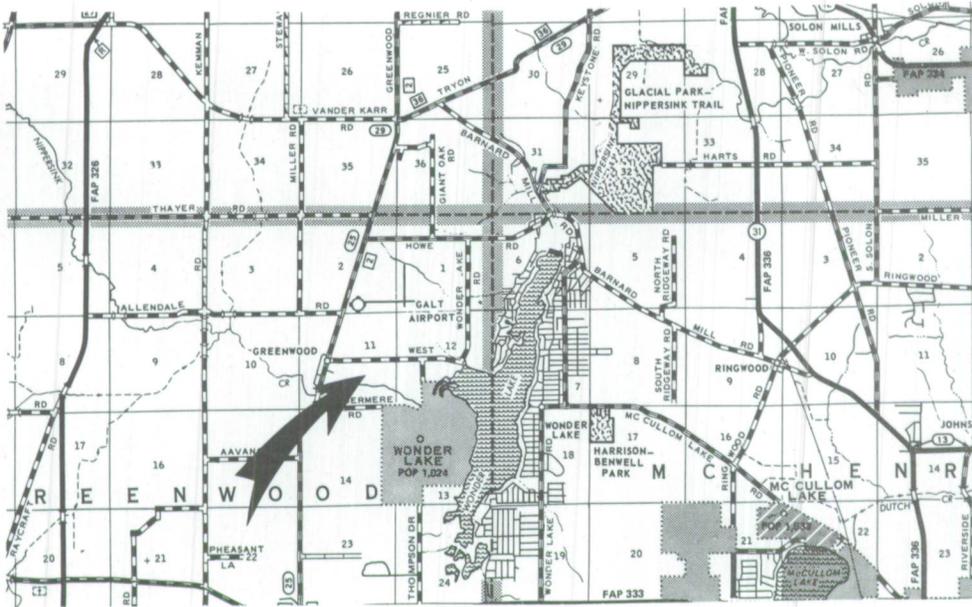
Dedicated: June 1984

Size: 209.9 acres

Topo Map: Lake Zurich 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Forest Preserve District of Cook County, c/o Conservation Department, 536 North Harlem Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305 (708/771-1330)





Barber Fen Nature Preserve

McHenry County

Location and Access:

Special Note: Barber Fen is a privately owned Nature Preserve. Entrance is by prior permission only.

Description:

The preserve contains a mosaic of seven natural communities including high quality graminoid fens. The fens are dominated by big and little bluestem and prairie and sterile sedge with a rich assemblage of calciphilic forbs such as Kalm's lobelia, grass-of-Parnassus, small-fringed gentians and Ohio goldenrod. From the largest fen community, calcareous seeps emerge at the surface to form spring runs. Sedge meadows dominated by tussock sedge and blue joint grass, border the fens and grade into a narrow strip of wet prairie before connecting to pastureland. Three habitat restricted butterfly species, Baltimore checkerspot, silver-bordered fritillary and eyed brown, have been reported from the

wetlands. Two high quality aquatic communities, a medium-gradient creek, Nippersink Creek, and a back-water pond are also found in the preserve. The pond supports several floating plant species including white water lily and spatterdock. The Nippersink Creek is characterized by slow moving pools over fine sand and gravel and short riffles over gravel and cobble bottoms. The creek has at least 15 notable and rare fish species.

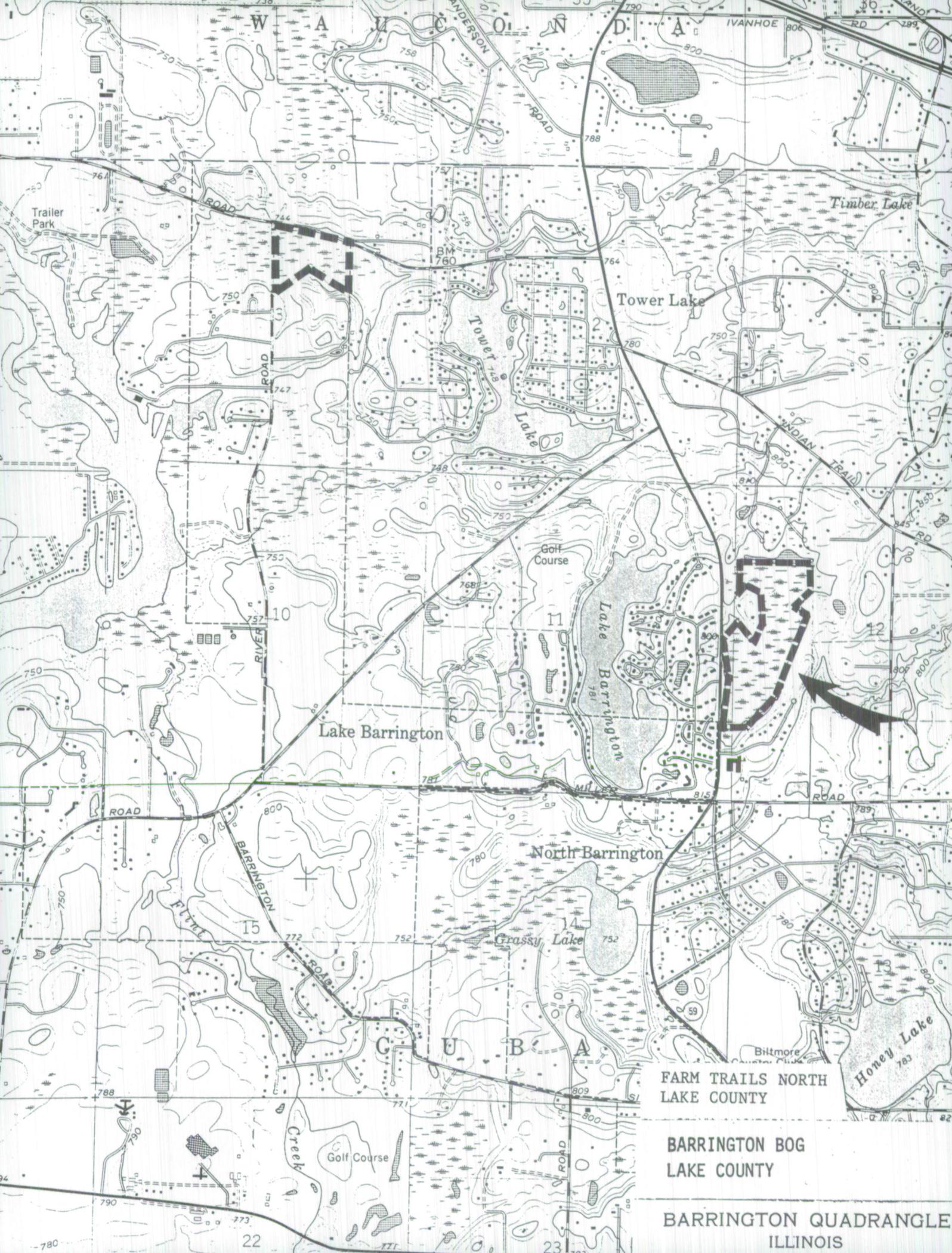
Ownership: Rodney and Libbie Aavang

Dedicated: December 1990

Size: 18.5 acres

Topo Map: Hebron 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, 524 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62706 (217/785-8686)

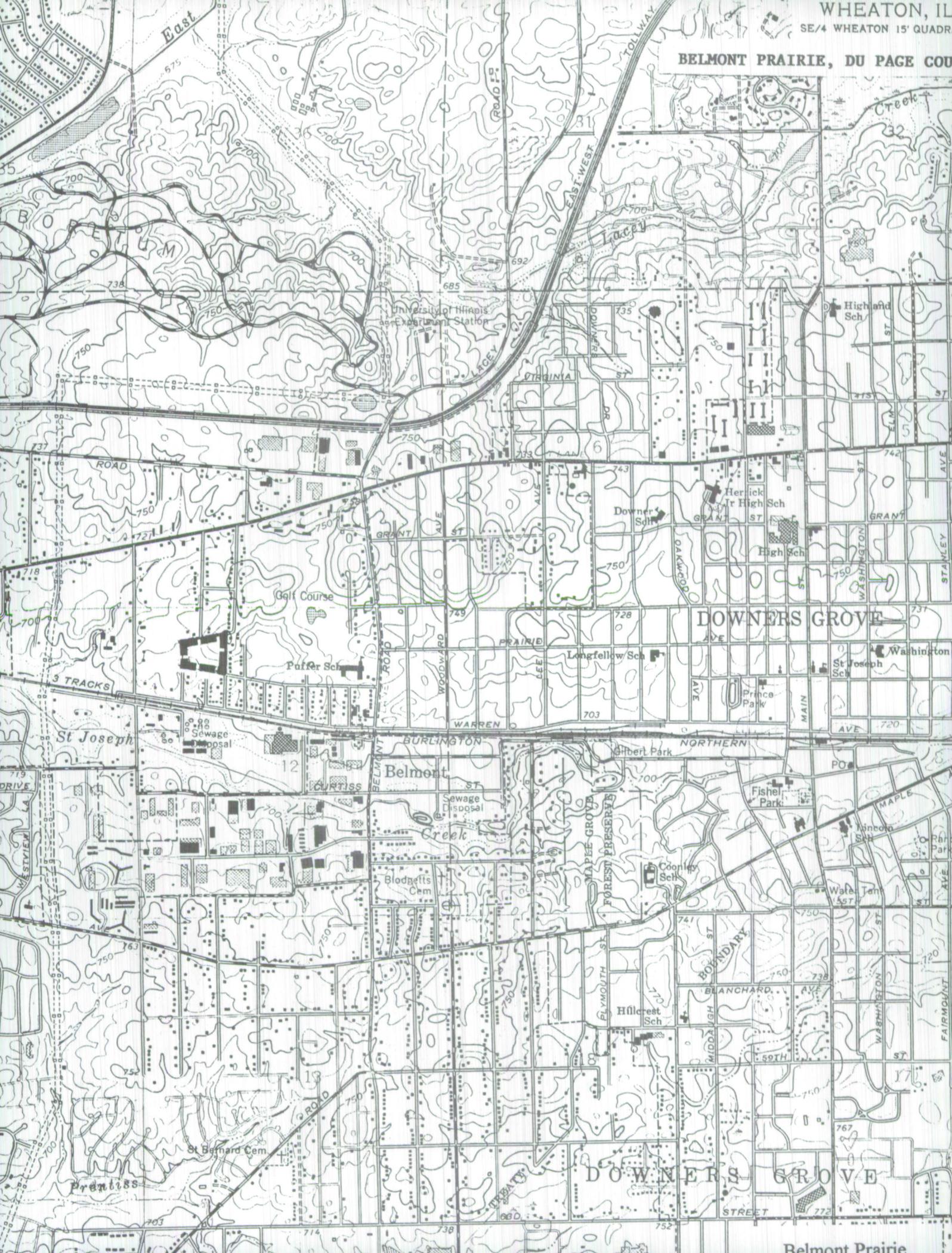


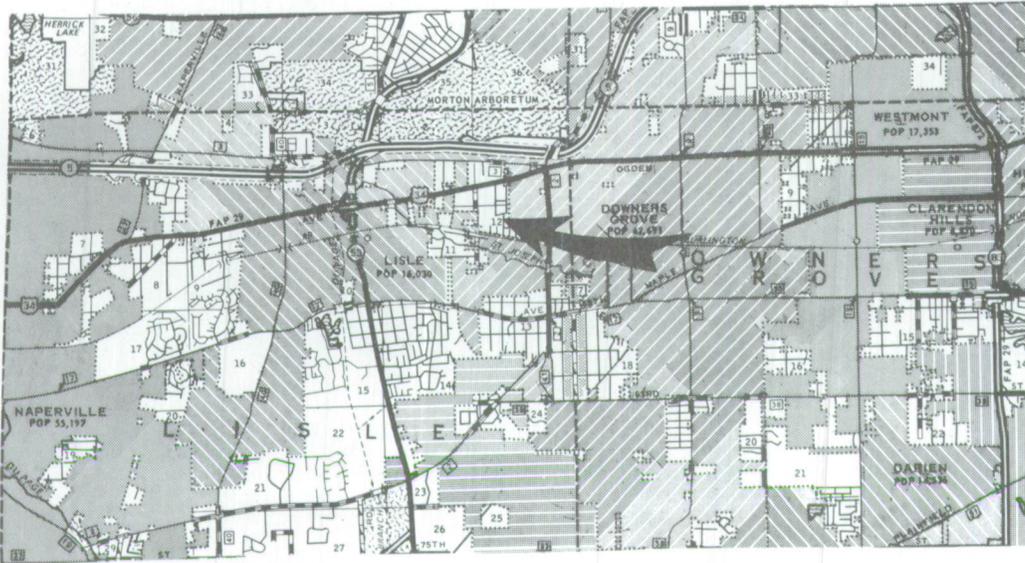
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Belmont Prairie Nature Preserve

DuPage County

Location and Access:

From Downers Grove at jct. Hwy. 34 (Ogden Road) & Belmont Road, take Belmont Road south 0.6 mile to Prairie Avenue, then turn and go east 0.5 mile to Cross Street. The nature preserve is northwest of jct. Prairie Avenue & Cross Street.

Description:

Belmont Prairie is a high quality remnant of the dry to wet prairies typical of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division. The preserve is located within the Valparaiso Moranic System on the Keenyville drift which was formed over 12,000 years ago. For the most part, the upper north and east sections of the area contain moderately well to well drained soils. But soils on the lower slopes and in scattered pockets throughout the area are poorly drained. The dry-mesic prairie has a high forb diversity and low percentage of grass cover. The dominant species are porcupine grass and Canada blue-joint grass. The small wet-mesic and wet prairie contain moisture-loving species such as cordgrass,

sedges, and blue-joint grass. A few wildlife species known to occur here are garter snake, fox snake, and meadow vole. The area was protected from development in the early 1970's by cooperative efforts of The Nature Conservancy and the Belmont Prairie Preservation Association. One-third of the area was preserved through a gift by Alfred and Margo Dupree of Downers Grove.

