



**Forest Preserve District**  
OF WILL COUNTY

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# Project Fact Sheet

## McKinley Woods Preserve Habitat Restoration

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is undertaking a habitat restoration project at McKinley Woods Preserve located between McKinley Woods Road and the Des Plaines River in Channahon Township. Within the 204 acre project area, the initial restoration activity in the preserve will consist of invasive species control, trash removal and the installation of native seed in a 107.2-acre section of the preserve.

The goal of this project is to restore prairie, savanna and woodland on the abandoned agricultural fields, ravines and bluffs located within McKinley Woods Preserve. Upon completion of the restoration, the District anticipates that this area will once again support a multitude of native species enhancing the preserve's flora and fauna that the people of Will County can explore and enjoy. Following the restoration, the District will engage in regular natural area management activities such as prescribed burning and invasive weed control to promote the health and diversity of the project area.

This project was made possible through a grant from the Northeast Illinois Wetlands Conservation Account.

### Project Schedule:

- September 2009 through April 2010 - Removal of existing vegetation, minor earthwork and alteration of the existing agricultural drain tile system.
- Spring 2010 - Broadcast native seed.
- September 2010 through December 2011 - Weed Control work including mowing, herbicide applications and prescribed burning

**Project Cost:** \$350,000 (Northeast Illinois Wetlands Conservation Account)

**Project Contractor:** Archer Pines Landscaping of Lockport, Illinois

### Restored Habitat:

- 88.7 acres of upland prairie and savanna
- 69.7 acres of enhanced woodland habitat

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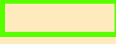

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# McKinley Woods Preserve: Restoration Area on 2002 Aerial Photograph

## Legend

### Restoration Areas 2007

#### Tasks

-  Drain Tile Survey and Disabling
-  Full Restoration
-  McKinley Woods Boundary
-  Proposed Cleared Fire Break

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