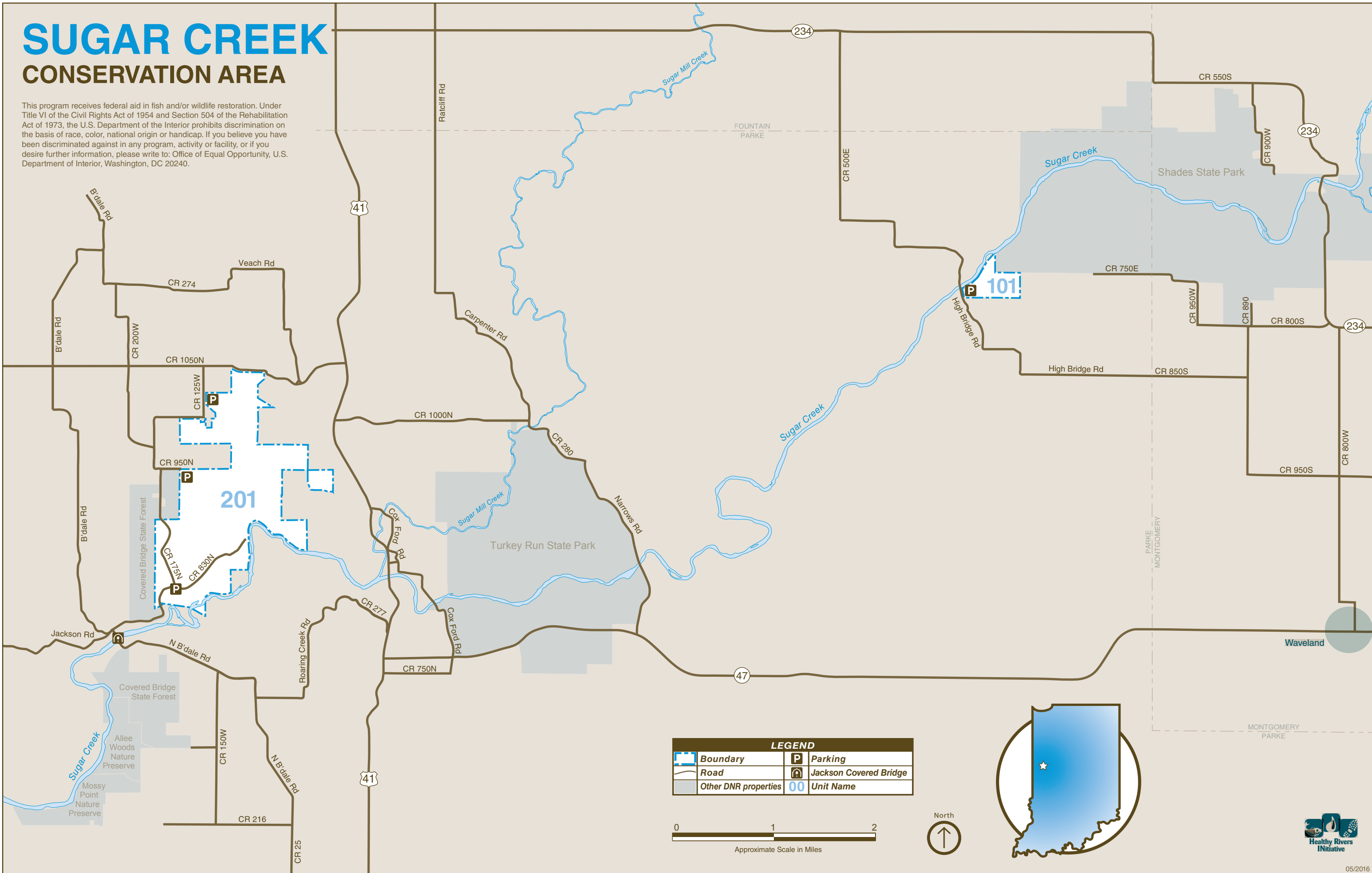


# SUGAR CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

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- The Healthy Rivers Initiative, the largest land conservation initiative to be undertaken in Indiana, was announced in June 2010. It includes a partnership of resource agencies and organizations who are working with willing landowners to permanently protect more than 43,000 acres along the Wabash River and Sugar Creek in west-central Indiana, and more than 26,000 acres of the Muscatatuck River bottomlands in southeast Indiana.
- Eight key objectives have been identified for HRI:
  - Provide a model that balances forests, farmed lands and natural resources conservation.
  - Connect separated parcels of public land to benefit wildlife.
  - Restore and enhance areas of land along the Wabash River, Muscatatuck River and Sugar Creek.
  - Protect important habitat for wildlife.
  - Open land to the public for recreational activities such as fishing, hunting, trapping, hiking, canoeing, bird-watching and boating.
  - Protect important rest areas for migratory birds.
  - Establish areas for nature tourism.
  - Provide clean water and protection from flooding to landowners downstream.