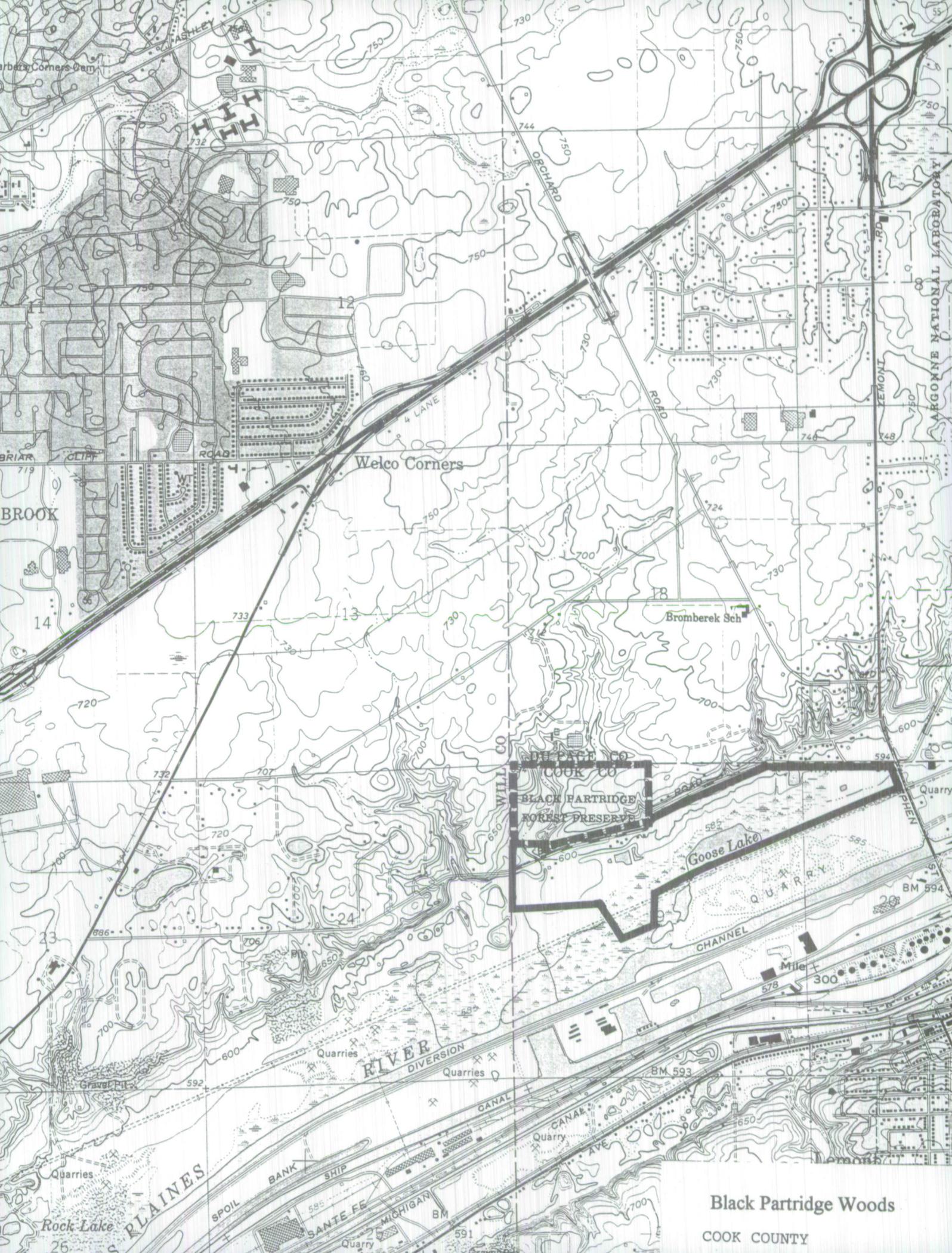
Ownership: Downers Grove Park District

Dedicated: November 1979 as the 75th Illinois Nature Preserve

Size: 10.4 acres

Topo Map: Wheaton 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Downers Grove Park District, 6801 South Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (708/963-1304)



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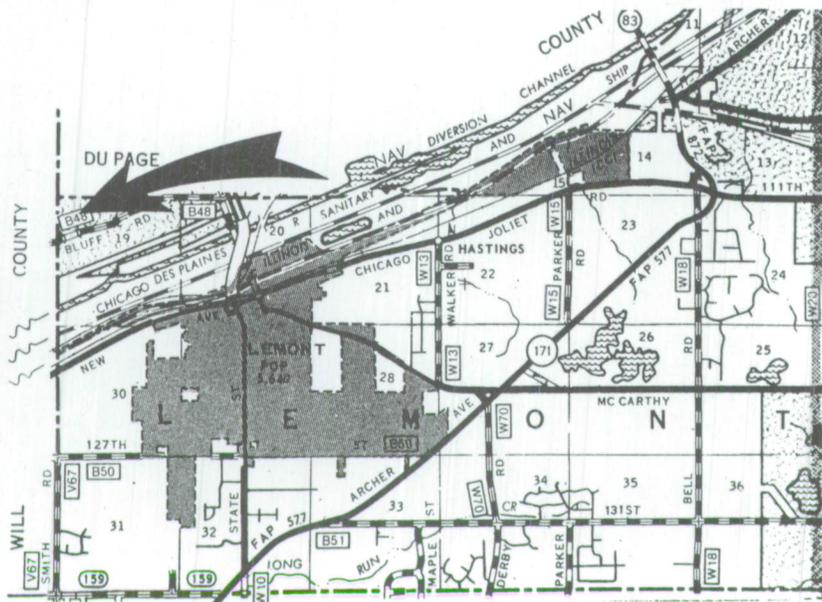
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Black Partridge Woods Nature Preserve

Cook County

Location and Access:

From Lemont, take Lemont Road north across the Des Plaines River, continue on Lemont Road for 0.2 mi. to 111th Street (Bluff Road), then west and southwest 1 mi. The nature preserve is in Black Partridge Woods Forest Preserve.

Special Note: Trails and parking are available at this preserve.

Description:

Black Partridge Woods in Cook County was one of the first dedicated nature preserves in Illinois. The river bluffs, ravine forests, and spring-fed streams represent communities typical of the Morainal Section of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division of Illinois. The mesic forests are dominated by sugar maple, basswood, red oak and white oak, while the seep springs support skunk cabbage, marsh marigold, and a wide variety of spring wildflowers. Common animal species observed in the preserve include woodcock, gray squirrel,

American toad, wood pewee, and red-headed woodpecker. The mottled sculpin, an uncommon bottom dwelling fish, occurs in the stream. Sculpins are restricted to cold and highly oxygenated waters like the stream at the preserve. Black Partridge was a chief and influential leader of the Potawatomi Indians in Illinois during the early 1800's. His village was once located approximately 20 miles north of Peoria, but he is known to have traveled widely in Illinois.

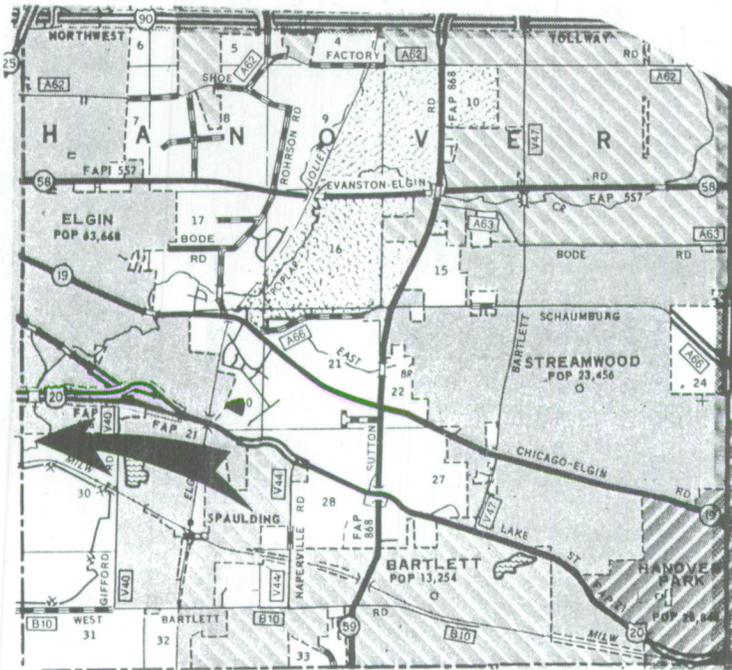
Ownership: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Dedicated: January 1965 as the 2nd Illinois Nature Preserve.

Size: 80 acres

Topo Map: Romeoville 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Conservation Department, 536 North Harlem Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305 (708/771-1330)



Bluff Springs Fen Nature Preserve

Cook County

Access and Location:

From Elgin, take Villa Street southeast to Liberty Street, then turn and go south 0.8 mile to Bluff City Blvd., then turn and go east 0.6 mile to Bluff City Cemetery, then turn south into the cemetery. The nature preserve is south of the cemetery.

Description:

Located in the Morainal Section of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division, Bluff Spring Fen contains many unique natural features. The plant communities, dry gravel prairie, mesic black soil prairie, bur oak savanna, fen, sedge meadow and marsh, support a variety of threatened and endangered plant species. The fen is of particular interest because this community occurs only where highly calcareous water continually

seeps up through the soil. In Illinois fens are limited to the northern third of the state. The preserve provides breeding habitat for bird species such as willow flycatcher, woodcock, wood duck and yellow-breasted chat.

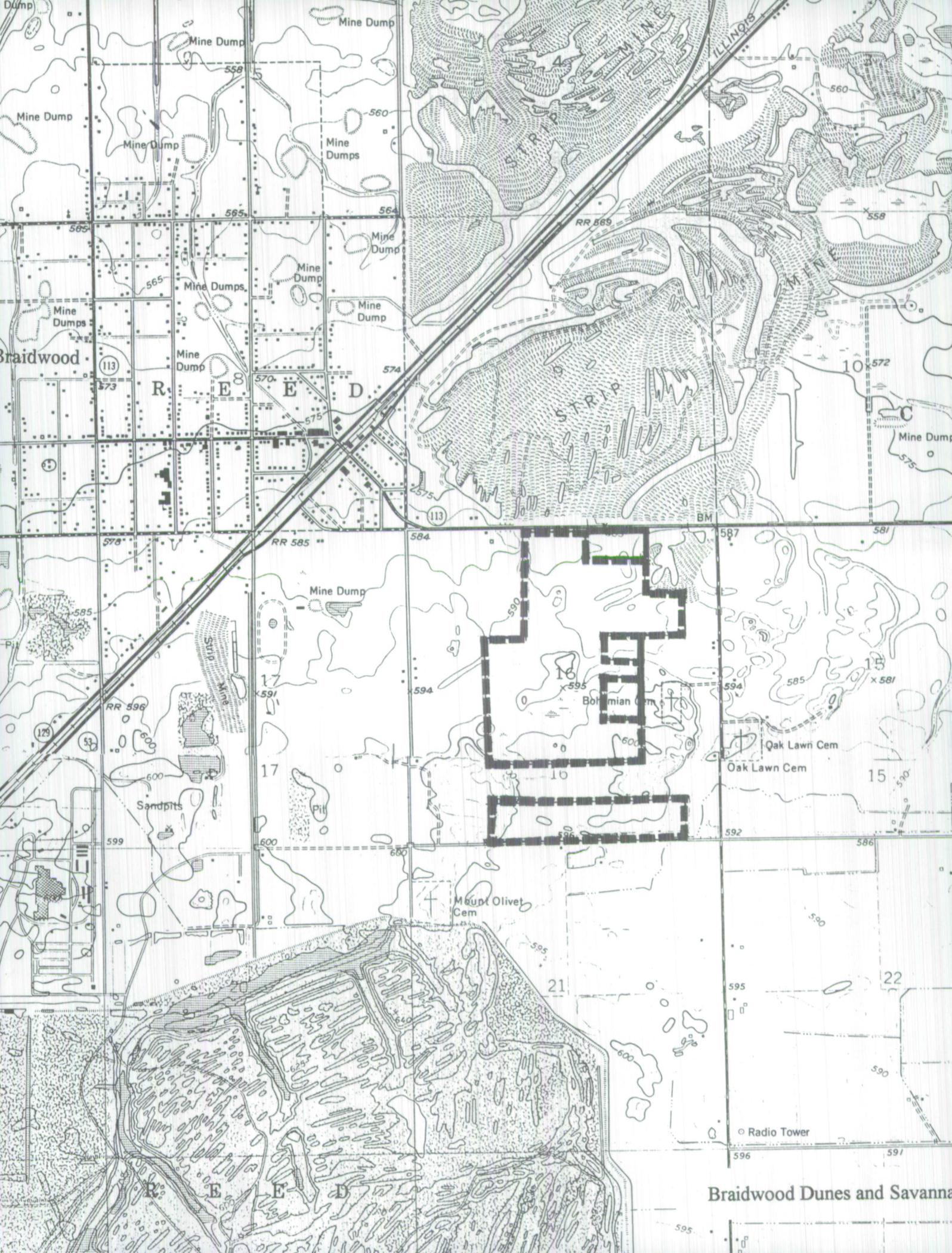
Ownership: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and City of Elgin

Dedicated: January 1987

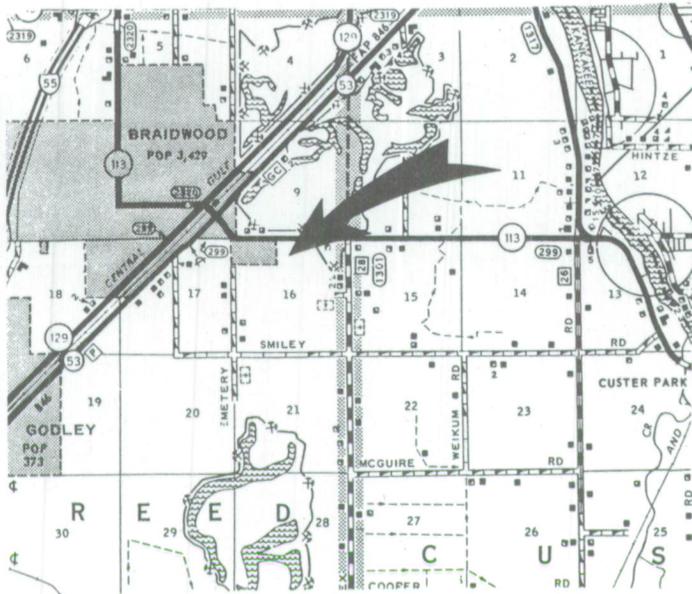
Size: 91 acres

Topo Map: Elgin 7.5

For Further Information Contact: The Nature Conservancy, 8 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60603 (312/345-8166)



Braidwood Dunes and Savanna



Braidwood Dunes and Savanna Nature Preserve

Will County

Location and Access:

From Braidwood at jct. Hwys. 53 & 113, take Hwy. 113 southeast and east 0.8 mile. The nature preserve is to the south.

Special Note: This preserve is open to the public on weekends only.

Description:

Braidwood Dunes and Savanna is a remnant of dry-mesic sand savanna, mesic and wet mesic sand prairie, sedge meadow and marsh representative of the Kankakee Sand Area Section of the Grand Prairie Natural Division. The area is one of the largest and most diverse examples of its type remaining in Illinois. The savanna communities exist in a delicate balance between forest and prairie with fire as the influencing factor. By consuming accumulated litter and preventing succession by trees and shrubs, fire allows the savanna to flourish. Understory savanna species in need of filtered light include climbing vines such as grape and woodbine. Other notable plants of the savanna are clammy false foxglove and huckleberry. The well drained dune ridges and high blowouts contain western

prairie species such as prickly pear cactus. Eastern coastal plain species including yellow-eyed grass, grass pink and tubercled orchid occur in the low wet swales. Due to the wide diversity of habitats within the preserve, the potential for numerous wildlife species is great. Over 30 species of birds have been identified and several species of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates have been observed. Tiger salamander, western chorus frog, six-lined racerunner, western slender glass lizard, bullsnake and bluebirds are some of the more uncommon animals known from this preserve.

