
Casey Road Land Use Plan



LIBERTYVILLE TOWNSHIP

Adopted November 13, 2014



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A Plan is Born



On November 13, 2014, the Libertyville Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt the Casey Road Land Use Plan as presented in this document. The purpose of this plan is to guide land use on 303 acres of farmland acquired in the 1980s and 1990s.

This plan results from a twelve-month effort to assess the site, explore issues and opportunities, and gather and reflect public opinion. The work benefitted from the contributions of the ad hoc Casey Road Land Use Advisory Committee.

Led by Township Supervisor Kathleen O'Connor, the committee included:

Sarah Surroz, Conserve Lake County

Steve Byers, Illinois Nature Preserves Commission

Jim Anderson, Lake County Forest Preserve District

Ken Klick, Lake County Forest Preserve District

Mike Novotney, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Patty Werner, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Damon Cederberg, Libertyville Township

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Libertyville Township Supervisor

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WHAT

Libertyville Township will employ an environmentally sensitive combination of farming and restoration practices on its 303 acres along Casey Road that transitions over time to a restored landscape of native prairies, wetlands and savannas. This conservative, phased approach will use both corn-and-bean farming and hay farming in a way that reduces impact to soil and water quality while generating income to support restoration efforts. The Township will remain flexible in implementation of the plan in order to take advantage of grants and other cost-saving measures without exceeding the staff's capacity and financial resources.



WHY

This plan honors the stated intent of the conservation easements placed on the majority of these lands and the wishes of township residents as expressed through the Open Space District's enabling legislation of 1985 and the three public comment periods of 2014. It supports the explicit goals of the region's guiding plans including the Bull Creek-Bulls Brook Watershed Plan, Liberty Prairie Reserve Master Plan, Illinois Wildlife Action Plan, and Chicago Wilderness Biodiversity Recovery Plan, supporting wildlife habitat, ecological resilience, stormwater management, erosion control, soil health and clean water. This approach also creates opportunities for township residents to engage more fully with their open space lands in healthy, productive ways.



HOW

The phases outlined on the following pages will be conducted contingent upon availability of resources – both funds and manpower – with the order of implementation flexible enough to take advantage of grant opportunities. To maximize limited resources, the township will continue to invest in an empowered corps of volunteers working under the direction of a highly skilled professional staff.

CASEY ROAD LAND USE PROJECT

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PHASE 1



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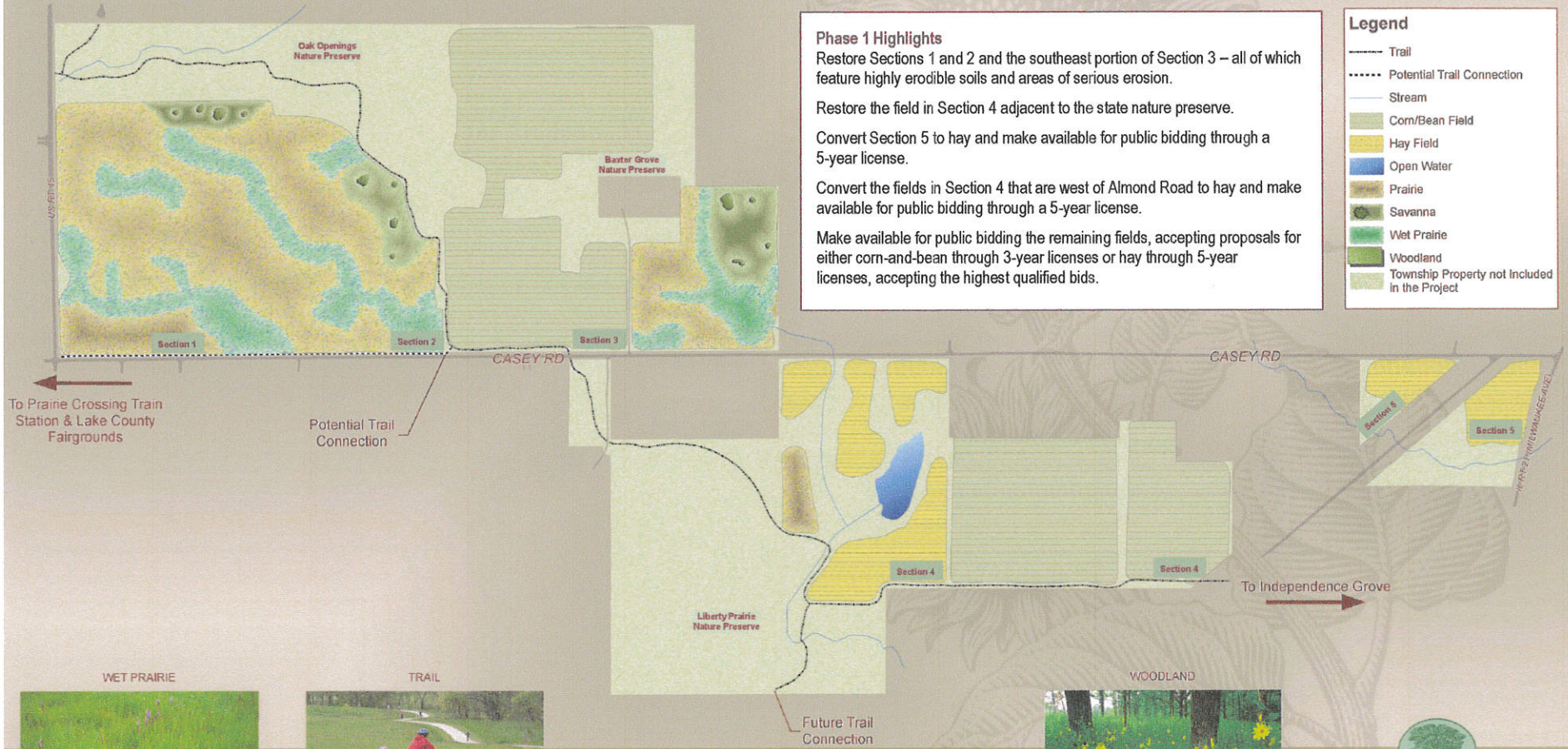
SAVANNA



