

Celebrate 60 years into forever with ACRES Land Trust!

2020 marks ACRES' 60th Anniversary. Will you help us plant seeds for the next 60 years? Here are a variety of ways to support our growth:

Join Us

- Join as an ACRES member: [acreslandtrust.org/join](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/join)
- Be the first to know—sign up for our newsletter: [acreslandtrust.org/newsletter](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/newsletter)
- Like, follow and engage with ACRES on Facebook and Instagram
- Come to ACRES events: [acreslandtrust.org/events/](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/events/)
- Become an ACRES volunteer: [acreslandtrust.org/volunteer/](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/volunteer/)

Explore On Your Own

- Take a hike!
- Explore ACRES stories in video: vimeo.com/acreslandtrust
- Plan a road trip to see preserves and towns farther from home
- Find your favorite preserve or place #myACRES
- Get your friends together for a hike and cup of joe
- Visit all open properties in a single county
- Look for every color of the rainbow on the trails and share what you find
- Explore stories on our blog: [acreslandtrust.org/blog](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/blog)
- Take your dog for a walk—always on a leash
- Visit a new-to-you preserve
- Take a 20-minute listening hike (shhh! no talking); make a recording and share
- Follow your curiosity: explore birds, trees, flowers, sedges, soils, snakes, snails... then challenge yourself to learn more about your interests
- Explore the Cedar Creek Corridor website: cedarcreek.acreslandtrust.org
- Take a hike in the Cedar Creek Corridor, enjoying its 13.7 miles designated in Indiana's Natural, Scenic and Recreational River System
- Read the Cedar Creek booklet: cedarcreek.acreslandtrust.org/booklet
- Look and listen more closely: What's new? Who made these tracks? Why are so many trees fallen in this preserve? What's growing on that tree?

Give Back to the Land

- Contact Heather Barth at hbarth@acreslandtrust.org or 260-637-2273 ext. 5
- Make a gift to the ACRES fund at your local community foundation
 - Ask your employer to match your ACRES donation
 - Make a gift to ACRES that supports the management and care of land
 - Support ACRES by making a monthly gift: [acreslandtrust.org/give](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/give)
 - Include ACRES in your will
 - Name ACRES as a beneficiary on your investment account or life insurance policy
 - Add a donation to your annual dues payment
 - Make a gift that supports the purchase of new land
 - Talk to your employer about becoming a corporate member

[acreslandtrust.org](https://www.acreslandtrust.org)

Create, Express, Be Inspired by the Land

- Create your own ACRES playlist for preserve visits or drives, then share with us
- Tell legislators that local land matters
- Create a short video about why ACRES matters to you. See page 14 for more details.
- Write a poem or short story about what you see in a preserve
- Sketch, draw, color or sculpt a preserve-inspired piece
- Add to your nature or conservation reading list
- When did you first recognize your love of land? Write about it and or thank the people who inspired you
- Create a journal noting natural transitions, wonders and curiosities
- Create a themed photography study and share with us
- Reflect on what protecting land means to you and draft your own land ethic statement
- Consider what a well-nourished ACRES will look like in 2080 (60 years from now)

Work the Land

- Get hands-on preserve experience by participating in a workday
- Donate to a tree planting to help restore preserves
- Pick up litter in the preserves. Share your efforts on social media: #KeepACRESbeautiful
- Work with ACRES to create a preserve workday for your group
- Plant native plants and remove non-native plants from your own land

Share ACRES

- Wear ACRES gear: [acreslandtrust.org/shop](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/shop)
- Gift a membership to someone else: [acreslandtrust.org/give](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/give)
- Tell the world—share your support of ACRES on social media
- Bring a friend to an ACRES event
- Share your ACRES adventures on social media and tag #ACRESadventure
- Share ACRES with your group or invite us to speak: Scout, church, service club, garden club, book club, etc.
- Find places to share ACRES brochures, then let us know: rmos@acreslandtrust.org
- Share our Facebook posts, inviting your friends to help us grow
- Encourage a teacher to use ACRES preserves for field trips, study and reflection
- Encourage your workplace to offer an ACRES outing or wellness incentive program
- Host a conservation book discussion with friends and family or group
- Offer the ACRES leaflet or brochures at your place of business
- Request ACRES materials to share (card/brochures/leaflets): [acreslandtrust.org/referral](https://www.acreslandtrust.org/referral)
- Encourage another generation—invite an older or younger person to explore trails