

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #18-15**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR
DEDICATION OF PORTIONS OF GOOSE LAKE, GLACIAL PARK, NORTH BRANCH,
PLEASANT VALLEY, ALDEN SEDGE MEADOW AND LAKE IN THE HILLS FEN
CONSERVATION AREAS AS ILLINOIS STATE 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 Goose Lake Addition (209.11 acres), Glacial Park Addition (885.8 acres), North Branch (62.62 acres), Pleasant Valley (360.91 acres), Alden Sedge Meadow (310.78 acres), and Lake in the Hills Fen Addition (121.67 acres) have been identified as Illinois Natural Area Inventory (INAI) sites and/or McHenry County Natural Areas (McNAI) sites; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that in the best interest of the citizens of McHenry County and the State of Illinois 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 seek preliminary approval to dedicate the Goose Lake Addition (209.11 acres), Glacial Park Addition (885.8 acres), North Branch (62.62 acres), Pleasant Valley (360.91 acres), Alden Sedge Meadow (310.78 acres), and Lake in the Hills Fen Addition (121.67 acres) as 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 Goose Lake Addition (209.11 acres), Glacial Park Addition (885.8 acres), North Branch (62.62 acres), Pleasant Valley (360.91 acres), Alden Sedge Meadow (310.78 acres), and Lake in the Hills Fen Addition (121.67 acres) to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission for consideration at their September 11, 2018 meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of May 2018.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0



**STEPHEN BARRETT, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**VERN SCACCI, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**