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Stewarding Victory Noll Acres*

Winter Work: Our Land Management Team

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*Florence's Trail:
In Honor of Florence Thyrza Pauly*



From the Executive Director

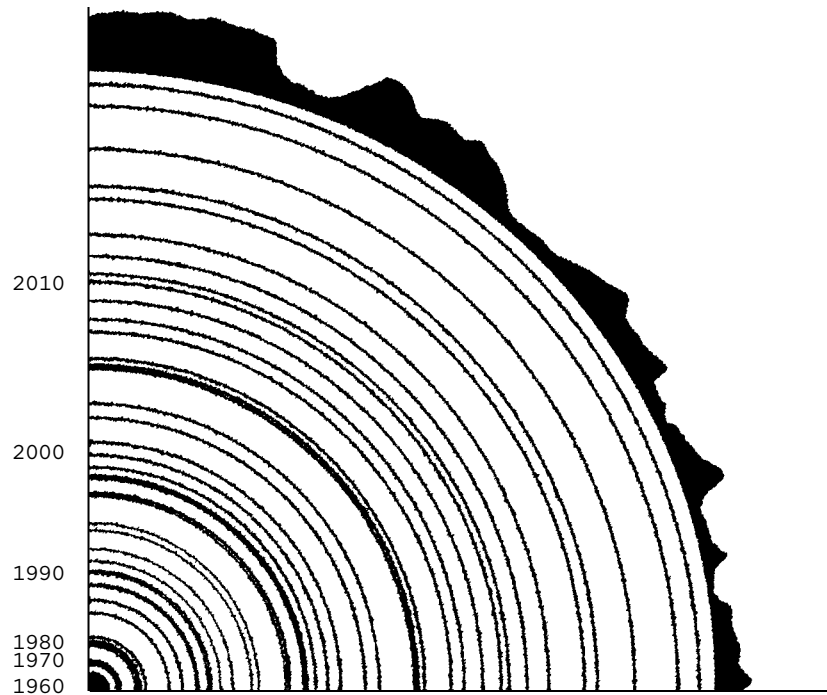
Dear Members,

I enjoy “reading” the growth rings of trees. At a glance, I can see decades’ worth of information. I can see how both lean and explosive growth are determined by the growing conditions.

Shown here are ACRES’ growth rings depicting land acquired each year since 1960. Fifty-nine years’ worth of your and your fellow members’ efforts.

So far, it’s a good read. And the story is just getting started...

LAND ACQUIRED EACH YEAR SINCE 1960



You and a growing number of supporters provide ACRES’ growing conditions. You determine how much land we will acquire next year, you determine how well we will care for the 7,100 (and growing) acres we’ll own next year and beyond.

Although protecting places is often not widely valued, you see the need. You love land. And you respond through your support of ACRES.

I appreciate that your reasons for responding are often very personal, touching a core value you hold deeply. ACRES is honored to help you turn that value into action. I do not say this lightly. A large part of what keeps me motivated is that ACRES also touches a core value I hold deeply.

To grow, trees rely primarily on sunlight and water. ACRES’ growth depends on the availability of land we’d be interested in protecting, as well as the funds to acquire and care for this land.

There’s currently no shortage of available land that ACRES would like to protect. In fact, we acquire less than 10 percent of available, ACRES-quality land. Why? Simply because we don’t have enough financial support.

Next year’s growth ring is in our hands. Adding the biggest growth ring yet will require something we each have, something we each can offer ACRES: **money**.

Consider a bold gift, according to your resources and desire. Your support will pay off—forever.

Sincerely,

Jason Kissel

jkissel@acreslandtrust.org

260-637-2273 ext. 2

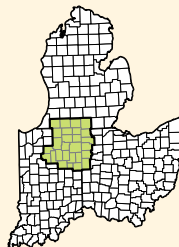
Use the enclosed envelope today to return your gift for the land.

Cover photo: Kokiwanee stream in winter, photo by Thomas Sprunger. ACRES acquired this 140-acre place in 2003 with the help of many Girl Scouts who had spent summers here when it was a Girl Scout camp. Today, Kokiwanee’s natural beauty inspires people like you to protect land.



ACRES Land Trust preserves, protects and manages 115 properties totaling 7,148 acres.

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Everything's Connected On stewarding Victory Noll Acres.

