

Consideration of the dedication of Evelyn and Wendell Dygert Nature Preserve, Whitley County

The proposed nature preserve is a 55.7-acre property located about 4 miles northwest of Columbia City in Whitley County.

This tract consists of a high quality stand of oak-hickory forest on rolling topography, in an area primarily devoid of forest cover. It contains one of the best wildflower displays found in northeast Indiana. Since the 1970s, the Dygerts had opened the woods up for visits by school groups, and as a result, thousands of 2nd and 3rd graders have visited the woods and seen the wildflower displays.

The nature preserve is part of a 134 acre area managed by ACRES Land Trust. It was acquired with the assistance of the Indiana Heritage Trust. The remainder of the area that is agricultural field will eventually be returned to forest.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A: map indicating the location and boundaries of Dygert Nature Preserve.

Nature Preserves Exhibit A
Evelyn and Wendell Dygert Nature Preserve

County: Whitley

USGS Map: Lorane

Size: 55.75 Acres

Ownership: Acres, Inc.