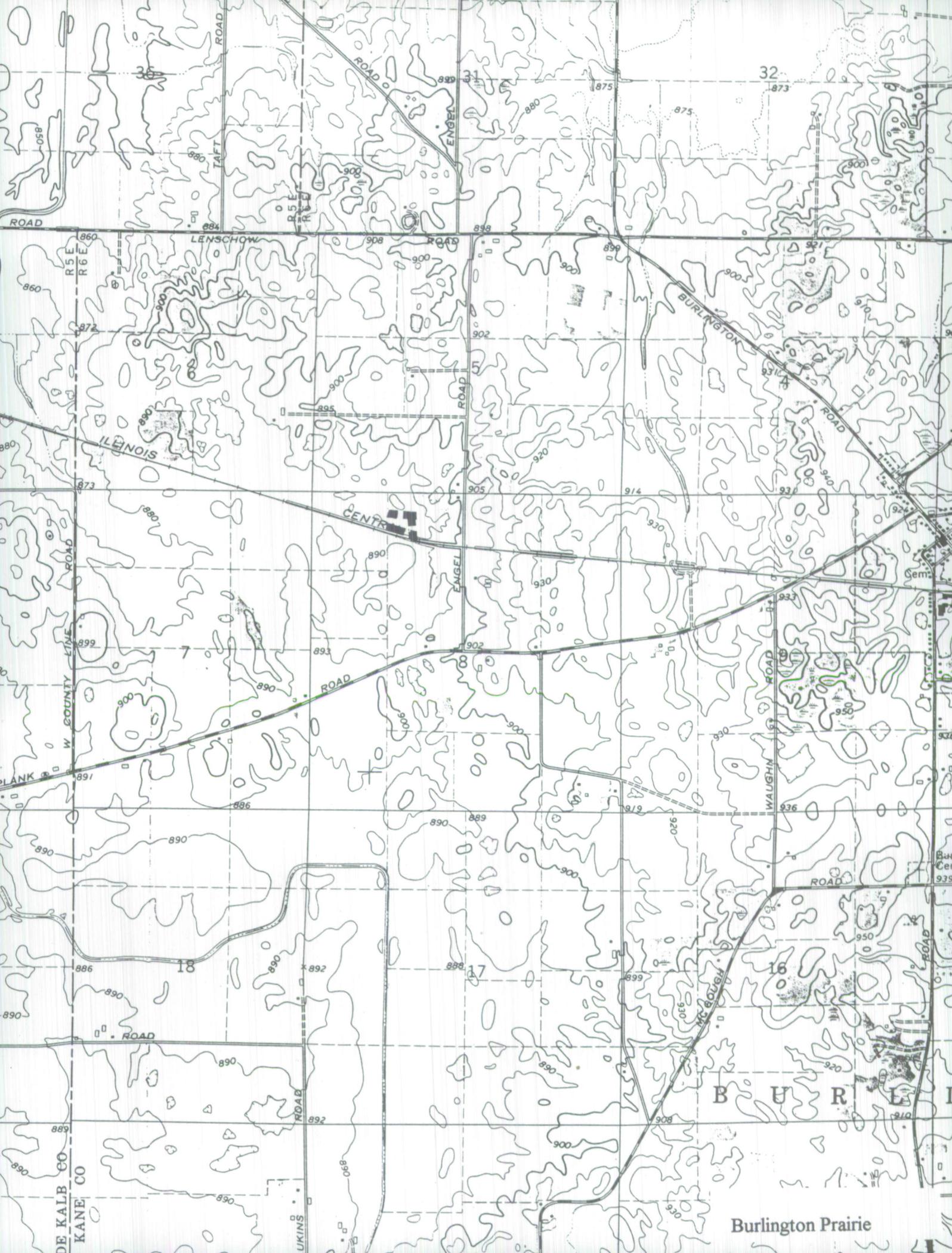
Ownership: Forest Preserve District of Will County

Dedicated: May 1981

Size: 259 acres

Topo Map: Wilmington and Essex 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Forest Preserve District of Will County, 22606 S. Cherry Hill Road, Joliet, IL 60433 (815/727-8700)



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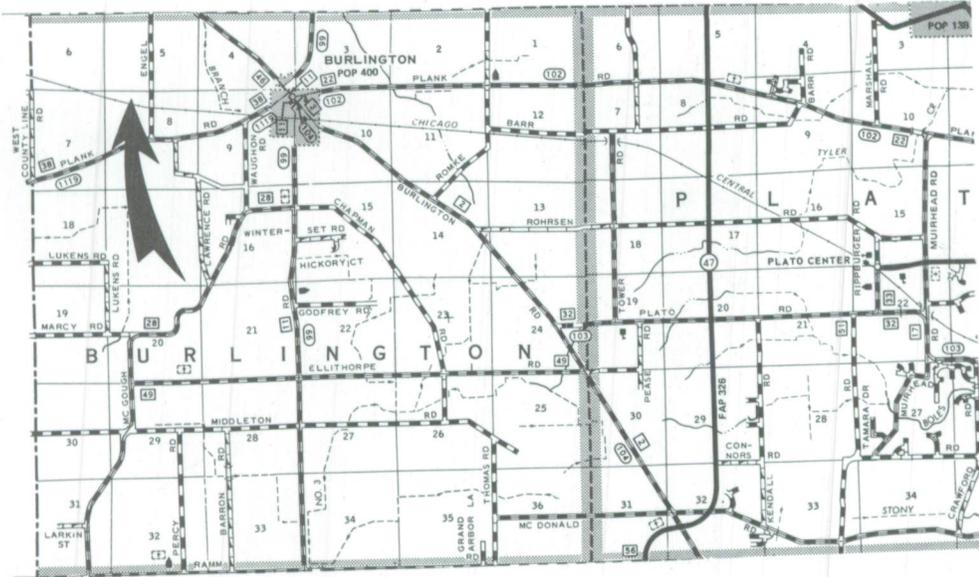
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Burlington Prairie Nature Preserve

Kane County

Location and Access:

From Burlington at the jct. of Burlington (Rt. 46) and Plank Roads (Rt. 38) take Plank Road west for 1.75 mi. to Engle Rd.; north (right) on Engle to the railroad tracks. The nature preserve is approx. 200 yds. west of Engle along the north side of the railroad tracks.

Special Note: There is no public access at this time.

Description:

Burlington Prairie is a prairie pothole in sand and gravel deposits, typical of the outwash plains of the Morainal Section of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division. It contains high quality mesic and wet-mesic prairie, sedge meadow and marsh communities with over 215 native plant species. The site features grade B mesic prairie which abounds with beautiful forbs such as blue-eyed grass, yellow star grass, prairie blazingstar, stiff and bottled gentians and dunes ladies tresses. The

sedge meadow is dominated by eleven species of sedges as well as many species of rushes including Richardson's rush. The marsh is dominated by horse-tails, water plantain, nodding bur marigold, floating manna grass and interspersed with the rare white water crowfoot, blue flag and water smartweed. The water smartweed provides the larval food supply for a large population of purplish copper butterflies.

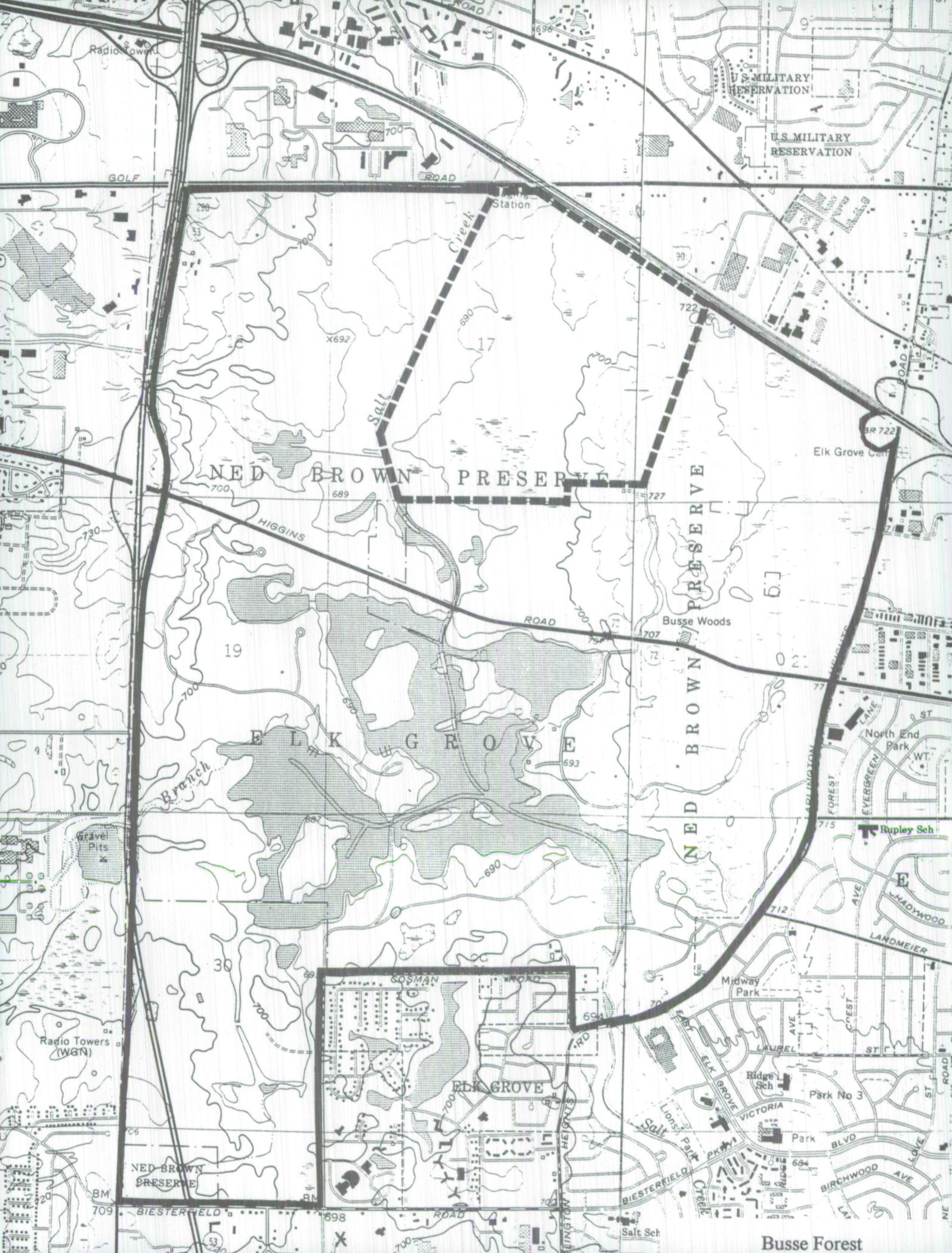
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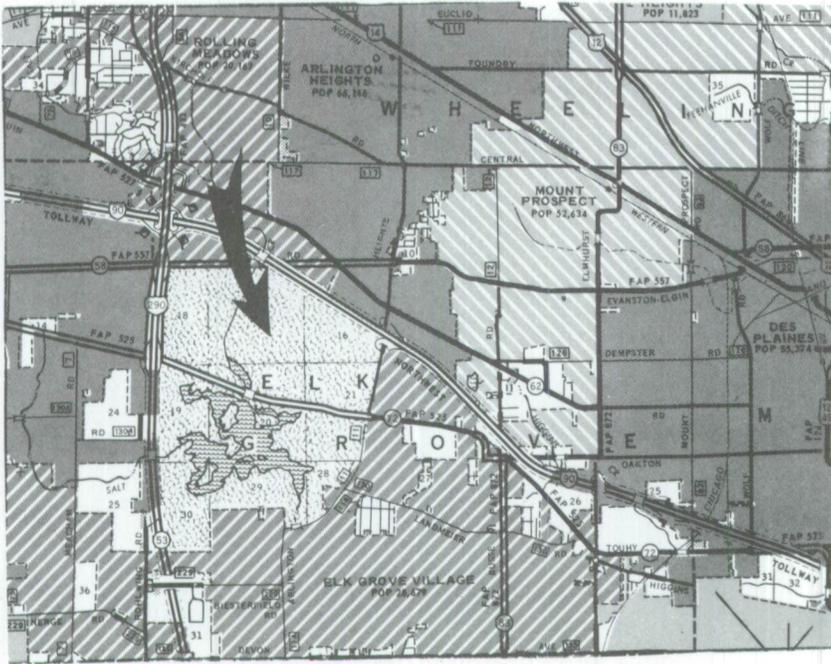
Dedicated: April 1993

Size: 6 acres

Topo Map: Hampshire 7.5

For Further Information Contact: The Forest Preserve District of Kane County, 719 Batavia Road, Geneva, IL 60134 (708/232-5981)





Busse Forest Nature Preserve

Cook County

Location and Access:

From Elk Grove Village at jct. Hwy. 72 (Higgins Road) & Arlington Heights Road, take Higgins Road west 0.6 mile, then turn and go north on the forest preserve road 0.7 mile. The nature preserve is west of the road, east of Salt Creek and south of the Northwest Tollway.

Special Note: Trails and parking are available at this preserve.

Description:

Busse Forest was one of the first areas to be dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve. The site contains flatwoods, upland forest, and marsh communities of the Morainal Section of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division. The flatwoods of northern Illinois are a particularly interesting feature. These areas formed long ago in slight depressions, where the soils are somewhat compact and poorly drained. This environment provides unique growing conditions for a mixture of swamp white oak, ash, red maple, blueflag iris, sedges

and sensitive fern. The marsh community is present in larger glacial depressions that retain water most of the year. The upland forest canopy species include red oak, sugar maple, and basswood while woodland wildflowers such as jack-in-the-pulpit, wild geranium, bloodroot, woodland phlox and trilliums cover the forest floor. The preserve has been damaged by overbrowsing by deer. Deer control has begun and the natural area is recovering.

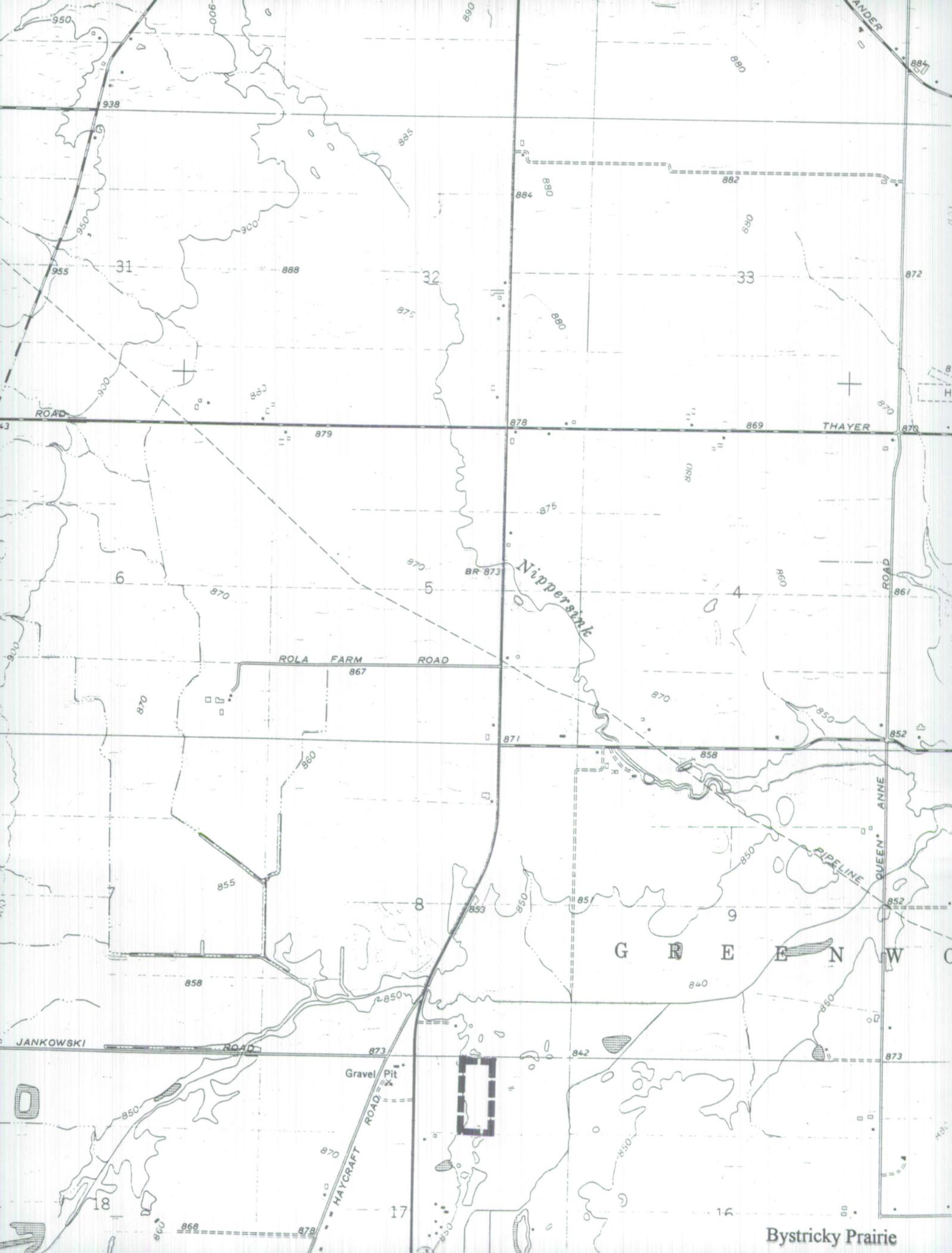
Ownership: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Dedicated: January 1965 as the 3rd Illinois Nature Preserve