Many search for the right words to explain why they want to protect land, including Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, who have recently protected 138 acres with ACRES. Their search for clarity in stewarding the land of Victory Noll resulted in a documented land ethic, steeped in their spirituality. They recently shared the origins of their guiding principles for land stewardship.

"It was a natural development of our spirituality," says Sister Ginger Downey. "Many sisters come from farming backgrounds close to the land while some sisters have come to an awareness of the cosmic spirituality of all life being interrelated, an understanding that 'this is a place we inhabit, but we don't own it.' Our views are coming together in protecting land with ACRES."

While planning for their own transition, they wanted their land to be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

So they formed a stewardship committee in 2013 to clarify their principles and draft their land ethic. Sister Mary Jo Nelson explained how the images from the Hubble telescope were transformational. These images of deep space show that there is much more than life on Earth. For many sisters, these images were a spiritual awakening. Along with others who also recognized this astounding magnificence, they reached new conclusions:

Everything has meaning, everything is connected, and diversity creates life.

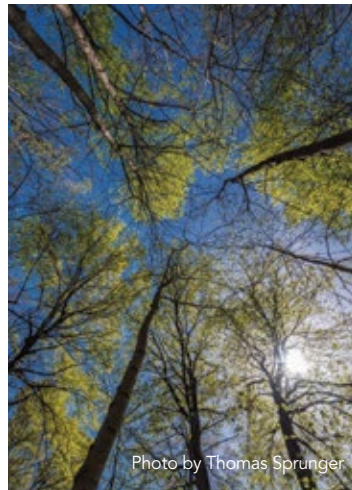


Photo by Thomas Sprunger



Photo by Thomas Sprunger

"The idea that it's all connected, bigger than what we see here, motivates a number of us. Essentially, there is no thought, feeling, action, direction or plan that doesn't impact the rest of the world. We as human beings are challenged to see and implement the principle of connectivity," says Sister Mary Jo.

Since the Catholic Church's Vatican Council, there has been an evolution in science and spirituality, resulting in "a new view of life and God. Nature is the first scripture of our life...none of us could create this...the seasons rising, changing, dying, how closely this mirrors the rhythm of people's lives. This alone is beyond us."

"More recently, Pope Francis' 'Laudato si', an encyclical letter on 'Care for our Common Home', came as a seminal document for the care of Earth and addressing the climate crisis," says Sister Mary Jo. "So we asked ourselves: how can we use our land for a greater good, to provide a little more oxygen, clean soil and water, all the benefits nature offers? We can't do everything, but we can do this and it will last, ministering—for generations."

The Sisters share the benefits of land, based on their own deeply felt personal experiences.

"Nature ministers to us through all our emotions, absorbing them in ways people can't. You can talk to a tree and leave behind what you're feeling. The tree can take it. It's a healing sense," Sister Ginger shares.

"A lot of the sisters spent their formative years here, seeking solace in the woods. A lot of tears have been cried in these woods. This piece of land has been part of people's prayer and reflection. One of my favorite places? Under the big oaks. Standing there, enveloped in light streaming through the trees...it's comforting...or rejoicing."

Now the Sisters want to offer nature's revelation, comfort and rejoicing to future generations.

"I see ACRES' future trails here as our continuing to give," says Sister Mary Jo.

"Whether we are here or not, I see Victory Noll Acres as a place for others in the future."

With the support of members like you, ACRES will honor their gifts forever.

MANAGING LAND



WINTER WORK:

What does our land management team do in the cold season?

by Reena Ramos, Advancement Coordinator

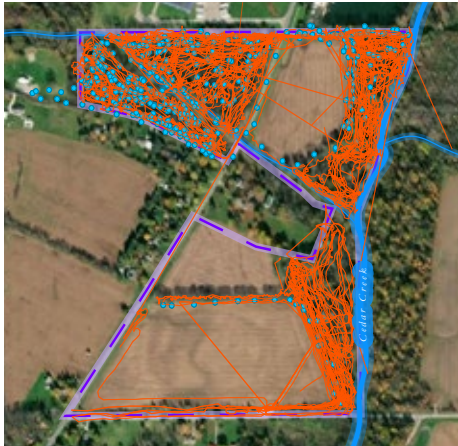
Evan Hill, land management specialist; Casey Jones, land management director; and Matt Dunno, land management specialist care for ACRES properties

As snow begins to fall, the ACRES land management crew gets ready to curl up with hot chocolate around the office fireplace where they will enter hibernation, a state of deep sleep maintained until early spring... ah...just kidding.

