

**Consideration of the dedication of Kankakee Sands Nature Preserve in Newton County**

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 1,708.53 acre property comprised of several tracts, located in north central Newton County, 3.5 miles southeast of Lake Village. This nature preserve is adjacent to ongoing large-scale restoration projects to the west. It will also provide a substantial buffer on the north, south, and half of the east boundary to the Beaver Lake Nature Preserve, which is the largest sand prairie remaining in Indiana.

This Nature Preserve consists of the following restored natural communities: marsh, sedge meadow, and wet to dry sand prairie.

Noteworthy animal species found in this Nature Preserve include Henslow's Sparrow, Ornate Box Turtle, Upland Sandpiper, Plains Pocket Gopher, Western Harvest Mouse, Sedge Wren, and Regal Fritillary.

Noteworthy plant species found in this Nature Preserve include the State Endangered *Hemicarpha drummondii* - Drummond hemicarpha.

This nature preserve is part of a much larger conservation effort in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, the Indiana Heritage Trust, and the Division of Fish and Wildlife. This tract is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy.

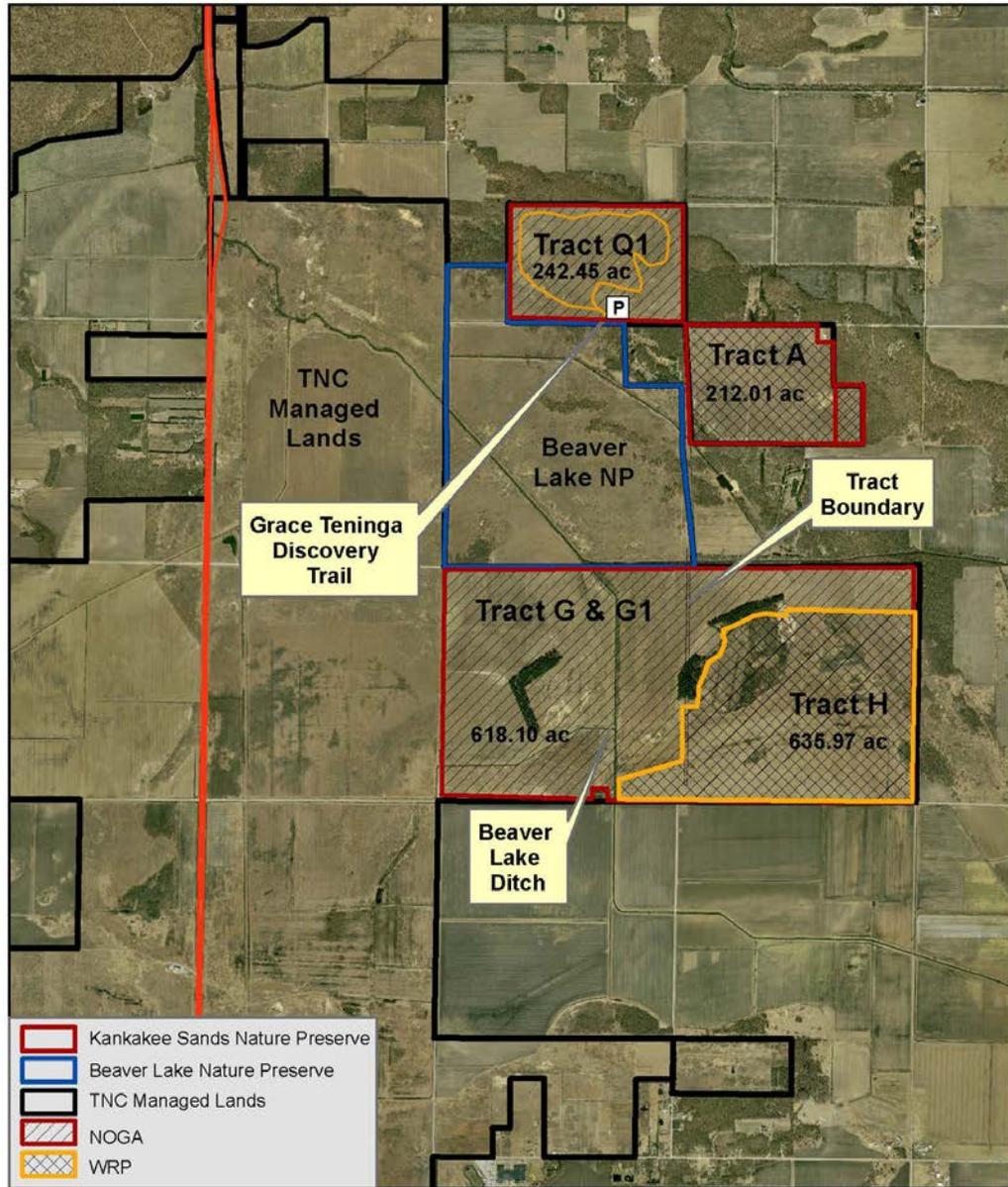
The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A: map

# Kankakee Sands Nature Preserve Exhibit A - Master Plan

County: Newton  
Size: 1,708.53 acres

USGS Quad Map: Enos  
Ownership: The Nature Conservancy



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