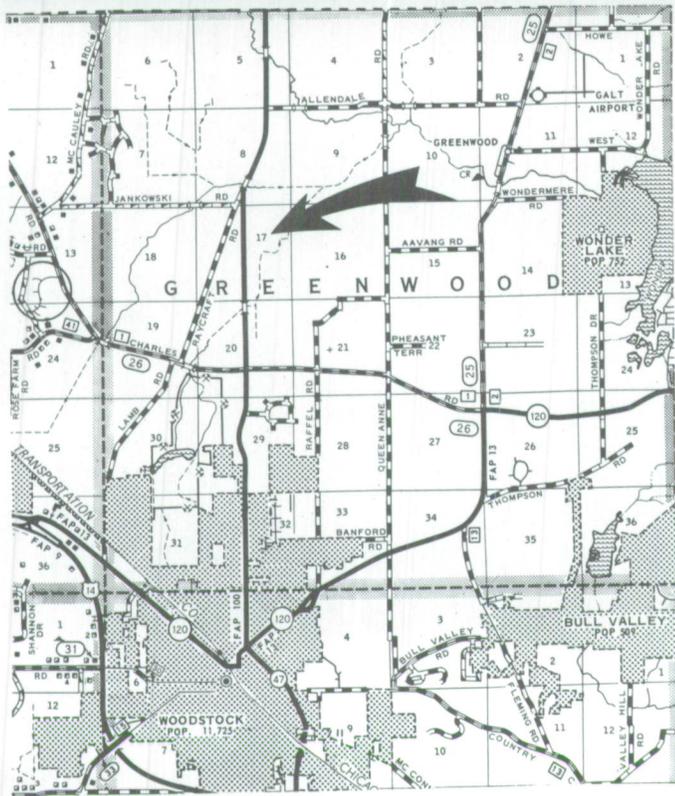
Size: 440 acres

Topo Map: Palatine and Arlington Heights 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Forest Preserve District of Cook County, % Conservation Department, 536 North Harlem Avenue, River Forest 60305 (708/771-1330)



Bystricky Prairie



Bystricky Prairie Nature Preserve

McHenry County

Location and Access:

Special Note: Bystricky Prairie is a privately owned Nature Preserve. Entrance is by permission only.

Description:

Bystricky Prairie was identified in 1986 as the only high quality black soil prairie left in McHenry County. The prairie represents the original vegetation of the North-eastern Morainal Natural Division. The natural communities here include marsh, sedge meadow and dry mesic to wet prairie. The open prairies have a high diversity of native plants including the uncommon

cream wild indigo. Two other rare plant species, dwarf birch and hoary willow, also occur.

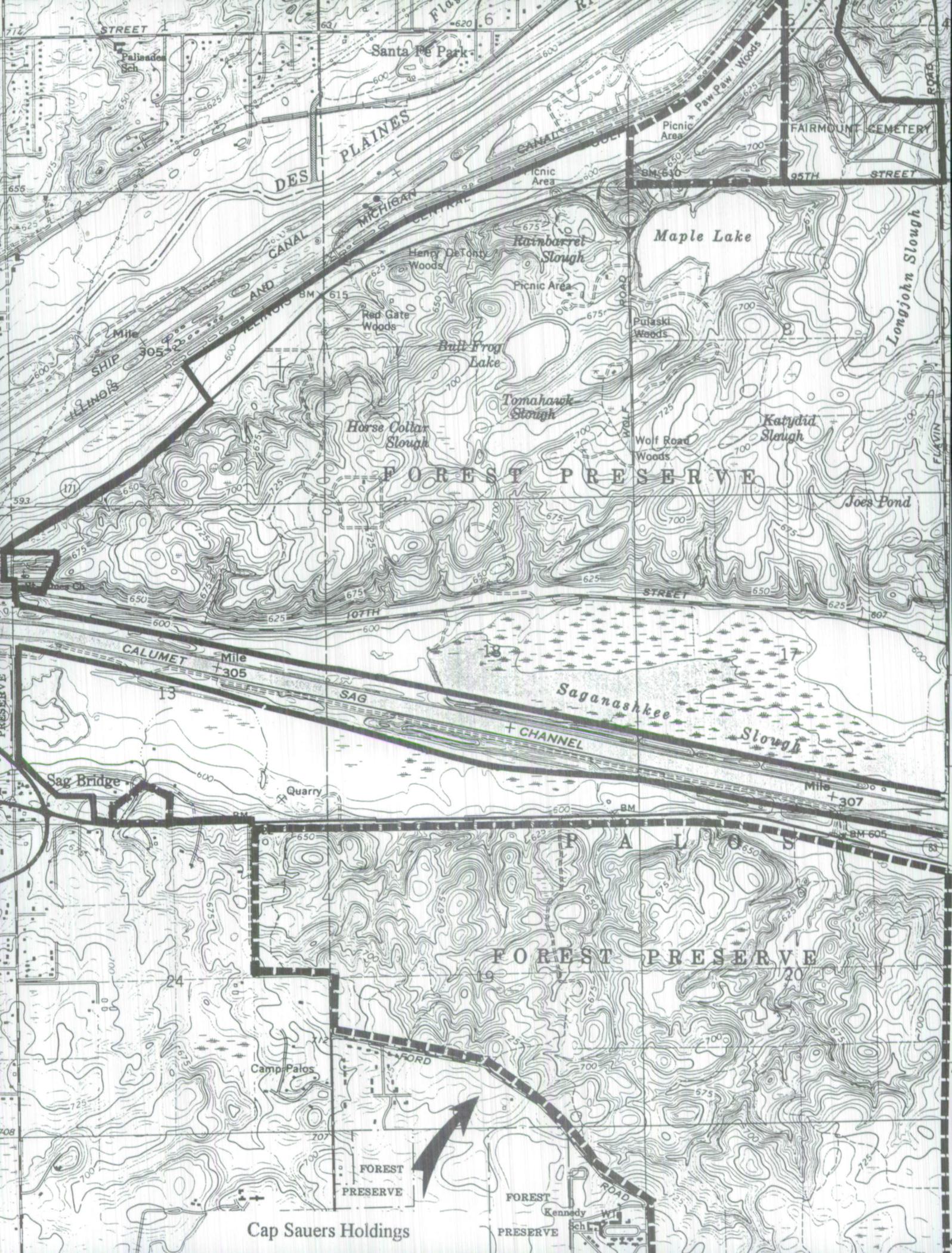
Ownership: Joseph and Harriet Bystricky

Dedicated: September 1987

Size: 18 acres

Topo Map: Hebron 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, 524 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62706 (217/785-8686)



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Santa Fe Park

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Maple Lake

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Bull Frog Lake

Horse Collar Slough

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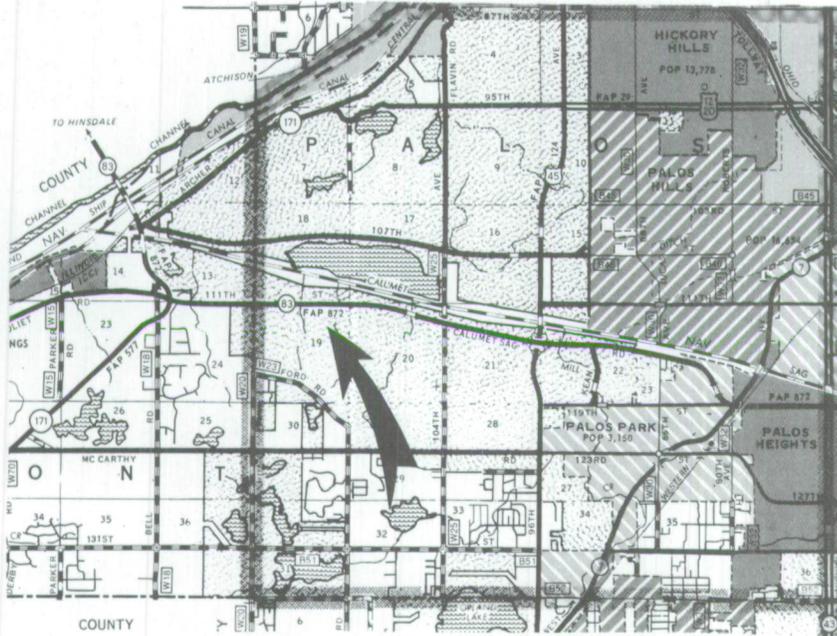
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Cap Sauers Holdings Nature Preserve

Cook County

Location and Access:

From jct. Hwys. 12/20 and 45 west of Hickory Hills, take Hwy. 45 south 5.5 mi. to McCarthy Road, turn and go west on McCarthy Road 1.5 mi. The nature preserve is north of McCarthy Road and is bounded on the east by 104th Avenue and on the north by Calumet Sag Road.

Special Note: Trails and parking are available at this preserve.

Description:

Cap Sauers Holdings Nature Preserve, at 1520 acres, is the largest nature preserve in northeastern Illinois. Dominant geological features include the rolling topography typical of the Valparaiso Moraine of the Morainal Division of northeastern Illinois and an esker. The Visitation Esker is one of the best defined examples of this glacial feature in the state. Most of the site is composed of young upland forests and disturbed prairie

and oak savanna communities. Much of the former prairie and oak savanna communities are now threatened by brushy native and non-native species that have advanced because fire has been suppressed. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County and The Nature Conservancy have embarked upon an ambitious project to restore much of this site to its presettlement condition.

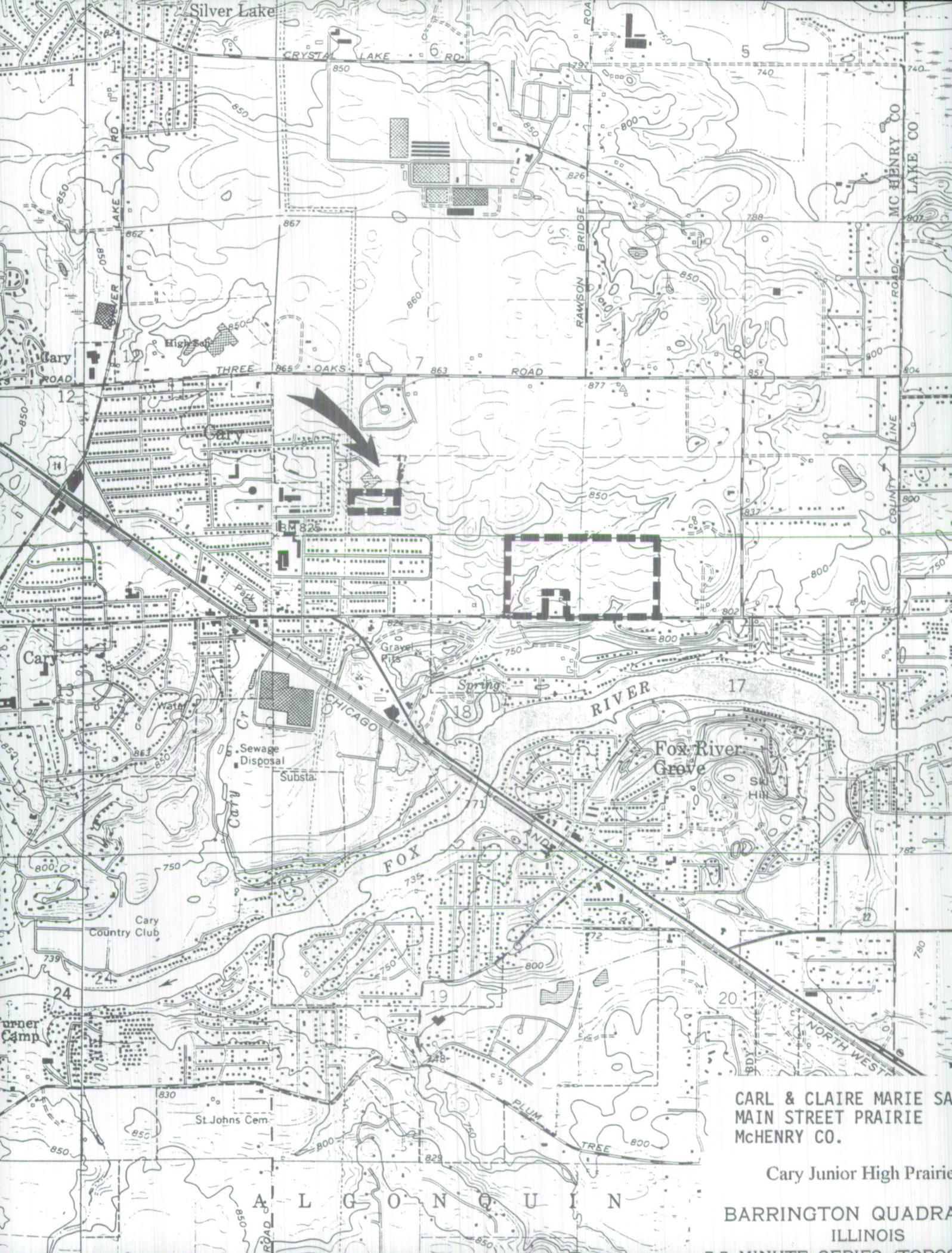
Ownership: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Dedicated: January 1965 as the 4th Illinois Nature Preserve

Size: 1520 acres

Topo Map: Sag Bridge 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Conservation Department, 536 North Harlem Ave., River Forest, IL 60305 (708/771-1330)



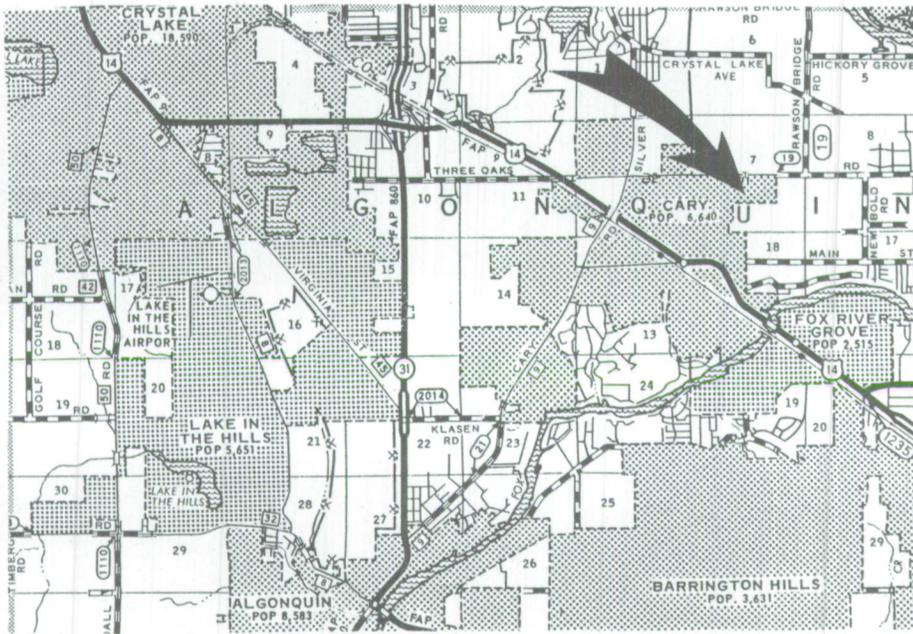
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Cary Junior High Prairie

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Cary Junior High Prairie Nature Preserve

McHenry County

Location and Access:

From jct. Hwy. 14 (Northwest Hwy.) and First Street in Cary, go north on First Street 0.3 mile, then turn and go east 0.2 mile and then north 0.2 mile to Cary Junior High School. The nature preserve is on the hillside south of the school building.

