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# Scout to beautify nature preserve

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Gates Maier, Zionsville, has decided to work through the Central Indiana Land Trust to help improve the Gene B. Glick Nature Preserve as part of his Eagle Scout badge requirements.

Maier has been working over the past several months to solicit donations from local businesses to make improvements to the preserve, located at 42nd Street and Mitthoefer Road on the east side of Indianapolis.

His project includes installing a gravel parking area, planting 50 black walnut and oak trees, repainting the preserve's main sign, repairing and replacing bollards around the parking area and picking up trash.

Heather Bacher, Land Trust executive director, said, "We are pleased to be partnering with Gates on this project that will not only beautify the neighborhood, but also help the environment by planting trees, thereby re-

ducing storm water runoff and improving air quality."

This nature preserve and the other properties owned by the Land Trust are open to the public for wildlife viewing, hiking and photography. Vehicles, hunting, fishing and camping are not allowed.

For more information, visit [www.conservingindiana.org](http://www.conservingindiana.org)

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