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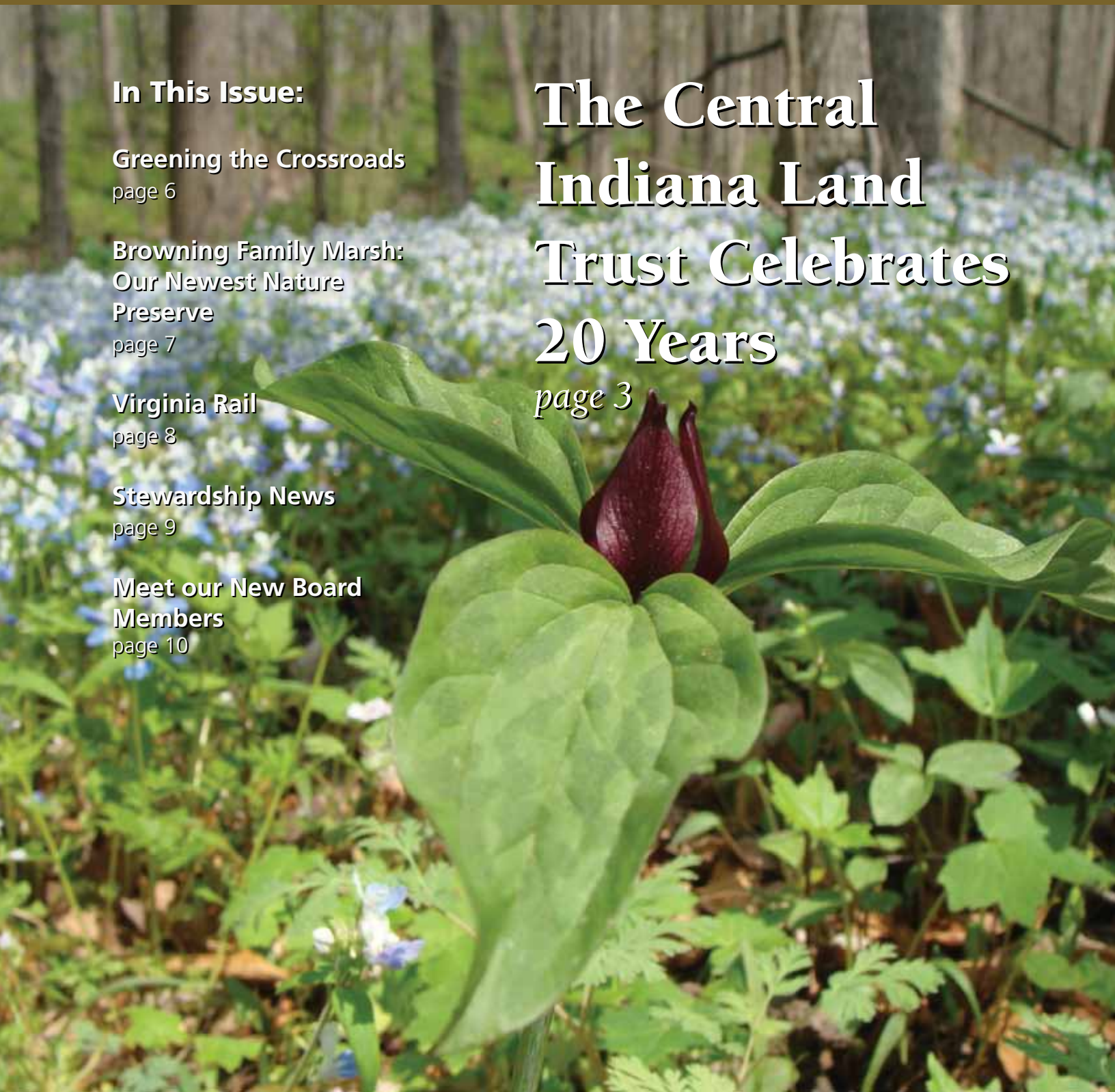
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Prairie Trillium in a field
of Blue-Eyed Marys.
Photo by Cliff Chapman.

Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear Land
Trust, Happy Birthday to you!

We start this article off with a song because a twentieth birthday is worth a celebration. And it's in that spirit that we are celebrating our past successes and getting ready for the next chapter.



From the feature story and the timeline, one can see our past successes and how we, as an organization of committed conservationist and fellow Hoosiers, are making Central Indiana a better place to live, work and play. We have, over the years, worked together to see natural land protected and altered land restored. Thousands of us have explored some beautiful natural places. Many more have learned about what makes Central Indiana special through Land Trust events, programs, seminars and field days. It's with much pride and pleasure that we look back on our first twenty years.

And what does tomorrow bring? Well... first, more of the same great work with friends and partners. As an organization, we will continue to strive to new heights in three main goals: 1. to strategically conserve and steward land, 2. to strategically engage more people in the mission of the Central Indiana Land Trust, and 3. to strategically build a stronger organization.

You may have noticed a theme here... "strategy" is key to us making the most of unlimited conservation opportunities with limited resources.