The Land Management crew is hard at work during winter treating invasives, managing properties and preparing for the next growing season.

“It’s a misconception that we slow down during wintertime,” says Land Management Specialist Evan Hill. “If anything, we’ve become even busier! We’re still managing invasive species, running the forestry mulcher, maintaining trails and surveying properties.”

Director of Land Management Casey Jones explains that winter is a great time to treat woody invasive species like bush honeysuckle and autumn olive, due to their seasonal cycle:



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

As weather cools, plants begin to store nutrients in their roots, similar to how animals begin to store fat for hibernation. By the first snowfall, many woody species have lost their foliage, leaving behind a branchy, dormant skeleton. Since spraying foliage is no longer an option, land management switches to a method called “cut stump herbicide treatment.” After bushy invasives are cut down, they continue to move nutrients to their roots—while also taking up the herbicide applied directly to the exposed stump bases.

This aerial view of the James P. Covell Nature Preserve south of Auburn shows non-native invasive plant work in both the growing and dormant seasons. The blue dots show our wintertime cut stump herbicide method; in orange, you see where our team has monitored and sprayed leaves as needed in warmer seasons.

This cut stump method is the perfect wintertime solution since it is nearly impossible to cause collateral damage, clearly safer than foliar spraying for surrounding habitat. (This treatment is less efficient during the growing season when plants are pushing out nutrients into stem and leaf growth, and not taking much back into their roots.)

During winter, you can hear the ACRES forestry mulching machine running, cutting down woody invasive plants and clearing large sections of brush. Using this machine in winter allows us to see through dense patches of brush because they are leafless. This prevents us from causing unintended damage to adjacent plant life. At this time of year, many animals are dormant or hibernating, so our work is less harmful to them as well.

Land Management continues maintaining trails in winter. As storms roll through and heavy ice and snow weigh down branches, trees fall on the trails. “It’s surprising, but we use our chainsaws more in winter than any other season,” notes Matt Dunno, land management specialist.

In winter, it’s also easier for the Land Management crew to walk through a dormant, leafless forest monitoring and surveying properties. The team confirms property boundaries through mapping programs using the Global Positioning System (GPS) with Geographic Information System (GIS). (See stories from our mapping tool on pages 12 – 13.)

“We are managing and observing ACRES’ properties year round. We just have different strategies during different seasons,” comments Casey Jones. “For example, we focus on tree plantings and evaluating past work in spring, while we do more species surveys in summer.”

These are all parts of protecting and managing land, every day, forever.

TIRE CLEAN UP

This winter marks our final tire cleanup at Flowers Creek!

When ACRES acquired Flowers Creek in 2013, we spotted several piles of tires in the woods. As the team looked closer, dug deeper, more and more tires appeared until it was evident this forest was once a major dumping site. ACRES took action in 2015, hauling out tires by the truckload, the beginning of our five-year cleanup effort.



Tire Cleanup Highlights

In 2015, our summer interns and caretaker at the time helped hauled out 771 tires. In 2016, volunteers began stepping forward to make breakfast for the workday crews and Miami County locals, and the Recycling (Solid Waste) District pitched in. In 2018, McMahon’s Best One Tire & Auto Care sent a crew of employees to help haul tires—plus trailers to transport them, and they covered ACRES’ cost to recycle the tires. When they saw our challenge, they returned the following weekend to do even more on their own.

One of the best outcomes has been reuniting annually: Many of the same folks—gluttons for hard work—return each year to play a part. Over time, 20 volunteers, 20 interns and staff have heaved, hoisted and lugged 1,250 tires. Tires are still waiting to be liberated from the preserve and later recycled. Will you help?

Come lend a hand for this land, 8 am – 1 pm, Saturday, January 4. One lucky participant will win \$500 gift card to McMahon’s Best One! See details on page 8.