CORN/BEAN FIELD



HAY FIELD



Phase 1 Highlights
 Restore Sections 1 and 2 and the southeast portion of Section 3 – all of which feature highly erodible soils and areas of serious erosion.
 Restore the field in Section 4 adjacent to the state nature preserve.
 Convert Section 5 to hay and make available for public bidding through a 5-year license.
 Convert the fields in Section 4 that are west of Almond Road to hay and make available for public bidding through a 5-year license.
 Make available for public bidding the remaining fields, accepting proposals for either corn-and-bean through 3-year licenses or hay through 5-year licenses, accepting the highest qualified bids.

Legend

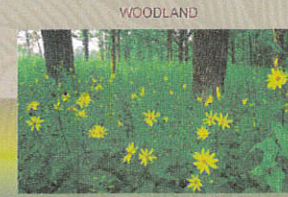
- Trail
- - - - Potential Trail Connection
- Stream
- Corn/Bean Field
- Hay Field
- Open Water
- Prairie
- Savanna
- Wet Prairie
- Woodland
- Township Property not Included in the Project



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CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

PHASE 2



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CORN/BEAN FIELD



HAY FIELD



Phase 2 Highlights
Restore the remainder of Section 3.

Legend

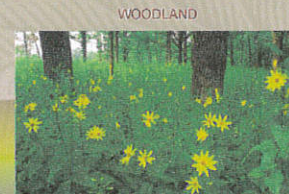
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PHASE 3



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CORN/BEAN FIELD



HAY FIELD



To Prairie Crossing Train Station & Lake County Fairgrounds

Potential Trail Connection

To Independence Grove

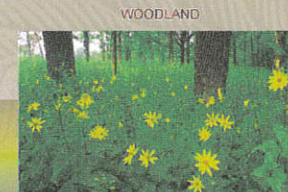
Future Trail Connection



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PHASE 4



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HAY FIELD



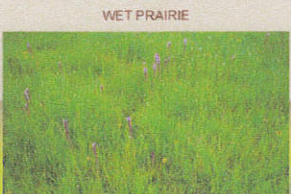
To Prairie Crossing Train Station & Lake County Fairgrounds

Potential Trail Connection

Phase 4 Highlights
Restore the fields in Section 4 that are southeast of Almond Road.

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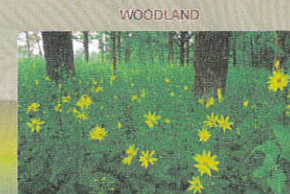
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PHASE 5



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CORN/BEAN FIELD



HAY FIELD



Phase 5 Highlights
 Restore Section 5.
 When restoration is complete, secure Illinois Nature Preserve status.

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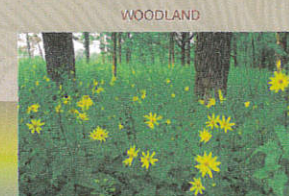
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