And the ways we are being more strategic are evident in what land we protect and how we find ways to partner with others. Watch this space for more as we begin the next twenty years. With your help, and a little strategy, we can continue together to make our home an even better place to live, work and play.

Let's celebrate all we have done, all we are doing, and all that the Land Trust will be doing for future generations of Hoosiers. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 12th for our annual gathering. More details to come!

- Heather Bacher and James Wilson

OUR MISSION

Through land protection, stewardship and education, the Central Indiana Land Trust preserves natural areas, improving air and water quality and enhancing life in our communities for present and future generations.

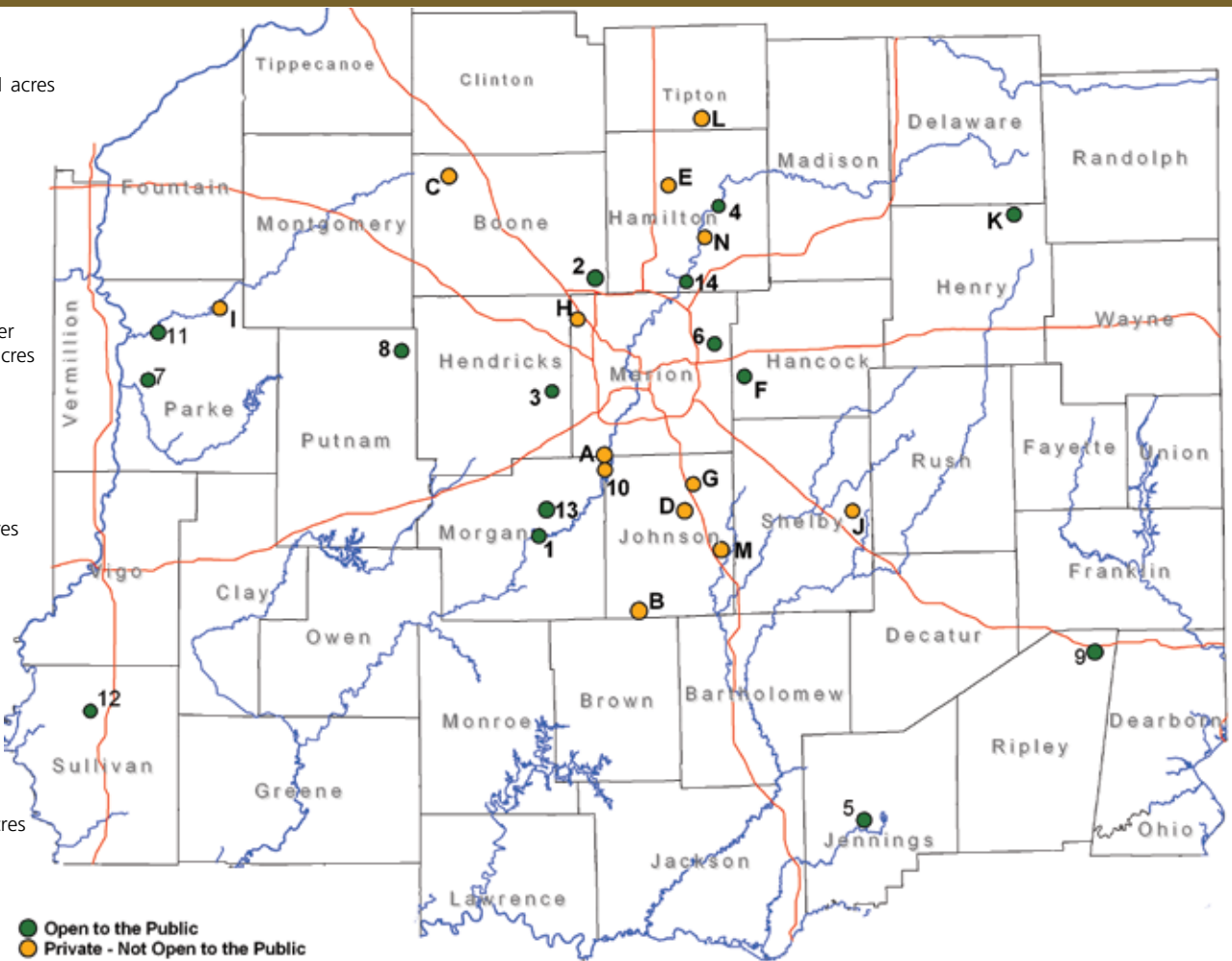
OUR PROPERTIES

Nature Preserves:

1. Blue Bluff: 33 acres
2. Browning Family Marsh: 41 acres
3. Burnett Woods: 80 acres
4. Burr Oak Bend: 130 acres
5. Frank Ratcliff Memorial Forest: 57 acres
6. Gene B. Glick: 9 acres
7. Haji Hollow: 66 acres
8. Hemlock Ridge: 49 acres
9. John Sunman's Woods: 33 acres
10. Millard Sutton/Amos Butler Audubon Sanctuary: 76 acres
11. Mossy Point: 191 acres
12. Sanctuary Oaks: 14 acres
13. Shalom Woods: 14 acres
14. Wapihani: 77 acres