YOU ARE HERE

Saturday, December 7, 9–11 am

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY | Kosciusko County Community Foundation
102 East Market Street, Warsaw, IN 46580

Improve your spatial awareness and understanding locally, globally, abstractly and everywhere in between. Take a journey from the rich history of public land survey to the future of geospatial technology and how technologies you use every day, such as GPS and navigation, actually work. Leave with a better understanding of the importance of the inherent spatial component to everything you do and how the history of location has shaped our world, because you can't know where you're going, if you don't know where you are! *Hosted by Casey Jones, director of land management*

SHARE THE TRAILS: FIRST HIKES

Wednesday, January 1, multiple times and locations

10 am ALLEN COUNTY | Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve, Dustin Barn
1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

11 am KOSCIUSKO COUNTY | Wildwood, 409 E SR 14, Silver Lake, IN 46982

3 pm STEUBEN COUNTY | Wing Haven, 180 W. 400 N, Angola, IN 46703

3 pm WABASH COUNTY | Asherwood, 7496 W. SR 124, Wabash, IN 46992

Ring in the New Year with invigoration—and hot cocoa! We'll trek the trails across our region, welcoming 2020 with movement and camaraderie in forever-protected places.

Free to the public, donations and memberships encouraged.

FINAL FLOWERS CREEK TIRE CLEANUP

Saturday, January 4, 8 am–1 pm

MIAMI COUNTY | Walter H. and E. Marie Myers Nature Preserve on Flowers Creek
2610 E Chili Mill Rd, Denver, IN 46926

You can bring this years-long project to completion, helping protect this beautiful, closed property. Lug, heave, roll and tug the remaining tires following years of effort. McMahon's Best One Tire and Auto Care will bring a semi-trailer to haul them away. Hot breakfast and a warm soup lunch provided, along with heavy doses of hearty thank you's...one lucky participant will win a \$500 gift card to McMahon's Best One! Read more about this project on page 7. *Hosted by Casey Jones, director of land management*



NEW MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 18, 1–2:30 pm

ALLEN COUNTY | Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve
1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

Are you new to ACRES? Welcome! Meet other new members and long-time volunteers, while learning how your membership protects land. Hear ACRES history, updates on new projects, and get answers to your questions: How do we acquire new land? How will we protect it forever? *Refreshments and light snacks provided.*

BOOK DISCUSSION FOR MEMBERS

"A Sand County Almanac" by Aldo Leopold

Friday, January 24, 6 pm

ALLEN COUNTY | Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve
1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

"There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot. These essays are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot." – Aldo Leopold

Gather around the fireplace to discuss Leopold's observations in this seminal work. At the end of our discussion, we'll review books for future consideration, round-robin style. Your nature-focused book suggestions are welcome. *Hosted by Mark Maffey, ACRES board member and Natasha Manor, office and volunteer manager.*

MIXED MEDIA CYANOTYPE PRINTING FOR MEMBERS

With local artist Erin Patton McFarren
erinpattonmcfarren.weebly.com

Friday, January 31, 6 pm

ALLEN COUNTY | Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve
1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

Discover sun printing! This method was first published by Anna Atkins to document British algae. You will learn tips and tricks from local artist Erin Patton McFarren. Leave with ready-made cyanotype print layouts to expose on your own—and with the know-how to make your own on your next preserve visit. *Space and materials are limited. RSVP by January 29: outreach@acreslandtrust.org or 260-637-2273.*



CREEK STOMP—WINTER EDITION

Saturday, February 1, 1 pm

WABASH COUNTY | Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run
1866 E. Baumbauer Road, Wabash, IN 46992

Ross Run in winter is spectacular! 20' icicles, frozen waterfalls, and fossils. Come see what you've been missing! Depending upon weather, we'll be walking either through frigid water or on ice. Choose your footwear carefully; consider bringing dry shoes and socks for after.



WORLD WETLANDS DAY | PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Part of an Allen County-wide celebration, led by Little River Wetlands Project

Saturday, February 1, 10 am

ALLEN COUNTY | Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve
1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

Discover the plants and animals of the Cedar Creek Corridor's wetlands, followed by a quick walk through these forever-protected woods.

TREE TAPPING HIKE

Saturday, February 22, 2 pm

WABASH COUNTY | Asherwood
7496 W. SR 124, Wabash, IN 46992

Do you know how sugar maple sap is collected through a process called "tapping"? Learn more about this sweet process, and if the weather cooperates, tap some trees of your own!

SWIFT HIKE & BALD EAGLE WATCH

Saturday, February 22, 4 pm

WABASH COUNTY | Asherwood
7496 W. SR 124, Wabash, IN 46992

Join ACRES volunteers Janelle and Larry for a bit of fast-hiking and lot of Bald Eagle watching. Event begins at Asherwood and ends at Seven Pillars Nature Preserve, making this a much shorter Swift Hike than in the past. *Event space is limited. RSVP to outreach@acreslandtrust.org or call 260-637-2273 by February 12.*

SAVE THE DATE!

