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PRAIRIE BORDER NATURE PRESERVE

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COUNTY: Jasper County

SIZE: 770 acres, surrounding the Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area

OWNERSHIP: TNC (The Nature Conservancy)

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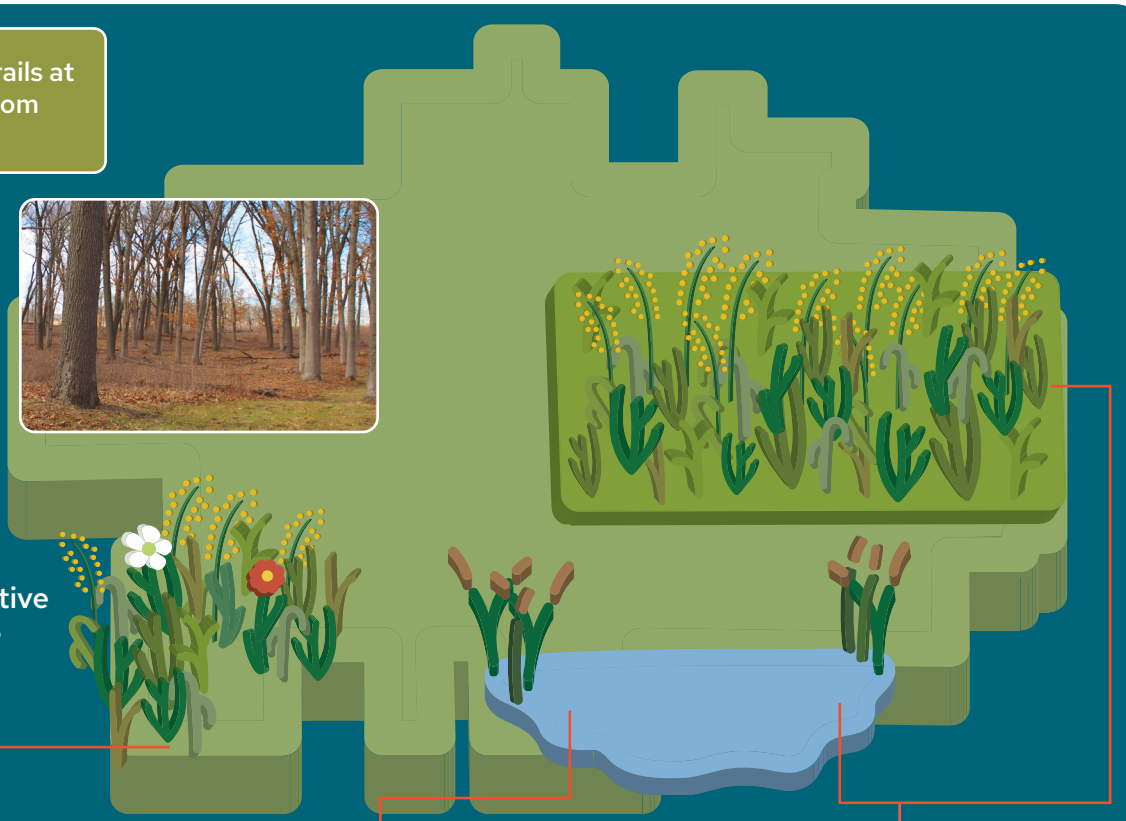
In the summer of 2018, a 1.5-mile trail and interpretive signage throughout Prairie Border was installed.



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Hosts monarch butterflies, northern bobwhite quail, state rare Henslow's sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, blue-spotted salamander, and many plants.

LAND HISTORY

Was once the southern portion of the Grand Kankakee Marsh.

- Potawatomi lived on the low sand rises.
- Abundant place of fish, wildlife, and waterfowl.

Early settlers called this "Grand Marsh of the Kankakee."

- Fur trapping drove early economic activity.

Newly constructed railroads brought in settlers to hunt waterfowl.

- Came from places like New York, Philadelphia, Europe.
- Livestock grazed the marsh.
- By the mid-19th century, the wetlands were drained.

PRAIRIE & WETLAND RESTORATION

The restored prairie and wetland were planted with over 140 species that occur in similar nearby habitats.

These species-rich plantings support diverse communities of pollinators, such as native bees and butterflies.

The Conservancy attempts to restore as many appropriate plant species as possible. This helps ensure a diverse and healthy insect community.

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