Conservation Easements:

- A. Baldwin River Farm: 49 acres
- B. Bob's Woods: 245 acres
- C. Brush Creek: 107 acres
- D. Crystal Springs Woods: 41 acres
- E. Hinkle Creek: 29 acres
- F. Jacob Schramm Woods: 31 acres
- G. Jones Farm: 24 acres
- H. Left Gate Farm: 56 acres
- I. Lough Ridge: 123 acres
- J. Meltzer Woods: 61 acres
- K. Pioneer Cemeteries: 1.5 acres
- L. Sherwood Forest: 90 acres
- M. Smiley's Mill: 42 acres
- N. Stony Creek: 49 acres



HOW WE PROTECT LAND

Fee Simple

The outright ownership of land through donations or purchases is the most basic land protection tool. Once owned by a land trust, the land is protected in perpetuity.

Conservation Easements

This agreement between a landowner and a land trust or government entity allows the landowner to retain the title to the land, but permanently limits development and prevents certain uses of the property.

Protection Partnerships

We often partner with like-minded organizations to pool resources for the purchase of larger parcels of land.

Acresage Counter:

3,864 acres protected

870 acres owned

949 acres under management

2,045 acres protected through partnerships

For details on all of our projects, visit our website: www.conservingindiana.org.

THE CENTRAL INDIANA LAND TRUST: TWENTY YEARS...

By Maria Steiner,
Community Relations Director

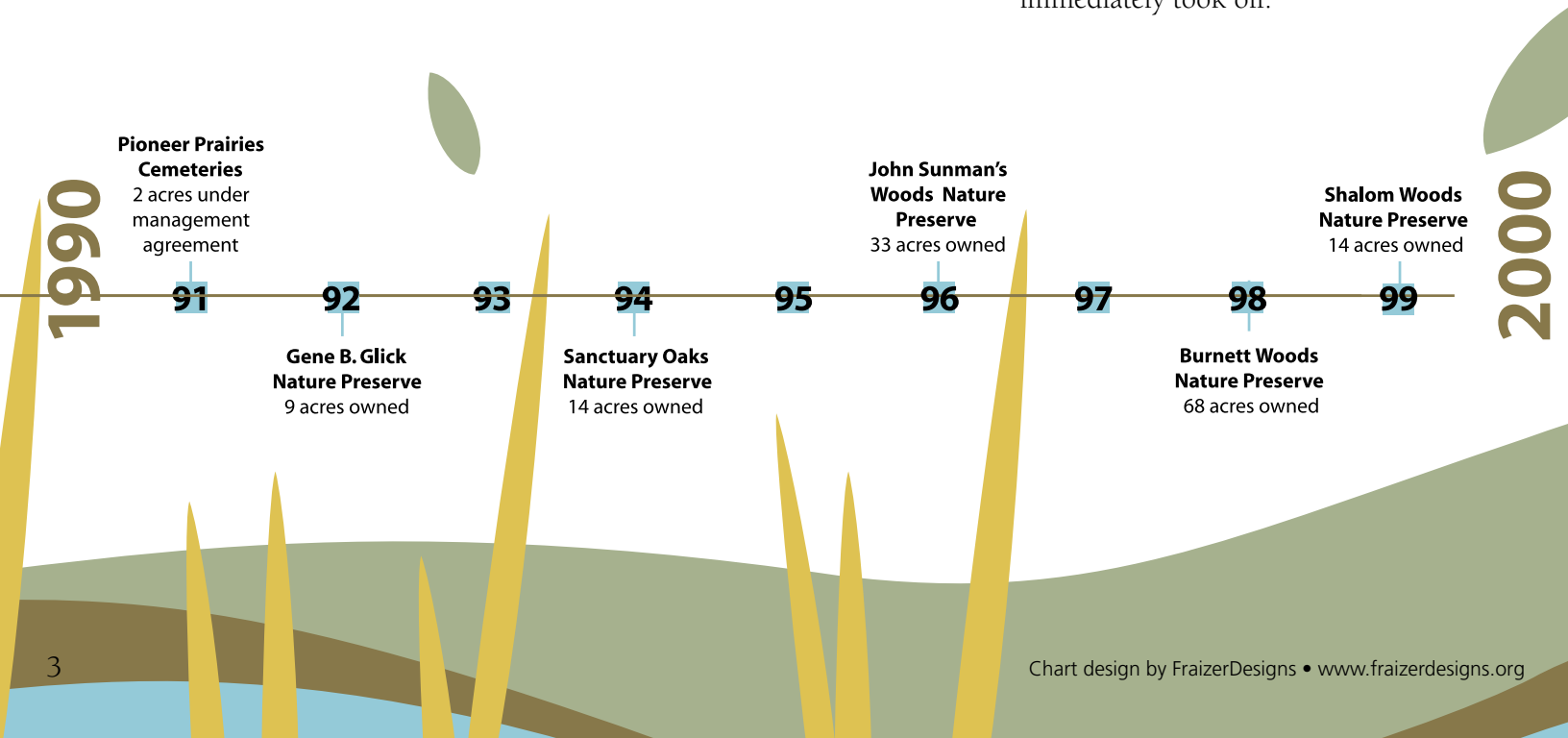
It's hard to believe that the Central Indiana Land Trust will be celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year. As we embark on our twentieth year, we thought we'd reflect on some of the highlights over the years.