ASHERWOOD MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE DAY FOR MEMBERS

Saturday, March 14, 9 am–noon

See page 16 for volunteer requests and page 19 for more details.

ACRES members, you're encouraged to bring friends and family to members-only events.

Watch for more events online: [acreslandtrust.org](https://www.acreslandtrust.org).



ON THE MAP

Tracking ACRES Land Trust's Work

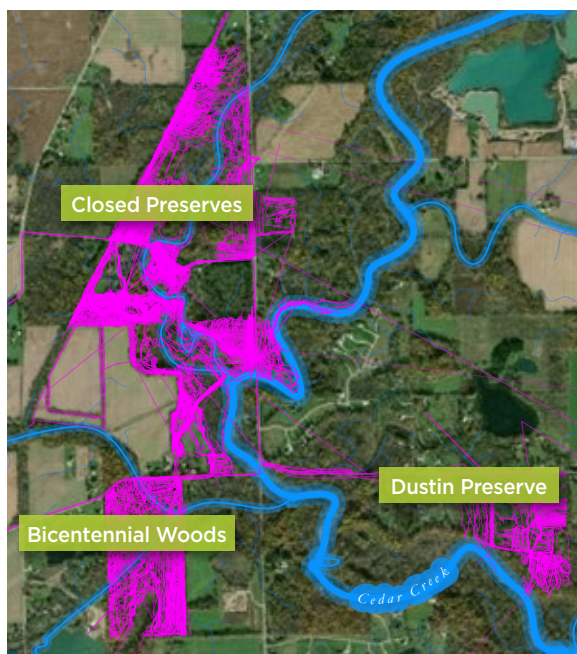
ACRES relies on maps. We've used all sorts to protect land: paper maps with hand-drawn topographical lines, plat maps showing property boundaries, paper maps with aerial imagery of land cover type and more. Today our work relies primarily on geographic information system technology (GIS), which not only helps us map locations, but also allows us to record and track information.

Here you see a few maps that help tell the story of our protecting land.

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN? FIGHTING NON-NATIVE INVASIVE PLANTS

This map of Bicentennial Woods and closed preserves north of it shows the tracks of interns and staff as they walk with backpack sprayers, currently monitoring and selectively applying herbicide to non-native plants, and also using the cut-stump method (see page 6 for an article on both methods).

This information, collected using iPods and a mobile app, shows us far more than simply where we have been and where we need to go next. Using ArcGIS each time we go out, we're able to record and store data on who went, what invasive plants we may have treated, which method was used and when the work took place. This richer data set also allows us to account for conditions when we follow up on our effectiveness. How was the weather after our work? What species are we seeing where? ArcGIS gives us a bigger picture of our work in the field.



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN and the GIS User Community

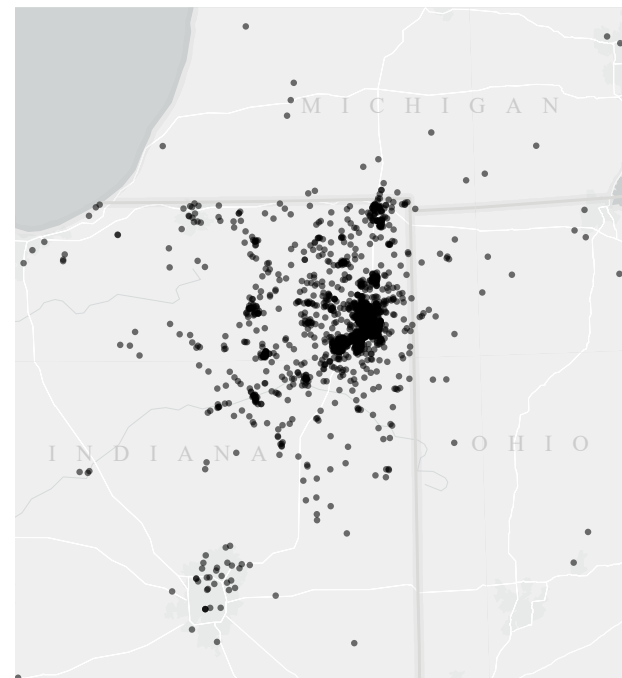
WHERE ARE ACRES MEMBERS LOCATED?

