

## **Land Categories**

ACRES owns property in three categories:

**Nature Preserves** are created to protect natural areas. ACRES permanently protects its nature preserves by guaranteeing to never develop or transfer them. Nature Preserves often contain unique natural features or rare, threatened or endangered plants and animals.

**Protected Lands** are areas worthy of protection for reasons other than their natural features. Protected Lands are also given protection against development or transfer – ACRES' name will always remain on the deed. Typical protected land uses include agricultural, managed forests / tree farms, recreational areas, and hunting or fishing properties.

**Transferable Properties** are afforded no protection and are intended to be sold for financial gain, transferred or otherwise used at ACRES' discretion.

Income from Protected Lands or Transferrable Properties is used to manage Nature Preserves and offset expenses associated with Protected Lands and Transferrable Properties (property taxes, drainage assessments, timber stand improvement, tile repair, etc.)