The Land Trust was incorporated as a 501(c)3 organization in August of 1990 to "promote... the preservation of natural resources... for the benefit of the public and for charitable, educational, recreational, conservation, scientific and historical purposes." The first public meeting was advertised through the newspaper and organized by a group of people who recognized the need for an organization dedicated to land conservation specifically in Central Indiana. Some of the organizers, many of whom are still active members, included Dan Zay, Bryan Collins, Ellen Jacquart, Ed Paynter, and Ron Helmich.

To gather information for this story, I talked to Bud Jersild, who was not only present at that first meeting, but who was president from 1993-2000 and has been an active volunteer for all twenty years. I also received input from past presidents Ellen Jacquart and Clare Oskay, and current president James Wilson.

When the Land Trust was founded, it covered almost a third of the state – a broad swath that ran from Illinois to Ohio across the middle of the state. As other land trusts started up around the state over the years, the Central Indiana Land Trust tightened its focus. We now technically cover eleven counties, but of course we still hold those properties that were obtained when we covered a larger portion of the state. Each property owned or managed by the Land Trust has a unique story to it, but I only have the space to highlight a few of them. For more information on each of our properties, visit our website: www.conservingindiana.org.

The Land Trust's first project was actually a management agreement with Stoney Creek Township in Henry County for three tiny pioneer cemeteries. To the casual observer, this may seem a bit obscure. However, to ecologists, it makes perfect sense. Dan Zay, a Department of Natural Resources ecologist who was president of the Land Trust at the time, saw the value in these cemeteries. Because they have never been touched by the plow, these pioneer cemeteries (named Bechtelheimer, Current, and Rogersville) are living examples of the composition of east-central Indiana prairies before European settlement. Many scientists have gathered information from these sites. Species seen here include big and little bluestem, New Jersey tea, black-eyed Susan, Indian grass, spiked lobelia, showy tick trefoil, and flowering spurge, just to name a few. The prairies are maintained by mowing, burning, and removal of woody species that want to overtake the prairie grasses. In fact, after the first burn, big bluestem immediately took off.



The first property under ownership by the Land Trust was donated in 1992 by Mr. Gene B. Glick, the well-known Indianapolis businessman. Located at 42nd Street and Mitthoeffer Road on the east side of Indianapolis, this preserve is located on the corner of two busy roads and sits behind a convenience store with a bus stop in front of it. It has been under-utilized and often is the landing spot for all sorts of trash. Thanks to several partnerships, the Land Trust is working to turn this preserve into a true asset for the local community. An eagle scout helped us repair the parking bollards and re-gravel the parking area, as well as plant oak and walnut trees in an area formerly being overtaken by weedy species. Camptown, Inc. created a trail that loops through the property, complete with interpretive signage and duckboards for low-lying wet areas. It passes by a beaver dam on Bell's Run and the foundation of a home from long ago.



