

**Consideration of the dedication of the Barnebey Woods Nature Preserve in Owen County**

This proposed Nature Preserve is located in Owen County and adds 141.5 acres within the Shawnee Hills Natural Region.

Barnebey Woods features a mature mixed-mesic upland forest with excellent tree species composition and forest structural development. It features moderate slopes with deep drainages interspersed among long ridges.

The site contains both Illinois glacial till and sandstone bedrock. A small bedrock overhang creates a waterfall when it rains and is habitat for rock dwelling species, such as walking fern.

It is owned by Sycamore Land Trust.

The Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.

Barnebey Woods Nature Preserve

