The Piscasaw River runs through this site and provides abundant
This sugar maple forest provides the sweet sap necessary for the
The site protects the 13 mile Boone Creek headwaters, wetlands,
Visitors enjoy a 1.5 mile interpretive trail and observation dock.
Over 100 acres of marshland provides a rich habitat
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Harrison Bend, 7051 McCollum Lake Road, Wadsworth (37 acres).
The 1.5 mile multi-purpose trail winds through prairies and
This wetland complex attracts a wide variety of wildlife and the
Visitors enjoy a 2 mile interpretive trail and observation deck.
A 1 mile greenbelt trail, two picnic shelters, sand filtration system, baseball field, boat landing, and a dock.
Kishwaukee Nature Preserve, 916 Cold Springs Rd, Bull Valley (608 acres) The oak and hickory woodland and meandering stream
Elizabeth Lake Nature Preserve, Varga Archaeological Site, High Point, 1990 Highway H, Cary (131 acres) Notably, this site contains the highest glacially sculpted gooseneck in the state. A 1 mile looped nature trail provides scenic views of the surrounding fishing hole through an oak and hickory forest.
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The Foundation welcomes charitable gifts, memberships and donations which provide the resources for the preservation of open space, protection of natural lands, wildlife habitat and threatened and endangered species, educational programs and recreational site improvements, as well as the preservation of McHenry County’s natural and cultural heritage for the benefit of future generations.

While we do realize financial expenses, perhaps more valuable than the financial advantages is the satisfaction gained by helping to continue the mission and important work of the Conservation District and enhancing the quality of life for all residents of McHenry County.

The Conservation Foundation has provided funds to support over 30 conservation projects, assisted in preserving over 200 acres of open space, secured over 1.4 million in grants, and successfully ran two Open Space Bond Reconciliation, ultimately providing $14.5 million to purchase open space, preserve wildlife habitat and add outdoor recreational amenities in McHenry County.

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