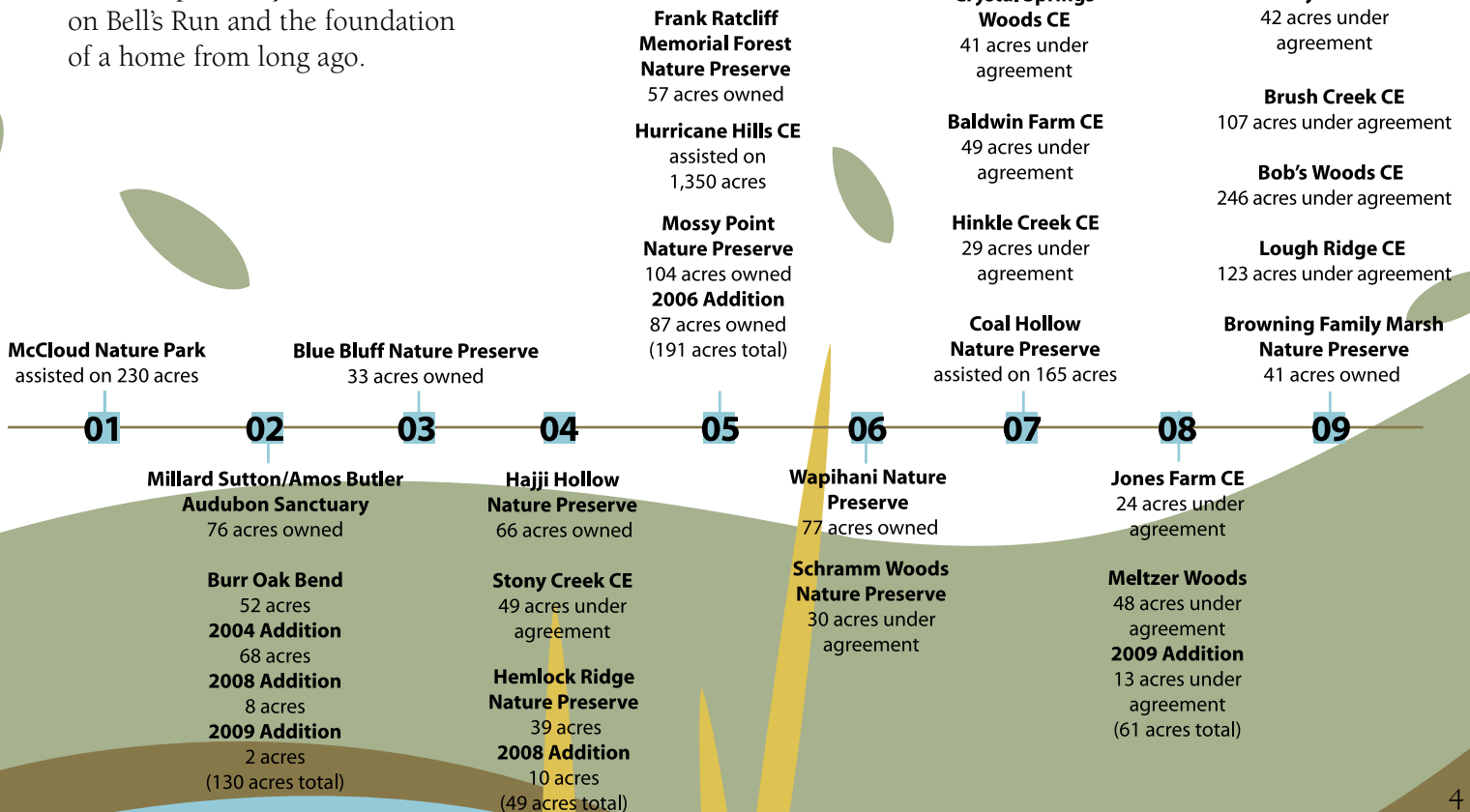
Members celebrate the purchase and dedication of Burnett Woods in 1998.

In 1998, the organization came to a turning point when Ruth Burnett decided to sell her 69-acre woods in Avon at a deeply discounted price to the Land Trust. Despite the bargain price, this presented a challenge as it was the organization's first land purchase. A well-organized campaign not only raised the funds to purchase the property, but also drew increased community attention to the land protection efforts of the Land Trust. The funds were successfully raised, and the prop-

erty was dedicated on April 19, 1998. A loop trail was installed at Burnett Woods as well, and the property soon became known as one of the best places in Hendricks County to see spring ephemeral wildflowers. It is still the only state-dedicated nature preserve in the county.

Thanks to a successful fundraising campaign this past fall, a 10.5-acre parcel was purchased in March 2010 and added to the preserve, to bring the total acreage to 80 acres.

When I asked Bud what he saw as the main highlights of the organization over the past twenty years,



he said that it was the opening of an office and hiring of an executive director. According to then-president Clare Oskay, "The board realized that there were limits to how much an all-volunteer organization could accomplish, so the decision was made to embark on a capital campaign to open an office and hire an executive director."

The efforts of Reta Rutledge, Nonie Krauss, Ted Harris and others produced the funding to accomplish this goal, primarily through grants from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and the Efroymson Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation. Under the leadership of Heather Bacher, who has held the position of executive director since 2003, the staff has now grown to three (soon to be four) positions.

As the land trust movement has grown over the past decade or two, so did the tools for land protection. One such tool that was added to our "toolbox" was the conservation easement. A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust that places specific land-use restrictions on a property according to the landowner's express wishes. The easement stays with the title to the property, allowing the property to remain in private ownership and to be used for purposes consistent with the conservation values of the property.

The Land Trust completed its first conservation easement in 2004. The Stony Creek Conservation Easement is located on Stony Creek in Noblesville, less than 100 yards from the White River. It permanently protects 49

acres of land. A partnership was formed between the landowner and the town of Noblesville, and a wetland habitat was restored on the property with the planting of 4,500 trees and 1,800 shrubs. We have added thirteen more conservation easements since this first one six years ago.

The last story I'll highlight is that of Burr Oak Bend and Wapihani Nature Preserves, both located along the White River in Hamilton County. These properties were both purchased and restored with support from the White River Restoration Fund, which was formed as a result of the Guide Corporation's chemical spill into the river in 1999. The Central Indiana Land Trust was awarded funding to protect these important riverside properties in perpetuity and enhance the water quality of the river by restoring them with what has added up to tens of thousands of trees and many acres of prairie and wetland habitat. The first parcel of Burr Oak Bend (52 acres) was purchased in 2002, and it has been expanded multiple times to its current size of 130 acres. Wapihani Nature Preserve was purchased at a discounted price in 2006 from the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation

and Mr. Van Eller. Its 77 acres are all undergoing restoration as of 2008 and have already shown great success in just one year. As the restorations mature, they will become wonderful oases for local residents who may not get to experience nature on a frequent basis.

