

Consideration of the dedication of Harmonie Hills Nature Preserve, Posey County

The proposed nature preserve addition is a 334.79 -acre property located within the boundaries of Harmonie State Park, near New Harmony, Indiana.

This preserve contains one of the largest tracts of mature mesic upland forest in the Southwestern Lowlands Natural Region. It also contains a population of the state endangered Appalachian bugbane (*Cimicifuga rubifolia*). Several rare fish species are found in Road Brook, including the state endangered spottail darter.

The Division of Nature Preserves and the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs recommend dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A: map indicating the location and boundaries of the nature preserve.

[Note: See map provided in previous agenda item regarding the Wabash Border Nature Preserve.]