

**Consideration of the dedication of the Laura Hare Nature Preserve at Blossom Hollow Addition in Johnson County**

The proposed Nature Preserve is a **40.00 acre** property that is in the southwest corner of Johnson County, near the Brown County line, approximately 4.0 miles south of the town of Trafalgar and 4.5 miles east of the town of Morgantown. This property is just south of Lamb Lake and is largely influenced topographically by the feature know as Blossom Hollow, a large ravine system created by a tributary to Indian Creek.

This nature preserve is almost entirely forested with a high quality mix of upland and bottom land forests. The extensive upland forest consists primarily of an oak-hickory community. The topography is rugged with steep slopes and is part of the northern extension of the Brown County Hills that spills over into Johnson County.

This nature preserve is surrounded by other forested parcels, most of which are permanently protected by conservation easements, and represents an example of a forest interior habitat. All of these community types, along with their component flora and fauna, contain many species dependent upon large, unfragmented forest ecosystems.

Noteworthy animal species found in the Nature Preserve include: the Worm-eating Warbler, an indicator species of the forest interior community. Two species of shrew, the Pigmy Shrew and the Smoky Shrew, are both found within the preserve and are listed as State Special Concern.

The Hooded and Cerulean Warblers, Neotropical migrant birds, utilize this site as nesting habitat. Also found are the Red-shouldered Hawk, Eastern box turtle, and the Bald Eagle.

Noteworthy plants include American ginseng and golden seal.

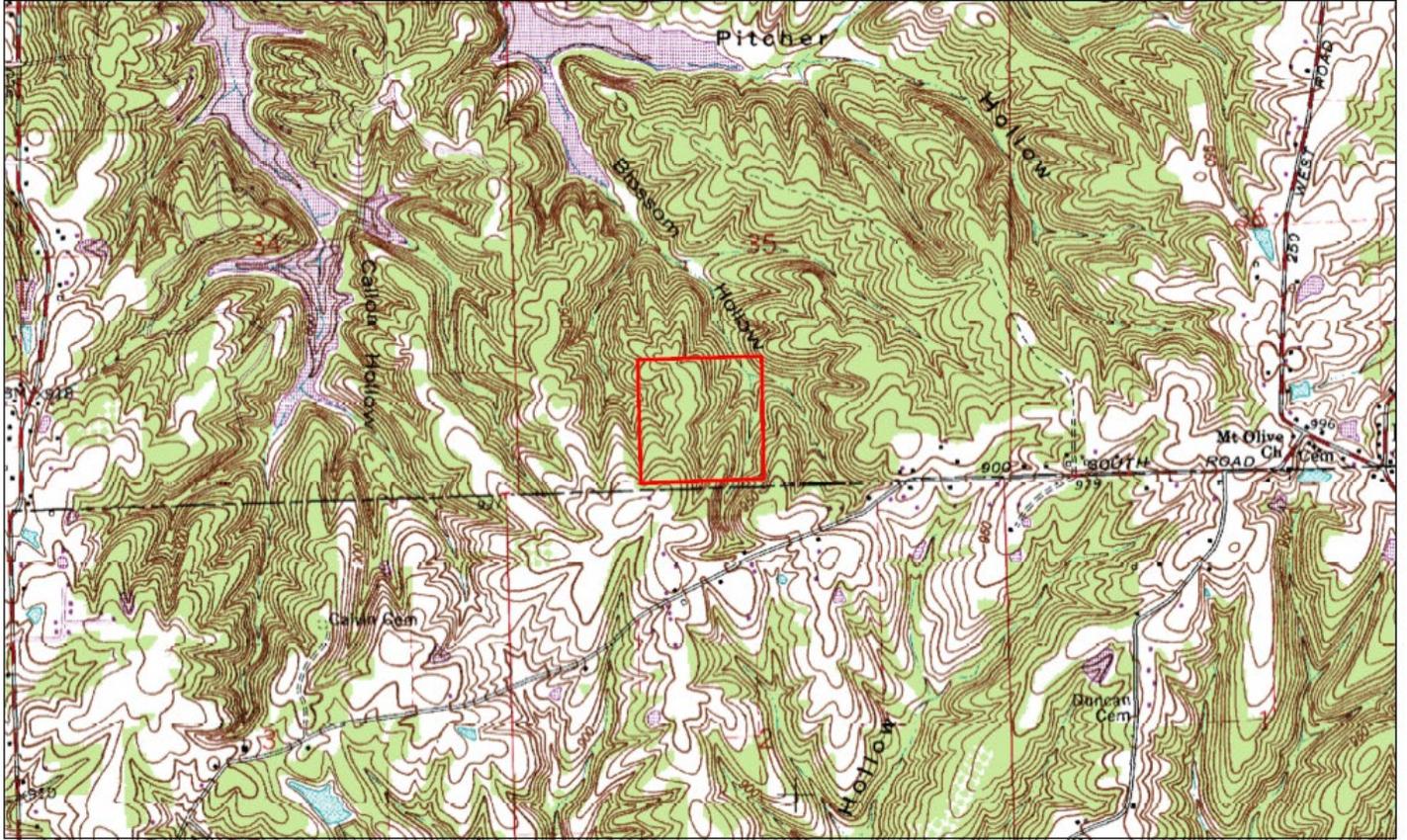
This tract is owned and managed by Central Indiana Land Trust.

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

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A: map

Blossom Hollow Nature Preserve Addition  
County: Johnson  
Size: 40 acres

SLO Exhibit A  
USGS Quad Map: Beanblossom  
Ownership: CILTI



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