This past year has brought a record number of land transactions for our organization, several of which have been highlighted in past newsletters. Our newest nature preserve, Browning Family Marsh, is profiled on page 7. Not only is this our newest preserve, but it could be one of the most exciting, with more state-threatened and endangered species than any other similar-sized parcel in central Indiana.

Along with land protection, the Central Indiana Land Trust has also continued its work of outreach and education into the community, particularly over the last five years. There is hardly an environmental event where you won't find our booth, and we give dozens of presentations every year. We have also reached out to new audiences through our art and nature projects, our new Hank Heron Kids Club, landowner workshops, and events on and off our preserves.

Thanks to ALL of you who have volunteered and contributed over the years. This organization would not be where it is without your dedication to central Indiana's natural areas. We plan on being around for not just twenty more years, but for generations to come.



Just one year after planting, the prairie restoration at Wapihani Nature Preserve began blooming. Shown here: black-eyed Susans.

GREENING THE CROSSROADS

By Ole Amundsen, Strategic Conservation Program Manager, The Conservation Fund

“Greening the Crossroads: A Green Infrastructure Vision for Central Indiana” represents an intense effort by the Central Indiana Land Trust, The Conservation Fund, the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and our many public and private partners to create a compelling vision for the future of the region. Over 316,000 acres of land was highlighted for protection within the green infrastructure network that stretches over nine counties. That’s a lot of a land; however, more than 19% of the network is already protected by a series of parks, state forests, and land trust preserves. It is our goal to engage other organizations and partners to protect as much of the remaining 81% as we can.

With this green infrastructure network, Central Indiana joins a growing number of regions that are taking a big picture view of their future. Right now the cities of Nashville, Tennessee, Salt Lake City, Utah and Fairbanks, Alaska are in different stages of a green infrastructure planning process. In each of these cities, opinion leaders believe that having a green infrastructure plan will help make their regions more competitive in recruiting businesses, attracting knowledge workers and assuring a high quality of life for residents.

A number of cities are implementing ambitious green infrastructure efforts. Kansas City and its surrounding seven counties undertook a green infrastructure plan called Metro Green in 2001. The plan called for creating 1,440 miles of integrated greenways and open space throughout the region. By the end of 2008, over 250 miles of greenways trails were created and over 91,000 acres of stream corridors were protected.

At the local level, green infrastructure projects have been included in capital improvement plans. The town of Lenexa included a \$10 million line item in their capital improvement plan for stream restoration to help with flood control, sediment reduction and park improvements. All of these individual efforts add up over time to implementing the regional vision of a green infrastructure plan.

Regional planning can help community and regional foundations as well as public agencies focus their attention and resources. In Atlanta, The Conservation Fund undertook a planning effort to help prioritize park acquisition opportunities, with support the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. The planning effort has led to the creation of a \$1.5 million revolving fund, composited of private funds and managed by the Conservation Fund.

“Greening the Crossroads” places Central Indiana at the forefront of the green infrastructure movement. Across the country and across the state, people are looking to Central Indiana as a leader. You will be hearing more about this endeavor as we begin coordinating the implementation of this vision with our many partners across the region.



BROWNING FAMILY MARSH: OUR NEWEST PRESERVE

By Roger Hedge, ecologist with the DNR Division of Nature Preserves and surveyor of the birds of Boone County for over twenty years

“Where is this place?!” This was the response several years ago from a close birding friend of mine when I related a story to him about finding a Virginia Rail in Boone County. In the pre-dawn hours of a quiet morning in late June, I made the trek to Browning Wetland, with cassette player in hand. At the edge of the cattail marsh on the south side of the wetland, I struck gold when a Virginia Rail replied almost immediately to a taped recording of its call. The bird suddenly appeared in my flashlight beam an amazing ten feet away and, just as quickly, slipped through the cattails and out of sight. This special property was donated to the Central Indiana Land Trust in December 2009 and is now officially “Browning Family Marsh Nature Preserve” to honor the Browning Family.



Photo by John Cassidy

The Great Egret, one of the species seen at Browning Family Marsh, is a large, all-white heron.

Since that initial discovery of Virginia Rail at Browning Family Marsh, many more unusual species have been found there. In addition to probable nesting Virginia Rails, Hooded Merganser, Least Bittern, and most incredibly, the extremely rare King Rail, have either bred or been found in summer at Browning. All of these species are State Endangered breeding birds in Indiana, and their occurrence in the heavily urbanized central part of the state is even more remarkable. There are additional state listed species that have turned up at Browning, though most can only be considered migrants at this time, including Black-crowned Night-Heron (more records at Browning than anywhere in Boone County), American Bittern, Marsh Wren, Sedge Wren, Common Moorhen (only county records are from Browning), Great Egret, and Sharp-shinned Hawks. State Special Concern Red-shouldered Hawk has been seen more than once there, although nesting has yet to be confirmed. Including other more common birds, nearly 120 species in all have been found at Browning.