Special Note: A trail system has been developed and interpretive brochures are available. Cary Junior High Prairie is used by the owner and other neighboring school districts as an outdoor classroom. Use by the public is limited to programs developed by the district and through special arrangement made through the principal of Cary Junior High School.

Description:

Cary Junior High Prairie contains dry to dry-mesic gravel prairie of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division. The preserve represents the rolling gravel prairies that occurred in the Fox River watershed. Today, gravel prairies have been reduced to fewer than 25 acres in the northeastern region and to only 100 acres statewide. Cary Junior High Prairie is one of only 5

gravel prairies protected in Illinois. The dominant grasses are little bluestem and Indian grass and common associates are side-oats gramma and porcupine grass. Prevalent forbs include leadplant, coreopsis, blazing star and puccoon. A detailed inventory of insects and spiders revealed 146 arthropod species, of which several are thought to be rare. Resident mammals include thirteen-lined ground squirrel, skunk and rabbit. Cary Junior High Prairie was the first nature preserve dedicated by a school district.

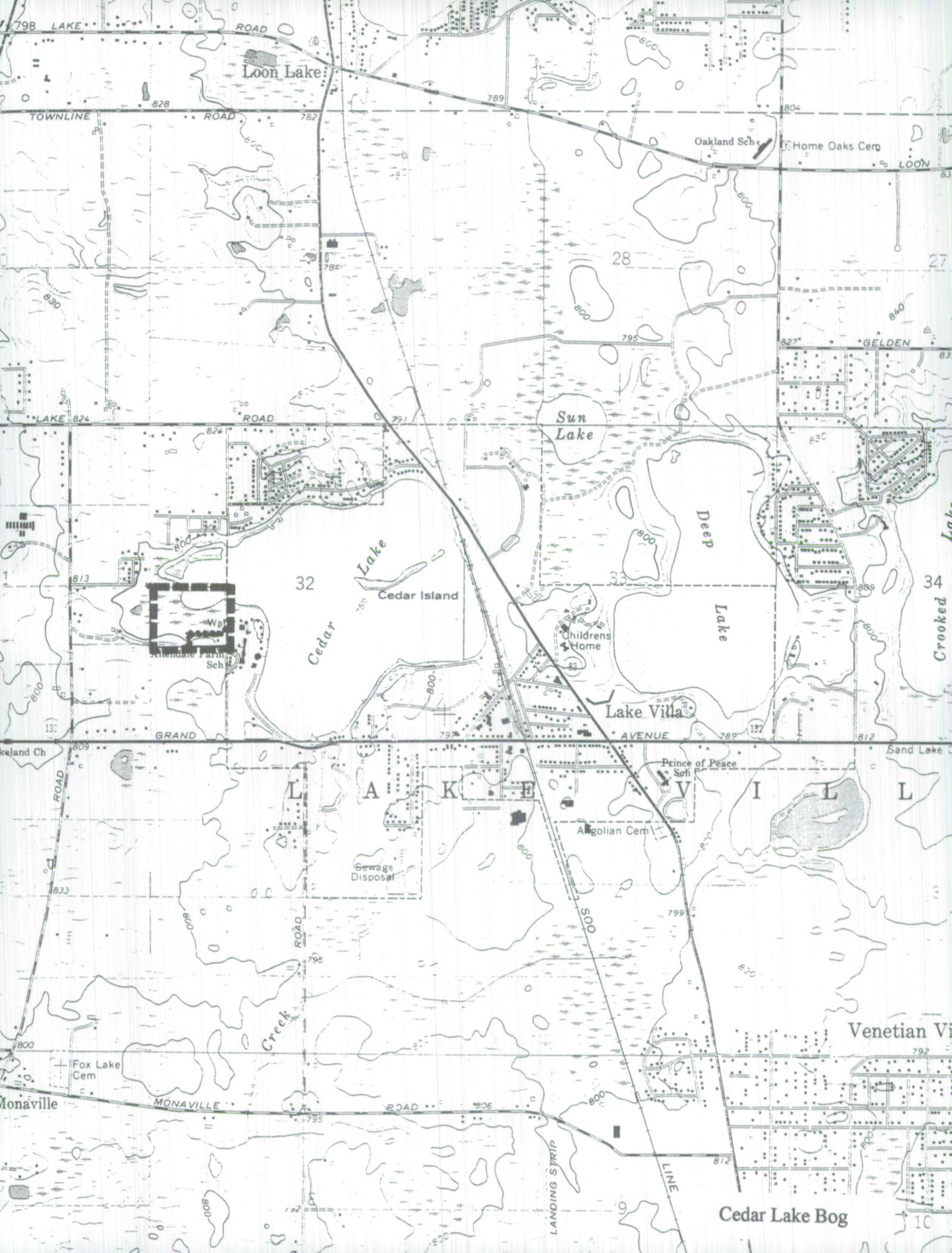
Ownership: McHenry County Board of School Trustees

Dedicated: July 1982

Size: 4.6 acres

Topo Map: Barrington 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Principal, Cary Junior High School, 233 East Oriole Trail, Cary, IL 60013 (708/639-2148); Cary Prairie Management Committee, 812 Three Oaks Road, Cary, IL 60013 (708/639-4099)



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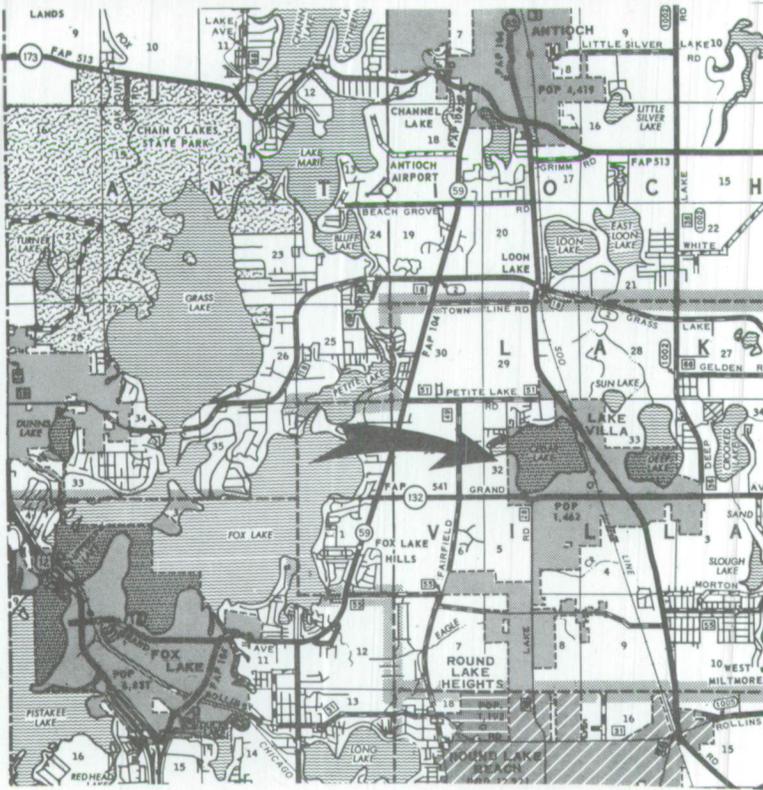
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Cedar Lake Bog Nature Preserve

Lake County

Location and Access:

From Lake Villa at jct. Hwys. 83 & 132, take Hwy. 132 west 1.2 miles, then go north 0.3 mile. The nature preserve is on the west side of Cedar Lake.

Special Note: No access has been developed to this preserve, however the site can be viewed by boat from Cedar Lake. Due to unstable soils, entry to this preserve is not recommended.

Description:

Cedar Lake is a deep to shallow glacial lake created by the Wisconsin ice sheet. In Illinois, glacial lakes are restricted to the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division. The preserve contains a small part of the lake and adjacent marsh and bog communities. The bog community is of particular interest, having been formed by the accumulation of sphagnum moss peat in what was once the west end of Cedar Lake. It is in an early stage of bog succession as the result of fire. The more mature

trees and large shrubs, such as tamarack and poison sumac have yet to be reestablished since fires occurred in the preserve in the 1960's and late 1980's. Plants typical of the graminoid (grassy) acidic bog include cranberry, sundew and pitcher plant. Marsh and lake communities are included in the preserve. These more open water communities harbor the blacknose shiner along with several other notable fish species.

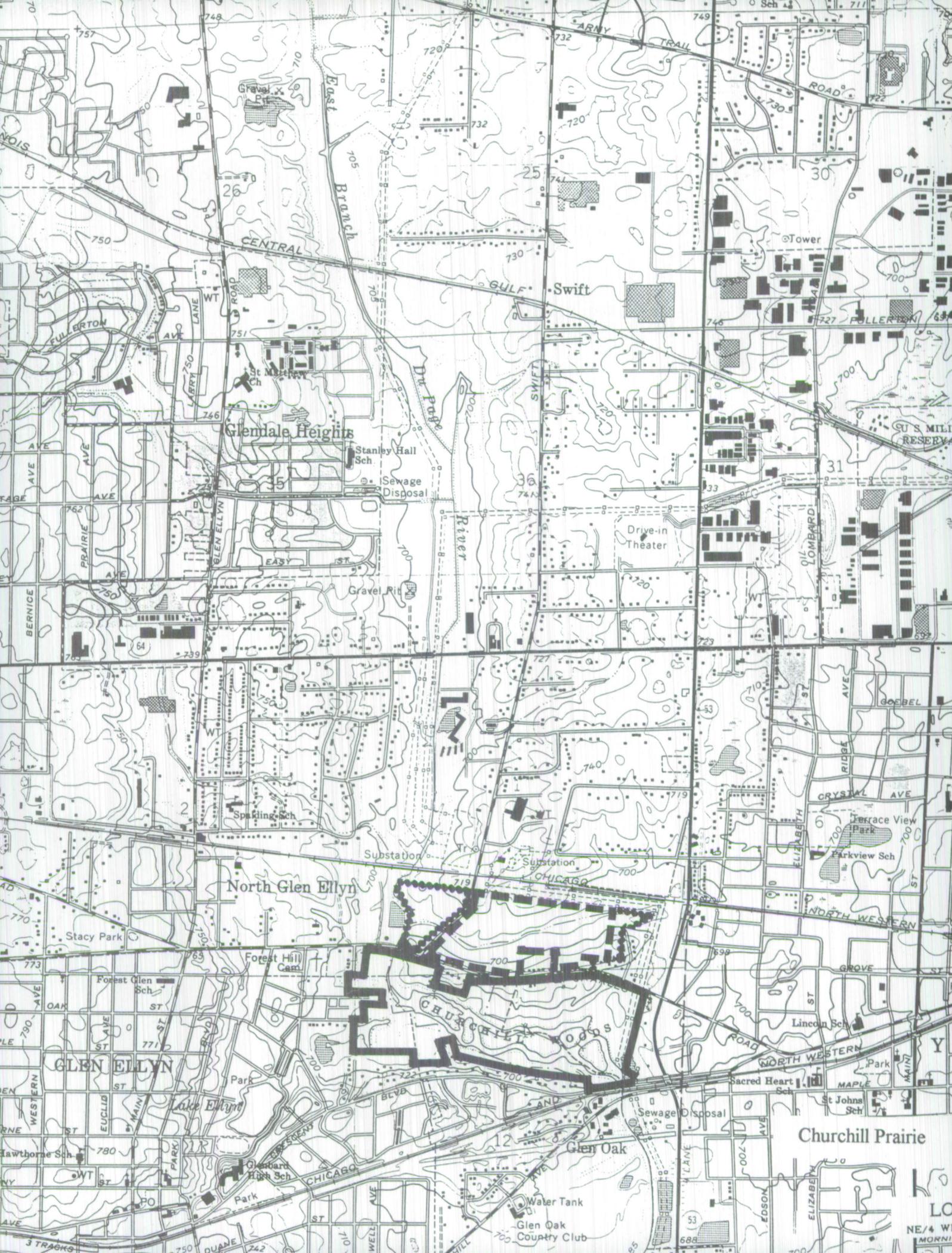
Ownership: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Dedicated: August 1975

Size: 27.5 acres with an additional 2.7 acres of buffer

Topo Map: Antioch 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Biologist, 110 James Road, Spring Grove, IL 60081 (815/675-2385)



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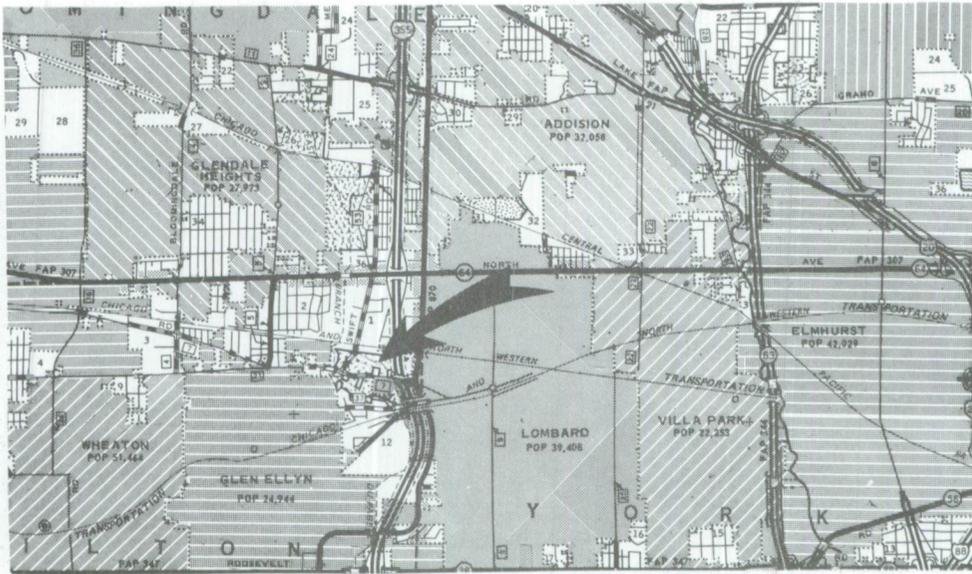
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Churchill Prairie Nature Preserve

DuPage County

Location and Access:

From I-355, exit east on Rt. 64 to the jct. of Rt. 64 and 53. Go south on Rt. 53 to St. Charles Rd., west (right) on St. Charles, to the first parking lot on the left. Park in the first lot and walk to the underpass at the end of the parking lot to cross under St. Charles Rd. to access the trail leading to the nature preserve.

Description:

Churchill Prairie comprises 65 acres of mesic and dry-mesic upland forest, savanna, sedge meadow, wet prairie and mesic prairie, situated on the gently rolling topography of the Wheaton moraine. These habitats provide considerable diversity of plants and animals with over 400 native species of plants and 113 species of animals. Highlighting the list of plants is the eared false foxglove which grows in the mesic prairie. The locally rare prairie brome, prairie Indian plantain, stiff

gentian, prairie sundrops and broad-leaved puccoon are found here. The wet communities also feature glimpses of black-crowned night-herons and great egrets.

A maintained trail leads visitors on a 1 mile walk through the native grassland with colorful wildflowers interspersed throughout the grasses.