As expected, we see more ACRES members in communities with denser populations. Fort Wayne is home to more people in the region, so we expect a large number of our supporters will live here. That said, ACRES is certain that more people will support our work if we can reach them with our story.

Will you help ACRES grow in support across the region? When you share our mission with friends and family, more people participate.

Please consider our year-end membership gift offer.

See the back page for details.



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THIS LAND IS OUR LAND: WHERE YOU LIVE AND THE LAND YOU PROTECT WITH ACRES

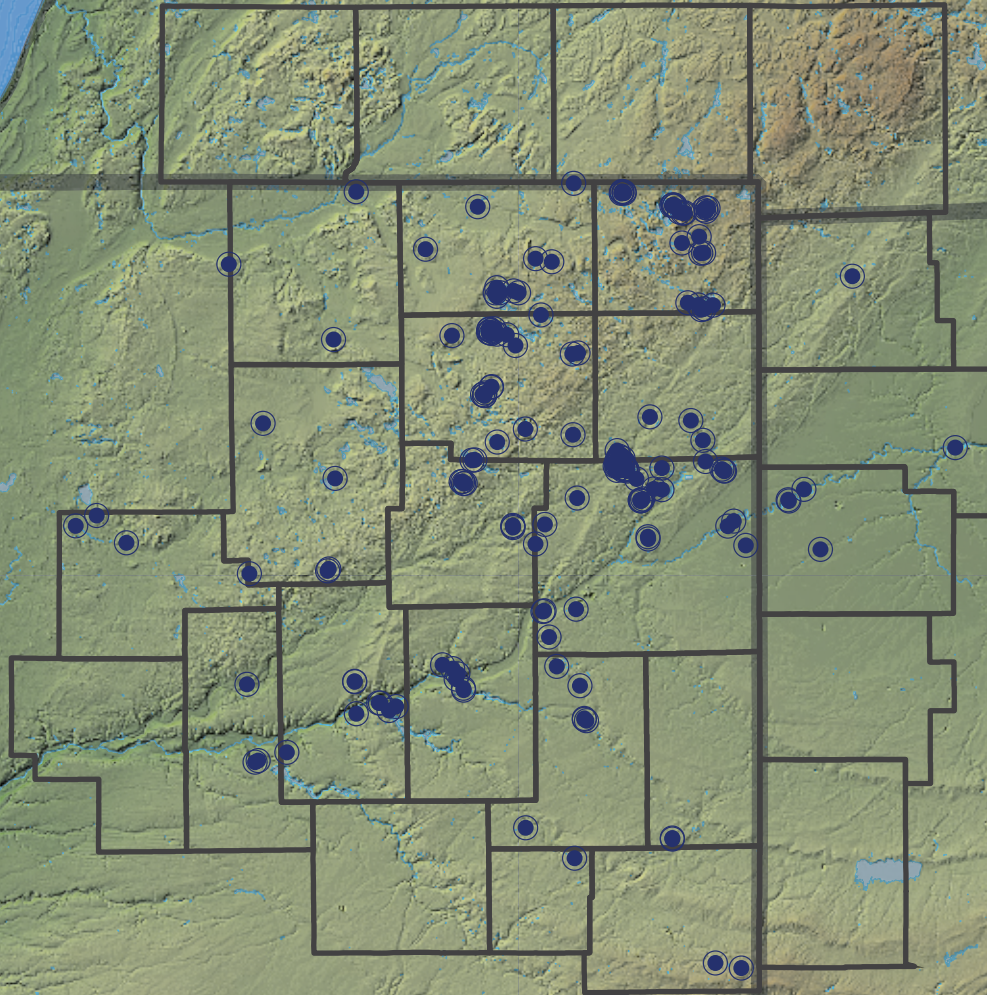
The map on the next page shows our region's terrain. Here you see some political boundaries, but you are primarily looking at the land itself. This is ACRES' view.

Our land was carved by glaciers. The ridges you see here, known as moraines, are places where glaciers moved and sat, distributing and accumulating soil and rocks over time. Glacial melting eventually gouged deep scars, creating our region's waterways along these ridges.

ACRES protects many places along these morainal ridges, places with uncommon land formations or plant life—often dictated by the way the land was shaped.