The myriad of habitats at this special site is key to attracting such an impressive array of birds, and its proximity to Indianapolis further emphasizes Browning's importance to our native avifauna. Cattail and sedge marsh, open water, forested and shrub swamp, and upland forest are among the varied habitats. Browning offers something for birds year round. During spring and fall migration, waterfowl numbers are particularly noteworthy. James Cole, former Indiana Important Bird Areas Coordinator with the National Audubon Society, once told me that he thought Browning was among the top sites in central Indiana for concentration of waterfowl. In addition to the transient waterfowl, I once tallied over 100 Wood Ducks there in late July. This brilliantly colored species nests in abundance at Browning. Green Heron is another common nester that is impossible to miss in summer. Acrobatic Tree Swallows zip in and out among the dead snags in open

water and, beginning in late July elegant, white-plumed Great Egrets begin to appear.

It is little wonder that Browning Family Marsh is so productive for birds. On warm spring and summer nights, the chorus of frogs and toads is almost deafening. These amphibians offer a ready food source for several of Browning's resident marsh birds. In addition to the several state listed birds, Central Indiana Land Trust's Conservation Director Cliff Chapman tells me hundreds of Northern cricket frogs, a State Special Concern species, can be heard calling across the wetland in summer.



Photo by John Cassidy

Wood Duck can be seen in great abundance at certain times of the year at Browning Family Marsh.

SPECIES FEATURE: VIRGINIA RAIL (*RALLUS LIMICOLA*)

By Reta Rutledge, Land Protection Committee Chair and avid birder

The elusive Virginia Rail is a confirmed summer resident at Browning Family Marsh. To understand why this news is so exciting to birders and everyone interested in conservation, let's look at this bird's history in Indiana.

In April of 1885, William S. Perry flushed, or spooked out of their hiding places, 1,500 Virginia Rails in six weeks of daily hunting at Kankakee Marsh in northern Indiana. Clearly, they were abundant at that time. However, according to the 1998 Atlas of Breeding Birds of Indiana, there was only one place in southeast Johnson County where the Virginia Rail was a probable nesting species and two sites in Northwest Indiana's Kankakee Marsh where it was a possible nesting species. This is a major drop from 1885. The 2008 Breeding survey has just been finished and is being compiled. When it is printed, it will likely include the Browning Family Marsh as a probable, if not confirmed, nesting site for the Virginia Rail.



Photo by John Cassidy

The Virginia Rail is a secretive bird of freshwater marshes and likes to stay hidden in dense vegetation.

This secretive bird lives and breeds in marshes, so it is hard to find. Often if a birder believes they have found a place where a Virginia Rail may be, they will play a tape of the bird's call, as Roger Hedge did in the Browning Family Marsh article. The rail will then call back and approach the sound to defend its territory against what it thinks is another rail. Since responding to perceived threats takes energy that is better spent feeding and raising young, only experienced birders should use a taped call.

The Virginia Rail is a nine inch bird with reddish-brown body feathers and a gray head. It has a long bill that it uses to probe the mud for small fish, frogs, aquatic insects, worms and snails. It prefers shallow water with a muddy bottom and some shoreline vegetation mixed with open water. The Central Indiana Land Trust will manage its new Browning Family Marsh preserve to benefit species like the Virginia Rail. There will be many volunteer opportunities in the future to help keep the marsh free of invasive and unwanted woody species. Keep your eyes on our website and emails if you are interested.

When a formerly numerous species is given a chance to live and breed in the midst of a major population center, this is a cause for celebration – and a good reason to give this State Endangered bird all the help we can.

BROWNING FAMILY MARSH (CONTINUED)

Browning Family Marsh's many attributes have easily proven its importance to birds, amphibians, and other wildlife species. Thanks so much to the Browning Family for donating this significant natural area. As a member of the Central Indiana Land Trust, be proud that your support will safeguard this special place into the future.

By Josh Christie, Stewardship Chair and Attorney at Ice Miller

Thanks to all the volunteers, site stewards, members of the Stewardship Committee and others who contributed valuable time and effort to the Central Indiana Land Trust's stewardship activities in 2009, and so far in 2010. On behalf of the committee, I'm proud to report that we had a banner year in 2009, logging a record-shattering 27 volunteer field days. We were able to make progress on a wide variety of fronts, including continuing to obliterate bush honeysuckle at Burr Oak Bend and wintercreeper vines at Meltzer Woods and marking boundaries at various preserves, just to name a few. Additionally, as part of an effort to work toward making some of the preserves more accessible, we started a nature trail at the Jacob Schramm Nature Preserve, which is conveniently located in Hancock County for anyone who wants to enjoy it. Our friends at Camptown, Inc. also built a nature trail at Gene B. Glick Nature Preserve in Marion County which is well worth a visit – thanks to them for all their hard work as well.

Over the past year or so, our stewardship activities have gained momentum on a number of fronts. We have seen the launch and growth of the "Wednesday Warriors" – a small group of volunteers who take on projects on many Wednesday mornings throughout the year. This group was integral to our ability to accomplish so much over the past year, and will certainly continue to be. We have continued to work with our community partners, including IUPUI's Center for Earth and Environmental Science, Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society and Charles Schwab, on a few field days each year, and their volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated. I am also proud to report that thanks to a generous donation, the Stewardship Committee now has a chain saw – there is no longer a growth of bush honeysuckle we cannot tackle.