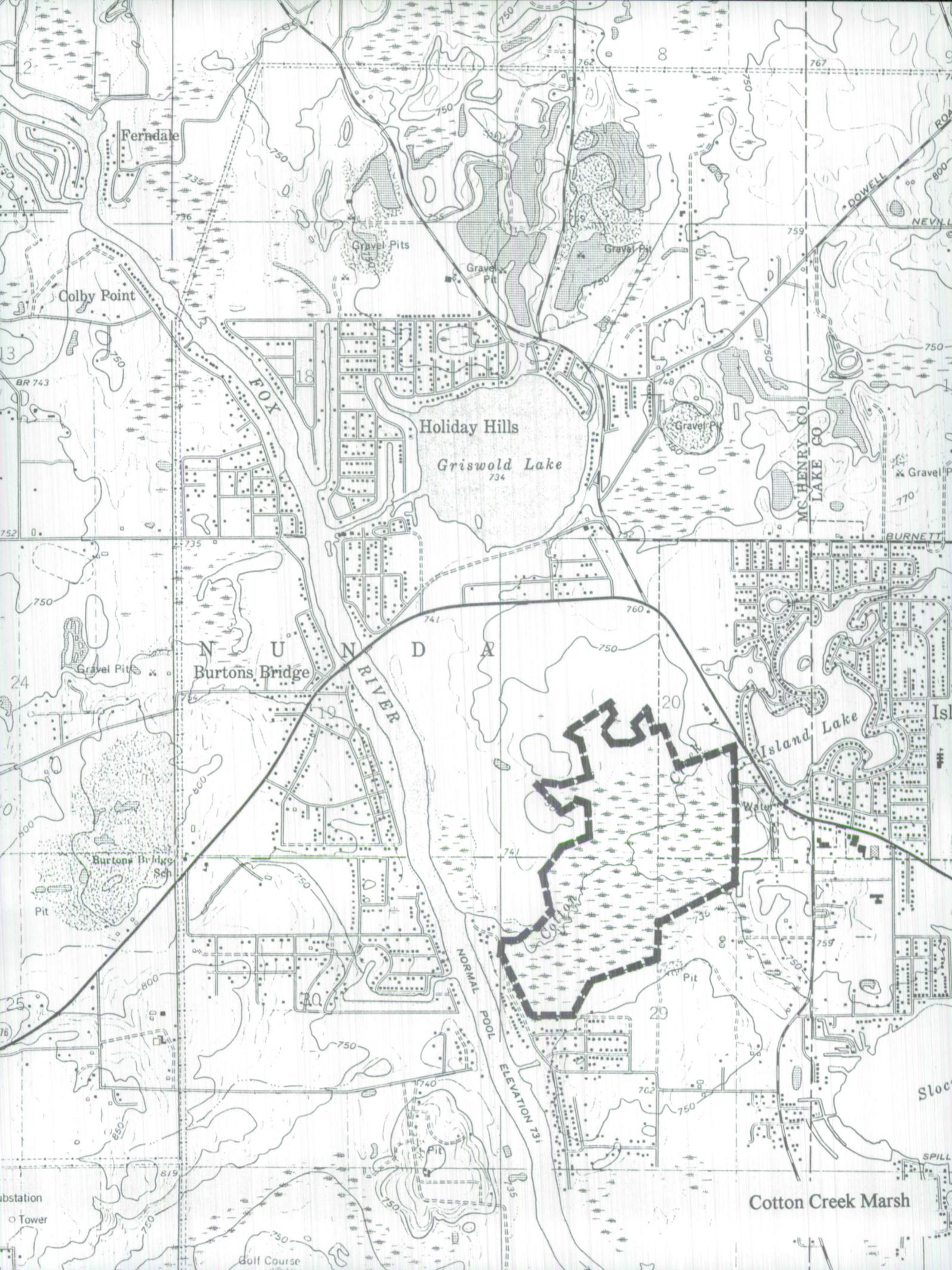
Ownership: DuPage County Forest Preserve District

Dedicated: April 1993

Size: 65 acres

Topo Map: Lombard 7.5

For Further Information Contact: The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Box 2339, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138 (708/790-4900)



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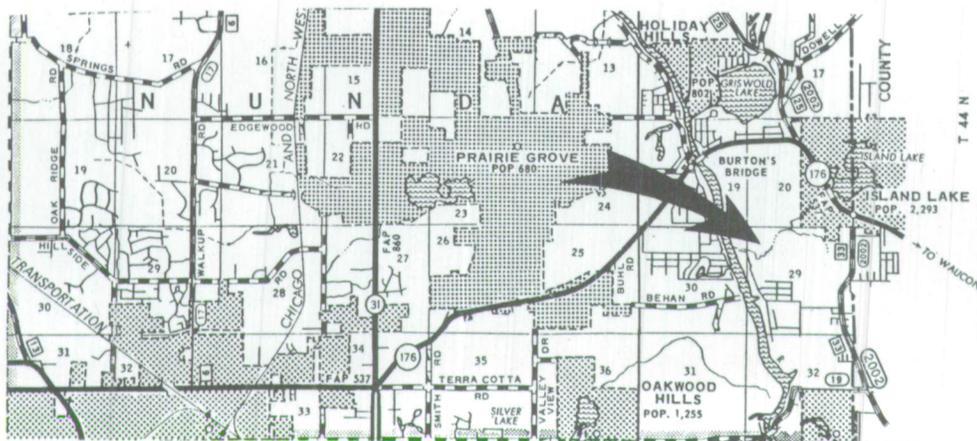
Cotton Creek Marsh

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Cotton Creek Marsh Nature Preserve

McHenry County

Location and Access:

From jct. Hwy. 176 and Roberts Road in Island Lake (on the county line), go northwest 0.3 mi. on Hwy. 176. The nature preserve is southwest of the highway.

Special Note: Access to this preserve is by permission only.

Description:

Cotton Creek Marsh contains 247 acres of high quality wetland on the Fox River floodplain in the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division. Besides the marsh, the other natural communities present at Cotton Creek are sedge meadow, low gradient creek, wet prairie, fen and successional fields. The marsh constitutes the majority of the area and is the most attractive feature. Sedges, cattails, bulrushes, common burreed, sweet flag, water

knotweed, and common arrowhead are dominant plants in this community. The marsh grades into sedge meadow where vegetation from both communities overlap. The sedge meadow is dominated by tussock sedge and blue-joint grass. Sandhill cranes regularly nest in this preserve.

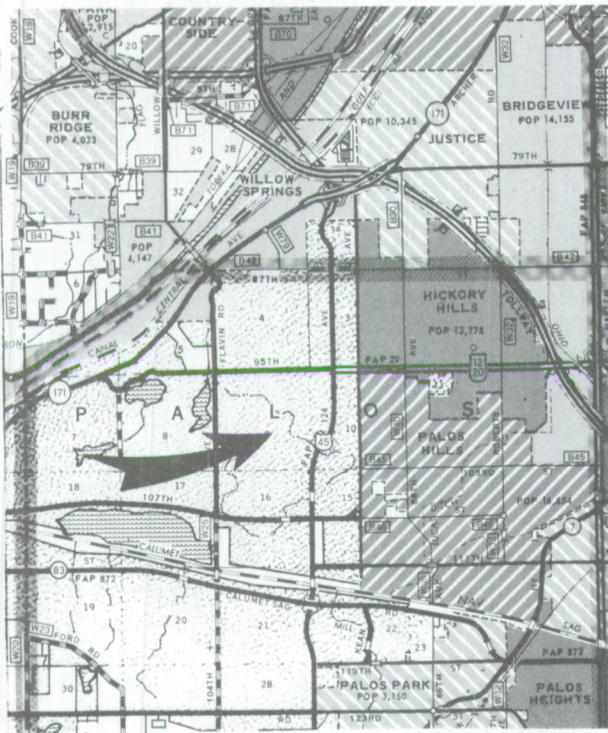
Ownership: McHenry County Conservation District

Dedicated: September 1982

Size: 247.4 acres

Topo Map: Wauconda 7.5

For Further Information Contact: McHenry County Conservation District, 6512 Harts Road, Ringwood, IL 60072 (815/678-4431)



Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve

Cook County

Location and Access:

From Palos Hills, take 95th Street (Hwy. 12/20) west beyond the junction with 96th Avenue (Hwy. 45). The nature preserve is to the south.

Special Note: Trails and parking are available at this preserve.

Description:

Cranberry Slough typifies the rolling topography of the Valparaiso Moraine of the Northeastern Morainal Division of Illinois. Formerly, the site supported a mosaic of prairie and oak savanna. Currently, the steep slopes support both young upland forests and remnants of degraded prairie. The kettleholes currently support sedge meadow and marsh communities. Water levels

have been held at artificially high water levels by a shallow dams so consequently, beaver and other wetland wildlife have been recorded from this preserve.

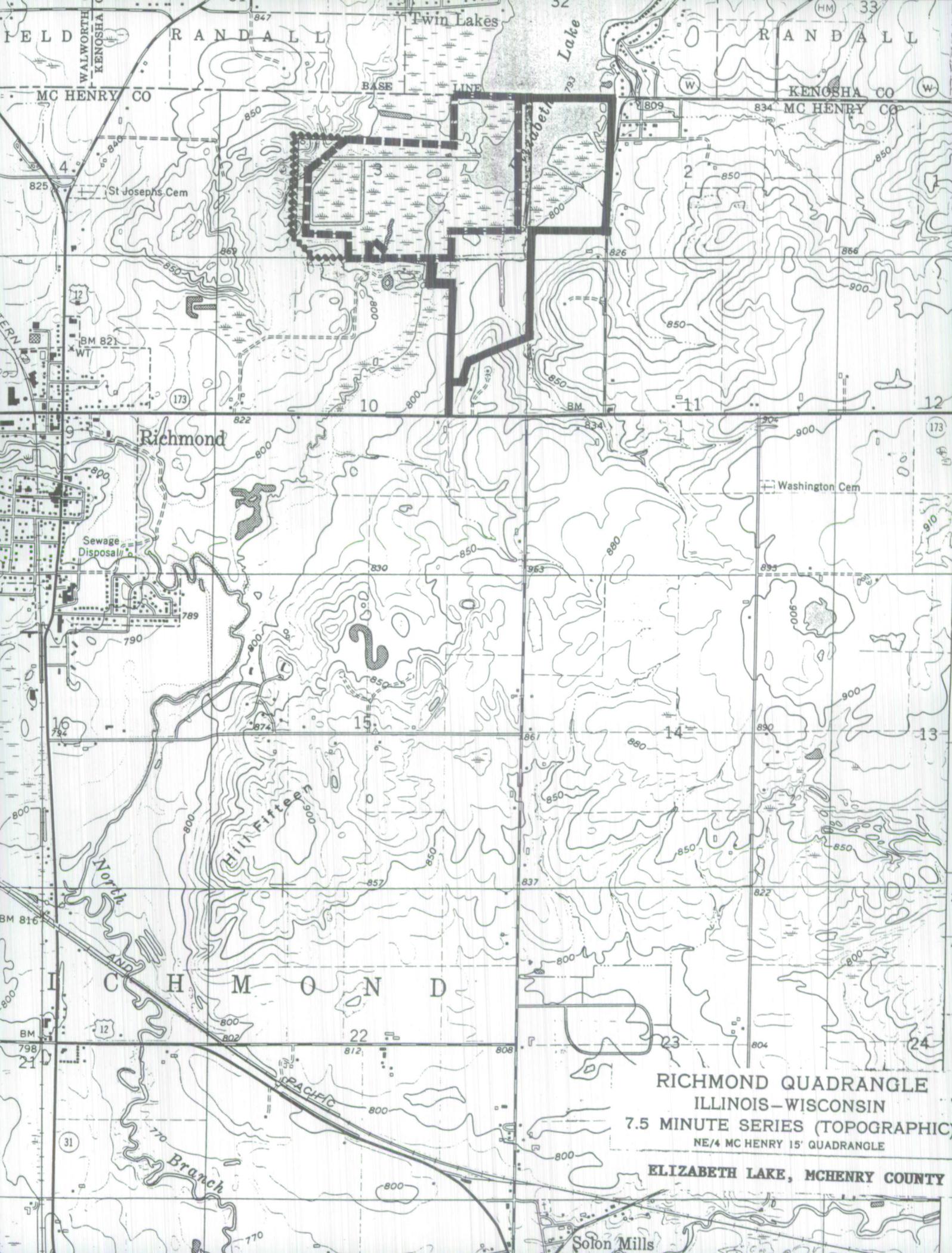
Ownership: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Dedicated: January 1965 as the 5th Illinois Nature Preserve

Size: 372 acres

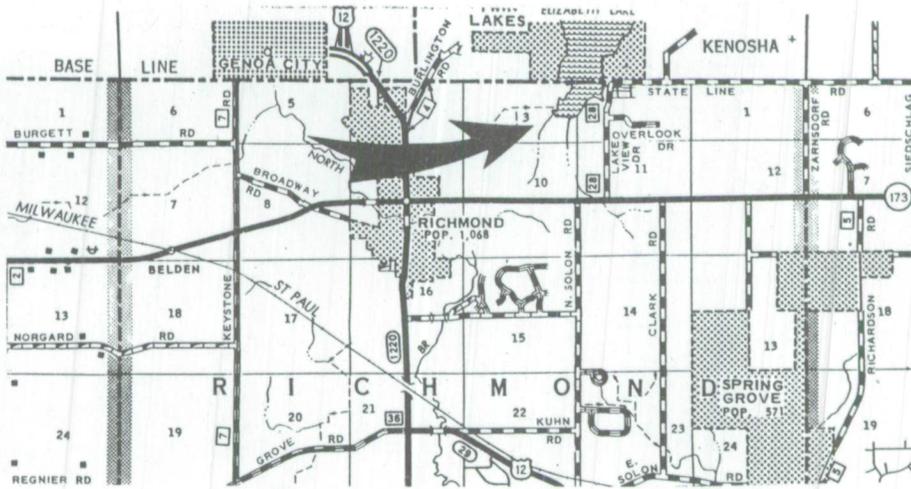
Topo Map: Palos Park 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Forest Preserve District of Cook County, c/o Conservation Department, 536 North Harlem Ave., River Forest, IL 60305 (708/771-1330)



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NE/4 MC HENRY 15' QUADRANGLE

ELIZABETH LAKE, MCHENRY COUNTY



Elizabeth Lake Nature Preserve

Location and Access:

From Richmond at jct. Hwys. 12 & 173, take Hwy. 12 north 1 mi. to an access lane to the east. The nature preserve is 0.8 mi. to the east.

Special Note: Access to this preserve is **only through** special McHenry County Conservation District sponsored tours.

Description:

Elizabeth Lake is a large, diverse wetland in northeastern McHenry County. The natural communities at Elizabeth Lake represent the Morainal Section of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division. They include graminoid bog, calcareous floating mat, graminoid fen, marsh, pond, lake, low gradient creek, sedge meadow and dry-mesic savanna. One of the more unusual and extremely rare communities at Elizabeth Lake is the graminoid bog. It is always floating, is close to open water and is considered the first stage of bog succession. The bog is dominated by sphagnum moss, sedges and marsh shield fern. The calcareous floating mat has a

McHenry County

floating layer of calcareous sedge peat dominated by sedges and blue-joint grass. The graminoid fen is on peat with calcareous seepage and is dominated by big bluestem and sedge. The other communities are typical examples of their types and support common wetland plant species as well as several rare, **threatened and endangered** species. This diverse wetland provides habitat for a wide variety of animals and many can be seen during any season of the year. The aquatic community present at this preserve is of excellent quality.

