

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #17-40**

**PROVIDING NOTICE OF THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO SEEK DEDICATION
OF PORTIONS OF GOOSE LAKE, GLACIAL PARK, NORTH BRANCH, PLEASANT
VALLEY, ALDEN SEDGE MEADOW AND LAKE IN THE HILLS CONSERVATION AREAS
AS ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "District") a conservation district "may, and their principal purpose is to, acquire in fee or a lesser right or interest, preserve and maintain wildland, other open land, scenic roadways and pathways; hold such real property with or without public access, for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public or for other open space values; preserve portions thereof in their natural condition and undertake development of other portions thereof; manage and use such real property in such manner and with such restrictions as will leave it unimpaired for the benefit of future generations; and otherwise promote the conservation of nature, flora and fauna, natural environment and natural resources of the district " (70 ILCS 410/3); and

WHEREAS, the District "shall consider the preservation of natural conditions and protection of flora and fauna as part of its principal purpose and to that end shall set aside a substantial portion of its land to remain in an essentially undisturbed condition" (70 ILCS 410/11); and

WHEREAS, the District is "empowered to dedicate areas as nature preserves as provided in the "Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act", as now or hereafter amended, and to cooperate with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission in matters relating to the purposes of that Act" (70 ILCS 410/11); and

WHEREAS, the District has been a leader in preserving and promoting conservation of natural resources in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that the Alden Sedge Meadow (310.78 acres), Glacial Park Addition (885.8 acres), Goose Lake Addition (209.11 acres), Pleasant Valley (360.91 acres), North Branch Preserve (62.62 acres), and the Lake in the Hills Fen Addition (121.67 acres) have been identified as Illinois Natural Area Inventory (INAI) sites; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that the all of the above listed sites include portions that have been identified as McHenry County Natural Areas (McNAI) sites; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that in the best interest of the citizens of McHenry County that the areas be protected to the full extent available under the statutes of the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District to direct staff to work with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission staff to prepare documents to seek preliminary approval to dedicate the

Alden Sedge Meadow, Glacial Park Addition, Goose Lake Addition, Pleasant Valley, North Branch Preserve, and the Lake in the Hills Fen Addition the Goose Lake Addition as additions to existing Illinois Nature Preserves or as new Illinois Nature Preserves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District to authorize the staff of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission to submit a preliminary proposal for the dedication of the above listed sites before the Board of Trustees for consideration at a future date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #17-40 has been executed this 19th day of October, 2017, by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0



**STEPHEN BARRETT, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**VERNON SCACCI, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**