

# **Corner of Casey Road and Route 45 looking northeast**

# On Casey Road near Almond looking southeast

# Corner of Casey Road and Route 21 looking south

Near northern boundary of township, looking southeast





**1985 CONSERVATION EASEMENT** PLACED BY GAYLORD AND DOROTHY DONNELLEY HELD BY OPENLANDS

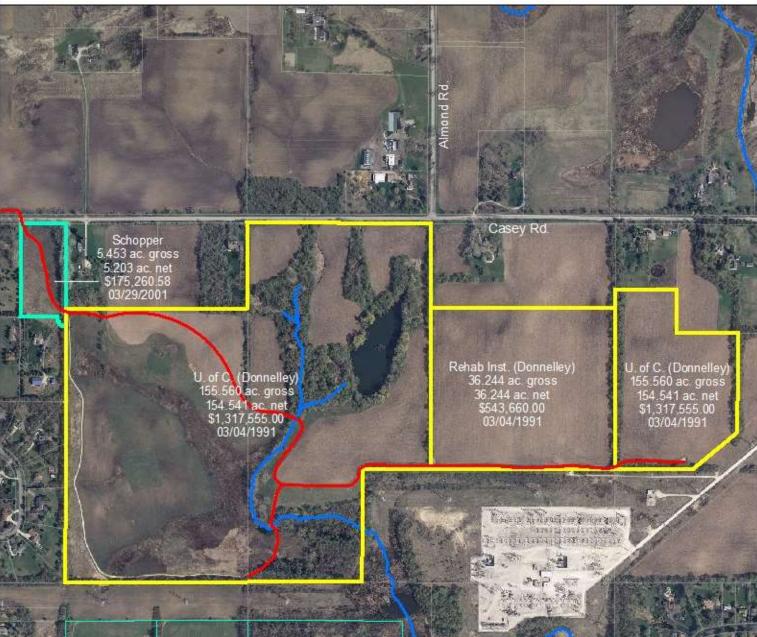
**1987** DONATION TO TOWNSHIP

"The Grantor desires and intends that the ecological and aesthetic values of the Protected Property including, without limitation, scenic views over a large open space, be preserved and maintained..." If Openlands was ever to transfer responsibility for this easement to another party, it must be a qualified organization "whose primary purpose includes conservation of land, natural areas, open space or water areas, or the preservation of native plants or animals or biotic communities..."

- No buildings
- Farming may continue
- Foot path? Yes, if Openlands approves



#### Casey Road South-Acquisition History 195.988 acres





## **1991** ACQUISITION

329 acres 1990 protections placed by Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley  Conservation easement on all
Natural areas dedicated to Illinois Nature Preserve Commission
20-year farm lease on remainder

## **Key easement differences**

- Ag buildings allowed on ag lands
- Parking lot and trail in specified locations
- No ATVs or snowmobiles
- "...may employ sound conservation practices such as prescribed burning and brush control in order to restore and manage the natural resources on the Protected Property."



#### **KETTING PARCEL – 136 acres – purchased 1992**

**2007 – Township placed conservation easement on site Held by Lake County Forest Preserve District**  "Township intends to achieve certain purposes... over time restoring the agricultural lands to a condition approximating what existed prior to conversion, and, in general, by preserving natural plant and animal communities, and the protection of water quality, open space and scenic areas in the neighborhood in which the Property is located..." "...the protection of the property will enhance the ecological value of other lands within the area known as the Reserve, which is home to at least 29 threatened or endangered plant or animal species..." "...and Bulls Brook is of statewide ecological significance due to its exceptionally high water quality and high quality habitat"

"...and Bull's Brook contains 14 species of fish that have been identified, including state threatened Iowa Darters and Blackchin shiners"

"...the permanent protection of the Property will help to ensure the quality of Bull's Brook in perpetuity and will contribute to its ecological vitality..."











- 1. Gather information
- 2. Explore options
- 3. Seek public input
- 4. Create conceptual plan
- 5. Seek public input on conceptual plan
- 6. Modify based on above
- 7. Create budget
- 8. Seek partners and funding support
- 9. Finalize plan10. Prepare for implementation