Ownership: McHenry County Conservation District

Dedicated: April 1985

Size: 158.8 acres nature preserve, 13.8 acres buffer

Topo Map: Richmond 7.5

For Further Information Contact: McHenry County Conservation District, 6512 Harts Road, Ringwood, IL 60072 (815/678-4431)



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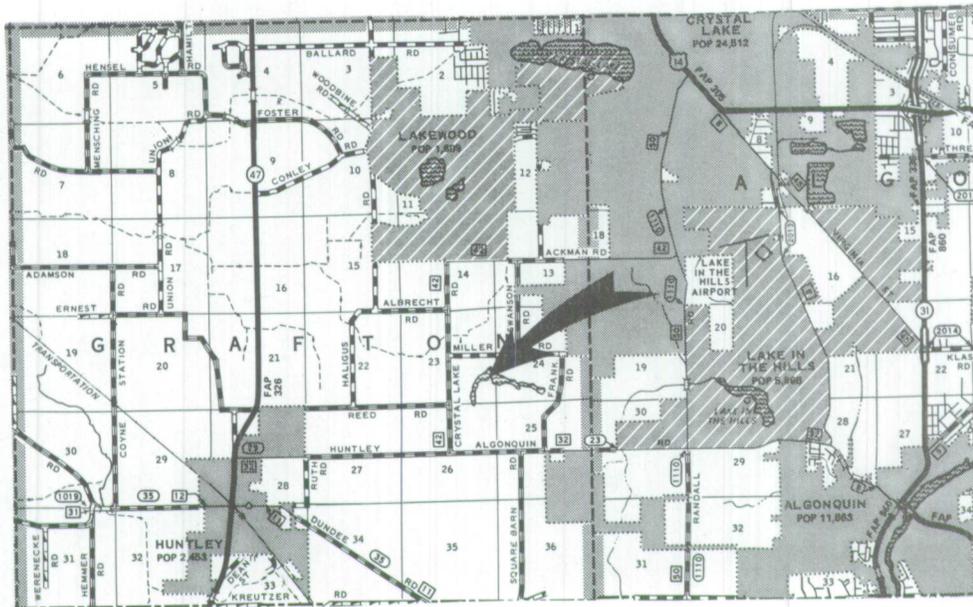
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Exner Marsh Nature Preserve

McHenry County

Location and Access:

Five miles east of Huntley on the western boundary of Lake in the Hills, bounded by Miller Road on the north, Frank Road on the east, Huntley-Algonquin Road on the south and Crystal Lake Road on the west.

Description:

Exner Marsh lies in a shallow glacial lake bed now entirely underlain by organic deposits and bordered by uplands consisting of both glacial till and outwash deposits. It is representative of the Morainal Section of the Northeastern Morainal Division.

Emergent shallow water marsh is the dominant community punctuated throughout by shallow ponds. Cattails, bulrush and rice cut grass are the common plants of the marsh with white water lily, spatterdock and bladderwort the dominant plants of the shallow ponds. Calcareous floating mat community occupies a core of suspended peat and small scattered peat mats. This community is related to the early open stages of bog

development. Wire sedge, blue joint grass and marsh shield fern are the common plants.

Exner marsh has a rich wetland bird community including migratory species which use the marsh as a staging ground during their spring and fall migration. Blue-wing teal, sora, Virginia rail, king rail, least bittern, pied-billed grebe, common moorhen and yellow-headed blackbird can be found in the marsh. Black-crowned night-heron and great egret feed here.

Prescribed burning and vegetation, fish and bird surveys are conducted to enhance and monitor the quality of the wetland.

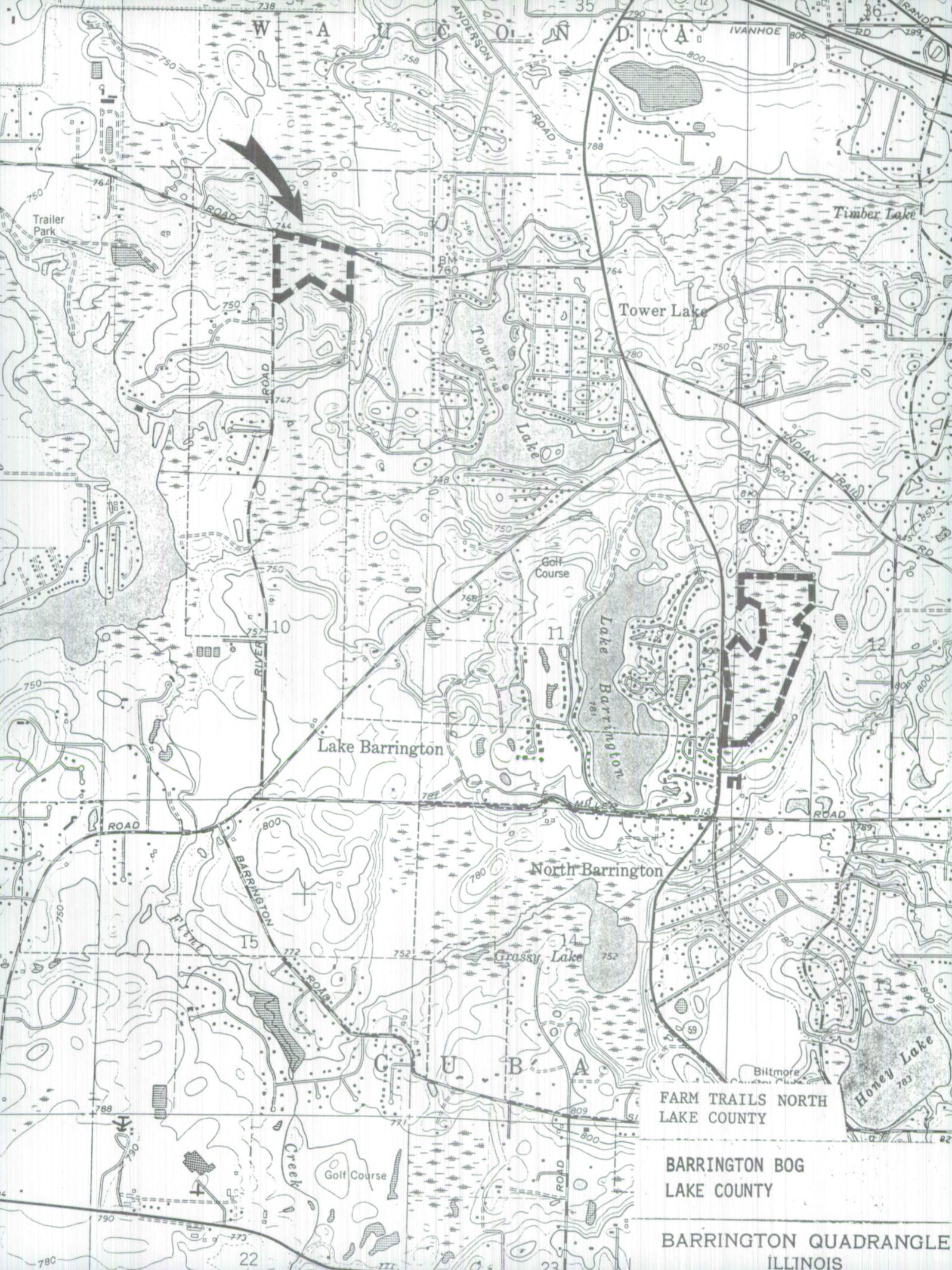
Ownership: McHenry County Conservation District

Dedicated: November 1993

Size: 116.4 acres

Topo Map: Crystal Lake and Huntley 7.5

For Further Information Contact: McHenry County Conservation District, 6512 Harts Road, Ringwood, IL 60072 (815/678-4431)

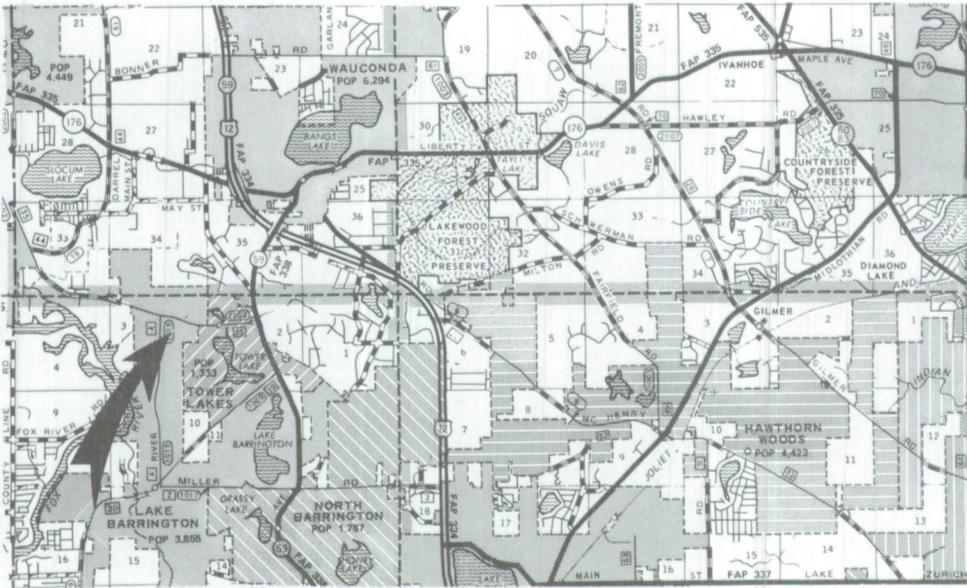


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FARM TRAILS NORTH
LAKE COUNTY

BARRINGTON BOG
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BARRINGTON QUADRANGLE
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Farm Trails North Nature Preserve

Lake County

Location and Access:

In the northern portion of the Village of Lake Barrington at the southeast corner of Roberts and River Roads.

Description:

Farm Trails North occupies the east central portion of an elongate deep kettle filled with deposits of Grayslake Peat. The steeply sloped ridges of the Fox Lake Moraine border the area. It is part of an extensive wetland which extends to the Fox River.

Small remnants of graminoid fen and calcareous sedge meadow communities lie on the borders of a shallowly flooded marsh. Indian grass, big bluestem, and several sedges dominate the fen with grass-of-parnassius, Ohio goldenrod, small fringed gentian and edible valerian also present. The sedge meadow is dominated by tussock sedge with bluejoint grass, Joe Pye weed and turtlehead frequent. The marsh is dominated by cattails and small duckweed with the shallower portions having

sharply increasing plant diversity. The wet to wet-mesic prairie is dominated by Eurasian grasses and contains scattered colonies of native mesic prairie and savanna plants.

Baltimore checkerspot, a remnant restricted butterfly, depends on the turtlehead found here.

Glossy buckthorn is a problem in the fen. Prescribed burning and some restoration activities have been undertaken by volunteers.

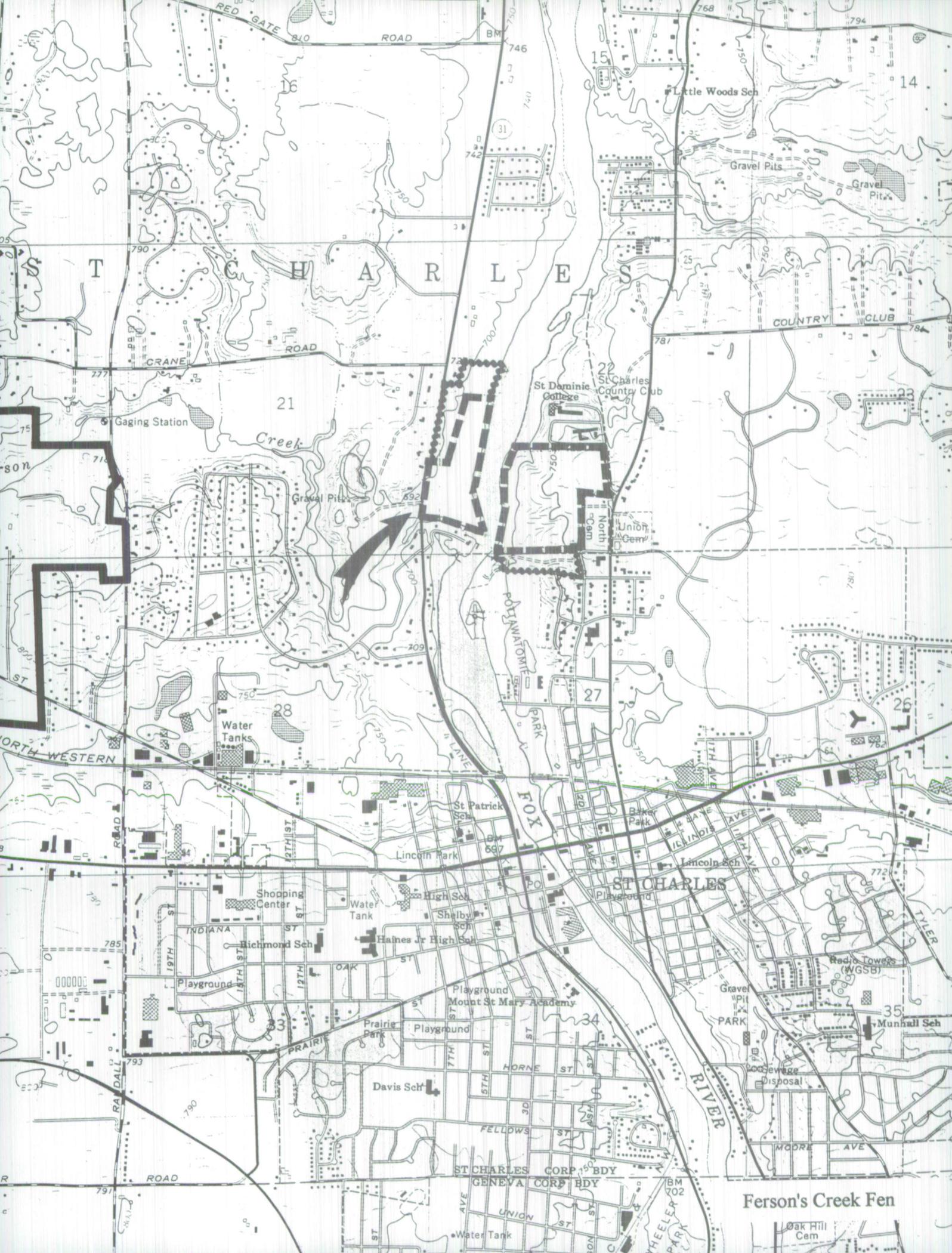
Ownership: Citizens for Conservation

Dedicated: November 1993

Size: 20 acres

Topo Map: Barrington 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Citizens for Conservation, P.O. Box 435, Barrington, IL 60011 (708/382-7283)



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Playground

Richmond Sch

Shopping Center

Water Tank

Playground

Mount St Mary Academy

Prairie Park

Playground

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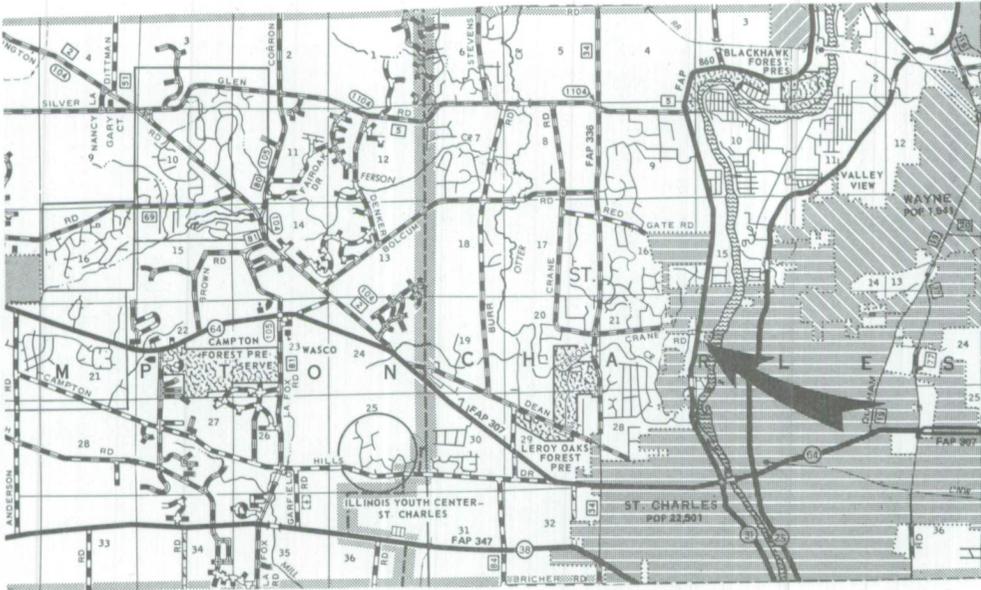
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Ferson's Creek Fen



Ferson's Creek Fen Nature Preserve

Kane County

Location and Access:

From the jct of Rt. 64 and Rt 31 in the center of downtown St. Charles, head north on Rt. 31 for 0.75 mile. The preserve is on the east side of Rt. 31 on the banks of the Fox River.

