

**Consideration of the dedication of the Brock-Sampson Addition Nature Preserve in Floyd County**

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 231.33 acre property that is an addition to the original 355.29 acre preserve in southern Floyd County, approximately 7.0 miles southwest of the town of New Albany. This nature preserve protects an example of Southern Indiana Knobs and an important block of forested habitat in Indiana's Highland Rim Natural Region.

This Nature Preserve consists of topography that has heavily dissected slopes and ravine forests along with a number of bedrock outcrops which are unusual in this region. Siltstone glades are found on the south-facing slopes and xeric upland forests dominated by Virginia pine and chestnut oak are found around these glades and on the ridgetops. Moister ravine forests are also found in the proposed preserve. These community types along with their expected component flora and fauna contain many species that are area-sensitive forest interior plants and animals dependent upon large, unfragmented forest ecosystems.

Noteworthy animal species found in this Nature Preserve include:

The site is utilized by one animal species listed as State Endangered, the Southeastern crowned snake. Also found in the preserve are two animal species listed as State Special Concern, the Eastern box turtle, and the Northern cricket frog.

Noteworthy invertebrate butterfly species found in this Nature Preserve include the State Endangered Sooty Azure and the State Rare West Virginia White.

This tract is owned and managed by the Department of Natural Resources.

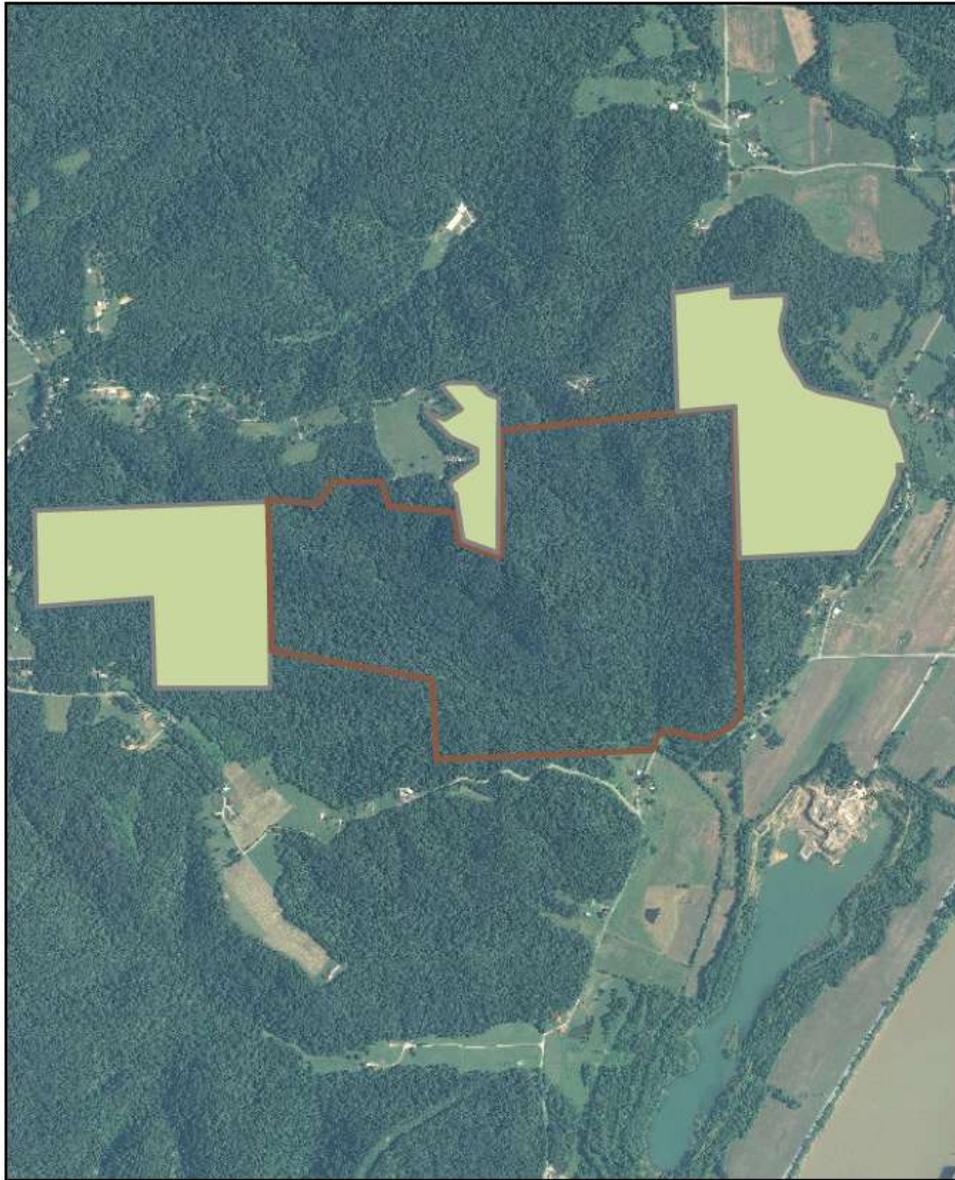
The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.

# Brock-Sampson Addition Nature Preserve Exhibit A

County: Floyd  
Size: 231.33 acres

USGS Map: 7.5 Quad Lanesville  
Ownership: Department of Natural Resources



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