Center-spread photo by Thomas Sprunger. In mid-February, nearly 100 Bald Eagles roost near Seven Pillars of the Mississinewa Landmark. During the day they can be seen hunting the river. Join ACRES Saturday, February 22, for a Swift Hike & Bald Eagle Watch, or visit on your own to enjoy these natural wonders. *See page 9 for details.*

ACRES Service Area



Airbus, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, GSA, GSI and the GIS User Community

Snow fell until dawn.
Now every twig in the grove
glitters in sunlight.

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Volunteer Request

ASHERWOOD MAPLE SYRUP MAKING & PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR MEMBERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 9 AM-NOON

WABASH COUNTY | Asherwood, 7496 W SR 124, Wabash, IN 46992

Volunteers are needed for parking, cooking, greeting, check-in and syrup sales. To lend a hand, contact Jason Kissel at jkissel@acreslandtrust.org or **260-637-2273**, ext. 2.

Florence's Trail

The trail along the north bank of Willow Creek in Bicentennial Woods has been dedicated in honor of Florence Thyrza Pauly, a native of Fort Wayne and long-time resident of Bloomington and Indianapolis. Florence's estate was donated to ACRES Land Trust in 2018 as a tribute to the comfort and healing she found in nature.

Florence enjoyed being in nature throughout Indiana and the Midwest. As a nurse, Florence protected and healed the most vulnerable. She enjoyed camping and leading at Camp McMillen, and she knew the beautiful seasons and landscapes of the Cedar Creek Corridor.

Nearby land protected through her estate is a permanent gift to her hometown. Please appreciate the complexity and diversity of the ecosystem Florence's trail passes through, as she did, and find comfort and healing as she found in places like this.

*Looking for stocking stuffers or special gifts
for land lovers?*

Buy ACRES gear online at acreslandtrust.org/shop

Order well in advance for timely delivery.



ACRES Preserve Guides

A durable guide to more than 50 trail systems open dawn to dusk. \$10 in the office; \$13 online with shipping and handling. (Don't miss our seasonal promotion on the Back Page)



ACRES Double-walled Hot/Cold Stainless Steel Beverage Bottles

Keep your hot drinks hot this winter and your water ice cold in the summer. \$10 in the office; \$15 online with shipping and handling.



ACRES Bottle Holder Slings

Hike and explore, hands-free. Turquoise, amethyst or gray/green. Slings include a pocket and fold up for storage. \$10 in the office; \$13 online with shipping and handling.



ACRES Beanie or Sock-Cap

Keep your noggin warm in the woods! (And represent ACRES in your 'hood'). \$10 in the office; \$13 online with shipping and handling.



ACRES Acorn Window Cling

Adorn your vehicle or window with this unique acorn cling designed by Yonder Clothing Company. \$3 in the office; \$5 online with shipping and handling.



ACRES Retro Decal

Spruce up your water bottle, laptop, or any other smooth surface with this retro ACRES logo from the 1960s. \$2 in office; \$3 online with shipping and handling.

Shop online: acreslandtrust.org/shop or in the office. ACRES is open Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Due to the nature of our work, we may be in the field. Please call ahead to be sure we're here to help you. The ACRES office is closed December 24 - 25 and January 1.

BREAKTHROUGH GRANT | STUDY RESULTS

ACRES' Breakthrough Grant study, part of an initiative funded by the Foellinger Foundation, is complete. With support from the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center, ACRES worked with local nonprofits to determine the feasibility of a multi-use nature development. The study offered key insights and is a great starting point should another group want to pursue it.

More on the project, including the full report with sample specifications, is available at acreslandtrust.org/breakthrough2

WELCOME 40newmembers!

