

Consideration of the dedication of the Elkhart Bog Nature Preserve Addition in Elkhart County

This addition to Elkhart Bog Nature Preserve in Elkhart County will add 57.12 acres to the existing 159 acres previously dedicated. This will expand the area of protected bog and associated rare species by adding additional bog habitat as well as dry forest and restored sand prairie.

Elkhart Bog is a large wetland formed on top of an old glacial lake. A mat of sedges and sphagnum moss grew across the top of the glacial lake, creating a floating mat of peat, plants and plant roots.

Flora of interest includes: purple pitcher plant, bog rosemary, green adder's-mouth orchid, and winterberry holly.

Fauna includes: sandhill crane, spotted turtle, Blanding's turtle, and marsh wren.

It is owned by the Division of Nature Preserves, Indiana Department of Natural Resources and under the administration of Division of Nature Preserves.

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

Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.

Elkhart Bog Nature Preserve Addition

County: Elkhart

Size: 57.12 acres

NRC Exhibit A

USGS Quad Map: Elkhart

Ownership: DNR Nature Preserves



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