## HISTORY



This project area spans more than 43,000 acres along the Wabash River and Sugar Creek in west-central Indiana, stretching across Montgomery, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties. It protects habitat for wildlife and provides recreational opportunities.

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# SUGAR CREEK CONSERVATION AREA



## Healthy Rivers Initiative

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The Wabash River and Sugar Creek project area spans more than 43,000 acres. It begins along the tributary Sugar Creek at Shades State Park and runs southwest to where it joins the Wabash. Following the Wabash south-southwest, the project area ends at Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area, south of Terre Haute. The project area follows 94 river miles along the Wabash and stretches across five counties: Montgomery, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

In addition to state and wildlife laws, this property is governed by posted regulations affecting the public use of lands and facilities owned, leased or licensed by the Department of Natural Resources.

### Posted Areas

Safety zones, refuges, waterfowl resting areas and other restricted areas are marked with appropriate signs. PLEASE READ AND OBEY ALL SIGNS.

### Violations

Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may be cause for forfeiting your hunting, fishing or visiting privileges on this area.

### Responsibility

The DNR will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from the use of these facilities.

### Permits

A hunting license is required to hunt on the property.

### Camping/Campfires/Swimming

Camping, campfires and swimming are prohibited.

### Trespassing on Private Property

Please be courteous to neighboring landowners. Watch for property boundary and safety zone signs. Stay inside boundaries. Do not trespass on private property.

## HEALTHY RIVERS INITIATIVE CONSERVATION AREAS

1. Austin Bottoms
2. Sugar Creek
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- Wabashiki FWA offers 2,600 acres of river bottom floodplains for fishing, hunting and bird watching. It is located south of U.S. 40, west of Terre Haute.
- Turkey Run State Park offers camping, picnicking and playgrounds. It is located north of Marshall, off of State Road 47.
- Shades State Park offers hiking, camping and fishing. It is located south of Alamo off of State Road 234.
- Raccoon State Recreation Area offers camping, boating and swimming. It is near Rockville, south of U.S. 36.

## NEIGHBORING LAND

Sugar Creek is a great place to view a wide variety of birds and waterfowl. River otters, beavers, deer and other mammals are also common.

## WILDLIFE WATCHING

Trapping is prohibited.

## TRAPPING

- Deep canyons, hemlock groves and hardwood hillside compose most of area. Hunting is available for turkey and deer.

## HUNTING

- Sugar Creek Public Access Site is located south of State Road 32, off of W. County Road 250 S.
- Shoreline fishing is prohibited.

## FISHING

Target shooting is prohibited.

## Target Shooting

Traffic on public roads throughout the area is governed by state and county laws. No motorized vehicles, ATVs, horses or bicycles are permitted beyond county roads. Traffic over service roads and trails, except by authorized vehicles, is restricted to walking. Park only in designated lots.

## FUNDING FOR HEALTHY RIVERS INITIATIVE

Funding for HRI land acquisition comes from several conservation agencies and organizations. These include: the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife-Lifetime License Trust Fund and Game Bird Habitat Stamps\*, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Wildlife Restoration & Sport Fish Program\*\*, Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy, North American Wetlands Conservation Act, Indiana Heritage Trust, and the revenue from the sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.

\*This fund contains revenue from the sale of lifetime fishing, hunting and trapping licenses, which the DNR stopped selling in 2005. The Game Bird Habitat Stamp includes revenue from the sale of Game Bird Habitat Stamps, which is required to hunt game birds in Indiana.

\*\*This program is administered by the USFWS. Funds come from excise taxes paid to the federal government, by manufacturers of sporting arms and ammunition, fishing equipment and motor boat fuel. These user-based funds are returned to Indiana according to a formula based on licensed hunters and anglers, then used to manage fish and wildlife resources. By buying a hunting or fishing license in Indiana, you contribute to fish and wildlife conservation.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- WRITE: DNR Healthy Rivers Initiative  
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