Roberta Abbott
Pat and Peg Ballinger
Sylvia and Mario Bautista
Ian and Sherri Blair
John and Karen Caffray
Valentin Calvillo
gifted from Reena Ramos
Chris Christensen
Eric Dangelo
Joseph Fish
gifted from Karen Griggs
Erik Garrison
Jennifer Griggs
gifted from Karen Griggs
Melissa and Chris Hamel
Brad Hartman
John Haverstock
Benjamin and Amanda Hess
Hannah Honn
gifted from Janelle and Larry Hicks
Kylie Jackson
Dave and Rosie Johnson
Brian and Jodi Koesters
Anne Kolaczky

Timothy Long and Donna Rooks
Sherry Myers
Kris Mykrantz
Bonnie Neuhouser
Iris Norton
gifted from Reena Ramos
Donna Olsen
Matt Paskus
gifted from Emily Pichon
Linda Patterson
Ginger Riley
Dawn and Larry Sawyer
John Schenkel
Lora and Larry Schnurr
Pamela Sebert
Richard and Ann Smits
Wendy Soltz
April and Kevin Steury
Mae Strubel
Kenneth and Teresa Waggoner
Hailee Weber
Laura Yates
gifted from Reena Ramos

memorials

Russell Hathaway
from Eric Hathaway and Erin Ingram
Paul Krummen
from Kristin Steckbeck Bilinski, Rebecca Hanauer, Jeffrey and Mary Heller
Thomas Swank
from Denise Feasel

tributes

Mark and Wendy Eissey
In honor of Harvey Hathaway
Alex Harkins
In honor of Trisha and Casey Eggelston
David and Valerie Doud
In honor of Steve and Connie Doud

wish list

Order from ACRES' Amazon Wish List: Under "Find a List or Registry," search for "ACRES Land Trust" or request a link at acres@acreslandtrust.org.

Batteries (AA, C and D)	Husqvarna 550 XP chainsaw(s)	Riding lawnmowers
Car washing soap	Large trash bags	Root puller(s) (Extractigator Classic, Up Rooter, or Weed Wrench)
Chainsaw backpack(s)	MacBook Air (3)	Small paper lunch bags
Coffee	More Farm Store credit (money can be added to ACRES Inc account)	Suet blocks
Copy paper	Portable AED (3)	
Extractigator Classic(s)		

Questions? Please contact acres@acreslandtrust.org.

SPECIAL thanks

ACRES Board of Directors and Committee Members	Pam George Organizing Annual Member Meeting
ACRES Native Garden Volunteers	Crystal Jones, Maureen Voors Parkview Focus on Health volunteers
Dave Brumm Repairs/maintenance at ACRES Office	George Kibe Installed new foot bridge at Evelyn and Wendell Dygert Nature Preserve, built new shutters for studio at Wing Haven
Kevin Butts, Cory Carico, Pam Morton, Charles Seyfert, April Steury Autumn Olive volunteers	Light Rail Cafe Hosting Warsaw Java Jaunt
Clearview Window Cleaning Specialists Donating services to Wildwood Preserve	Mark Maffey Lehman YMCA Senior Homecoming Volunteer
Kristine Connerly, Katia Cook, Tedra Hemingway, Mark Maffey Promenade Park Volunteers	Keith Pomeroy Repairs/maintenance at Mackel
Laura Colpitts, Mark Maffey Share the Trails Hike Leaders for Fort Wayne Parks Active Senior Week Hike	Louise Pomeroy Office projects and volunteer processing support
Sue Diefenbach Budget and Financial Reports	Rene Marvin Ramos Merchandise photos
Doud Orchards Hosting fall staff outing	Dave Ray Office snacks
Fall Quarterly assembly and distribution volunteers	Carol Roberts Editing and revising the ACRES Quarterly
Chris Fairfield Board of Directors, Recording Secretary	Shankster Bros. Discounting services to Wildwood Preserve
Chris Fairfield and Carol Spallone ACRES document archiving	Upland Brewing Donating beer
Chris Fairfield, Kirk Swaidner Share The Trails Hike Leaders at Asherwood	Volunteer Preserve Stewards, Caretakers, Trail Monitors
Mary Anna Feitler Membership Archive Project	

ASHERWOOD MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE DAY FOR MEMBERS

Saturday, March 14, 9 am - noon

WABASH COUNTY | Asherwood Environmental Center
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Can you smell the warm pancakes and fresh-made syrup? Feel the cool, crisp air of the winter woods on your cheek? It's sugar bush season! You're invited to breakfast and a guided tour of ACRES' maple sugaring operation. Volunteers needed. See page 18 for details.

\$5/person, children under 5 free. No reservations required. Come early or stay late and explore this incredible place that your membership helps protect. *Presented by Grady Stout, Asherwood caretaker; Jason Kissel, executive director; and ACRES volunteers.*

*Will your organization or group benefit from learning about ACRES?
Contact us for a presentation: outreach@acreslandtrust.org*

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on the land you love.*



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