Special Note: Parking provided at the entrance to the preserve. A board walk/trail provides access through the center of the preserve and loops back to the parking lot. Two observation decks are provided.

Description:

Ferson's Creek Fen is a wetland ecosystem situated along the west bank of the Fox River. The preserve lies on a glacial outwash terrace and alluvial stream bed. Two natural communities featured here are sedge meadows and wet floodplain forests. Occupying the core of the natural area, sedge meadows are the prevalent community and range from undisturbed, very high quality portions to segments of moderate quality. Scattered in small "cameo-like" areas of the sedge meadows are the characteristic calciophilic species such as fringed gentian, grass-of-parnassus, Kalm's lobelia, turtlehead and marsh wild timothy. Small bedstraw, great St. John's wort and northern fringed orchid are

found in the sedge meadows. Wild rice is located on the edge of the marshy sedge meadow and the floodplain forest.

The preserve provides nesting habitat for prothonotary warblers, blue-gray gnatcatchers, common yellowthroats and swamp sparrows. Excellent bird watching opportunities occur during spring migration.

Purple loosestrife, glossy buckthorn and native brushy species are serious problems here. A volunteer stewardship group, active for the past six years, is working closely with the Park District to address the management concerns.

Ownership: St. Charles Park District and City of St. Charles

Dedicated: December 1990

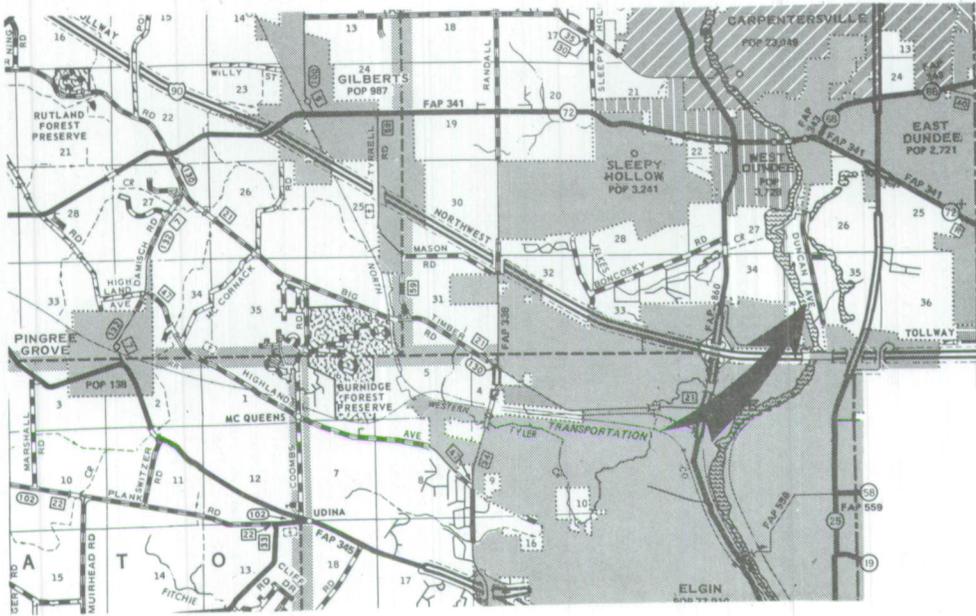
Size: 30.7 acres with an additional 15.5 acres buffer

Topo Map: Geneva 7.5

For Further Information Contact: The St. Charles Park District, 101 South Second Street, St. Charles, IL 60174 (708/513-3338)



Fox River Fen
KANE COUNTY



Fox River Fen Nature Preserve

Kane County

Location and Access:

Special Note: Fox River Fen is a privately owned nature preserve. Entrance is by permission only.

borders the preserve on the east and many interesting plants occur on the edge of the trail.

Purple loosestrife is a serious management concern that is being addressed by McGraw staff.

Description:

Fox River Fen is a small wetland complex of fen, sedge meadow and mesic prairie communities. It features a high quality graminoid fen community which provides habitat for the rare green orchid. White camass has been reported from this site. Other notable plant species that occur here are narrow-leaved cottongrass, common valarian, bottle gentian, Michigan lily and arrow arum. Several wetland dependent butterflies are also found here. A small floodplain forest separates the preserve from the Fox River. The Fox River Trail bike path

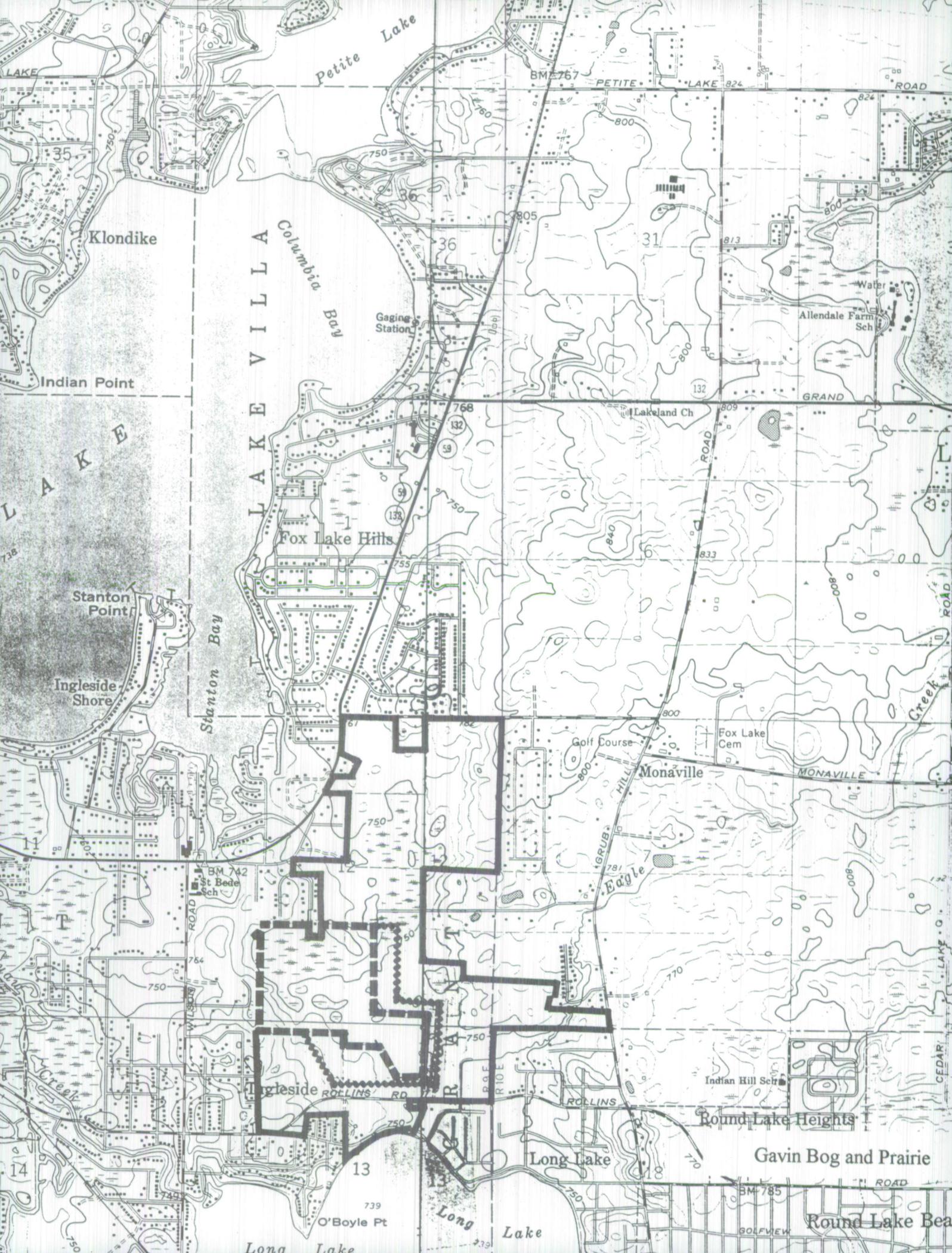
Ownership: Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation

Dedicated: March 1992

Size: 11.8 acres

Topo Map: Elgin 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, 524 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62706 (217/785-8686)



Petite Lake

BM 767

PETITE

LAKE 824

ROAD

Klondike

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STANTON BAY
VILLA
LAKES
HILLS

Gaging Station

Indian Point

Allendale Farm Sch

LAKES

Fox Lake Hills

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Stanton Point

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Stanton Bay

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Indian Hill Sch

Round Lake Heights

Long Lake

Gavin Bog and Prairie

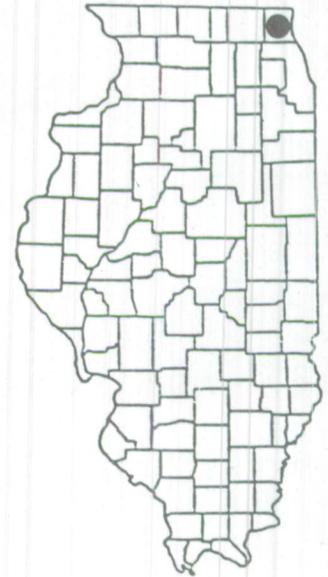
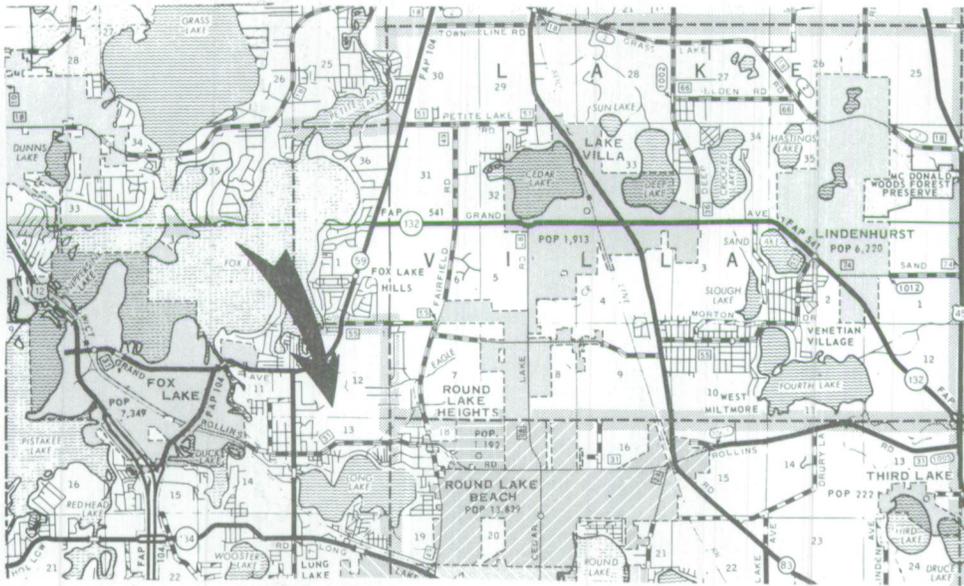
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Long Lake

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Gavin Bog and Prairie Nature Preserve

Lake County

Location and Access:

From jct. Wilson Road and Rollins Road in Ingleside (southeast of Fox Lake), take Rollins Road east 0.7 mile. The nature preserve is north of the road.

Description:

Gavin Bog and Prairie contains wetland, prairie and forest communities of the Morainal Section of the Northeastern Morainal Natural Division. This part of the state is characterized by glacial landforms including natural lakes and areas of poor drainage. Depressions, including the 35-acre bog, are scattered throughout the tract. The preserve's natural communities, marsh, sedge meadow, forest, prairie and bog provide habitat

for rare plant species as well as many common animal species. Brush removal and prescribed burns are critical management tools used to protect this preserve.

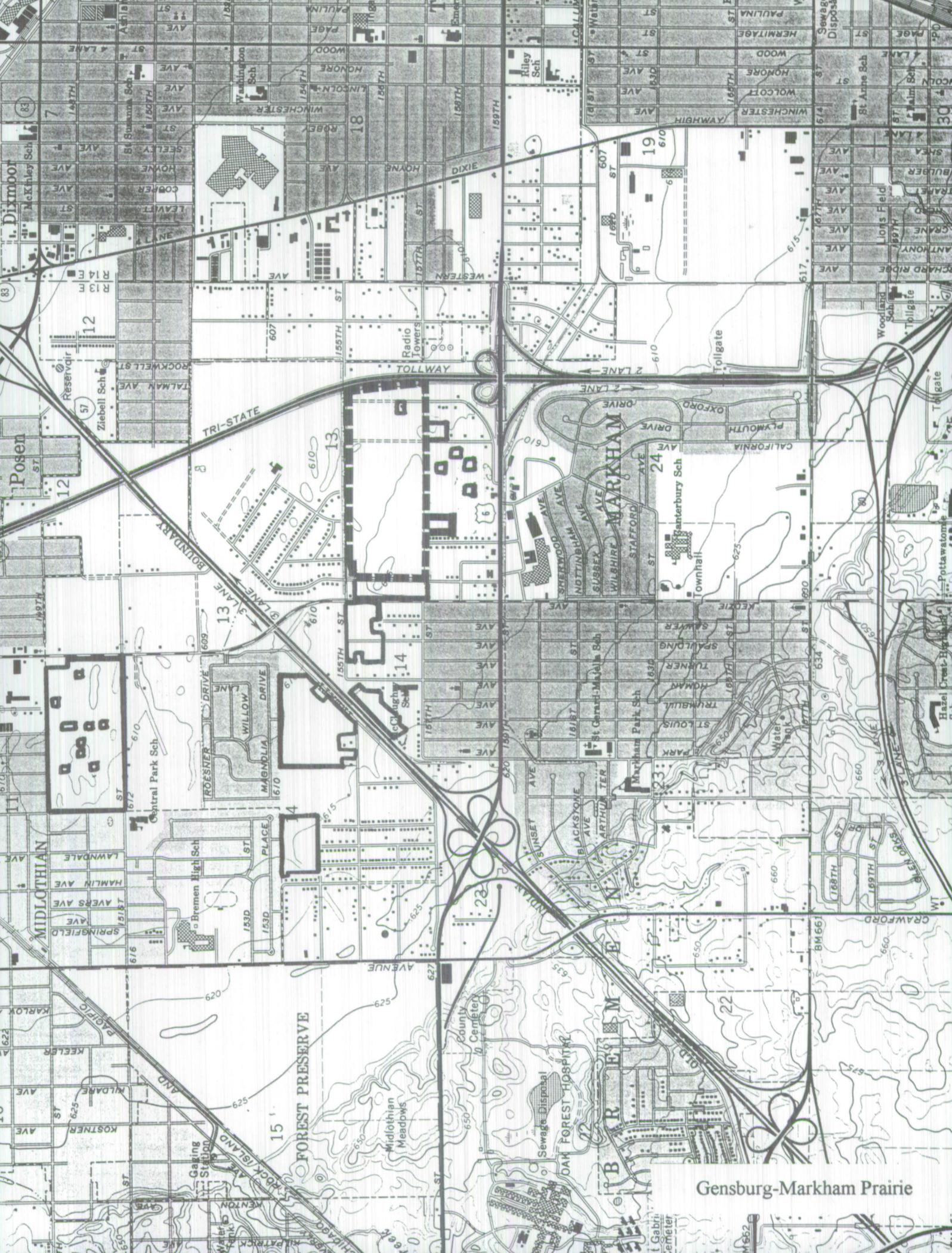
Ownership: Lake County Forest Preserve District

Dedicated: May 1982

Size: 104.7 acres with 31.8 acres of buffer

Topo Map: Fox Lake and Antioch 7.5

For Further Information Contact: Lake County Forest Preserve District, 2000 North Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048 (708/367-6640)



Gensburg-Markham Prairie