We are riding this momentum into the 2010 field day season. We anticipate even more volunteer field days in 2010 so that this year will break all of last year's records; however, we cannot accomplish those goals without the volunteer support we have enjoyed so much in the past. We are going to tackle more boundary marking, more invasive species eradication, and possibly even attempt to build some more nature trails this year, so it is a great time to get involved. If you would like more information about scheduled volunteer field days, the Wednesday Warriors or the Stewardship Committee, please feel free to contact Maria Steiner at msteiner@conservingindiana.org.

With stewardship, as with all facets of this organization, the Central Indiana Land Trust's vast volunteer base is invaluable to achieving our goals. We look forward to continuing success in all of our efforts in 2010.

DISNEY'S GIVE A DAY GET A DAY PROGRAM

Photo by Michelle Reed



This spring's volunteer field days are just about filled up – an exciting occurrence for the Central Indiana Land Trust. We signed up to be part of a nationwide Disney program in which families could volunteer with a registered organization, and in exchange, receive a ticket to any Disney park. Because the program began on January 1st, we decided to offer a different type of opportunity in our “off season” – volunteers could simply visit our preserves and take photos for us, since we need photos of our properties in all seasons for our website, newsletter, and other publications. We received hundreds of wonderful pictures, and dozens of more families have signed up to participate in this spring's field days. Be sure and say hello if you see them on our preserves!

- Maria Steiner

Burnett Woods was a popular destination for our Disney volunteers this winter.

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

MARK BLAKELY



Mark Blakely became involved with the Land Trust late in 2009 through an Eli Lilly and Co. program that matches employees with non-profit organizations. The program is designed to give non-profits access to the talents and skills that Lilly employees develop in their “day” jobs, and to give Lilly employees an opportunity to serve their community.

Mark has worked at Lilly since 1999 in a variety of global marketing roles. He is currently the global marketing director for one of Lilly’s major brands. Mark grew up in Washington State. He earned his M.S. in Economics from Washington State University in 1991 and moved to Indianapolis in 1992. He and his wife, Shelley, have lived on the near-eastside of Indianapolis for 15 years. They have a daughter, Aida, who just turned three.

CHRIS BOARDMAN

Chris has been working with the Land Trust since 2009, spending much of the last year working with Maria and Cliff on the final stages of the Greening the Crossroads report. He is looking forward to helping implement the plan in 2010 and beyond, first through chairing the new Greening the Crossroads Committee.

He grew up in the Midwest and spent nearly every summer traveling out west camping and hiking in the Rocky Mountains with his family where he found his passion for the power of nature. Today his passion lies in helping Indianapolis find a sustainable balance between our natural and working landscapes with development and other forces.

During the day, he is an architect and at night and on weekends a dad and husband to his wife Alissa and his seven-year-old daughter, Brooklyn.



DEBORAH KNAPP



Prior to joining the Central Indiana Land Trust board, Deborah Knapp worked as a lawyer for 25 years focusing on land use and environmental law. Six years ago, she left her law practice, accepting the position of the first manager of the Anza-Borrego Institute, the then newly created education/research arm of the award winning Anza-Borrego Foundation, a land trust dedicated to preserving the southern California deserts.

Deborah’s other loves have been reconnecting children with nature and photography. She currently co-produces an outdoor music camp for underserved children. She is also co-director of Lens on the World, an organization focusing on connecting photographers with non-governmental groups who have a story that needs telling through compelling images.

Deborah recently moved to Indiana from San Diego. She learned about the Land Trust while volunteering for a bird count led by Cliff Chapman last spring. Moved by the energy and vision of the Land Trust staff, she joined the Nature Awakens Creativity committee and the rest is history. Deborah is a true believer that meaningful change and preservation of our fragile planet is predicated on an informed, concerned and inspired citizenry, and she looks forward to participating in these important efforts.



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Thomas and Priscilla Johnson

***In Memory of Jane and Robert
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Rebecca Holland

In Memory of Robert Hougham by
William Batt
Louis and Joetta Bojrab
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James and Dorcas Frische
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Lamb Lake Lot Owner's Association
Louis and Pamela Mango
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In Memory of Dottie Underwood by
Thomas and Priscilla Johnson

***In Memory of Ann and Rainer
Zangerl by***
Stephen Rainer Zangerl-Salter

In Memory of Jane and Robert Hougham

Johnson County lost two dear members of their community in recent months. Both Robert (Bob) and Jane Hougham passed away within a few months of each other. At the end of 2009, their children, Bill and Tom Hougham, donated a conservation easement on 245 acres of family land to the Central Indiana Land Trust. The property has now been named Bob's Woods Conservation Easement, in memory of Mr. Hougham, a nature lover who passed his respect for land on to *his* future generations.

The Central Indiana Land Trust is working with neighbors to increase this protected forestland by three-fold through more conservation easements and a land purchase. We will be sharing opportunities to help this cause soon.

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