

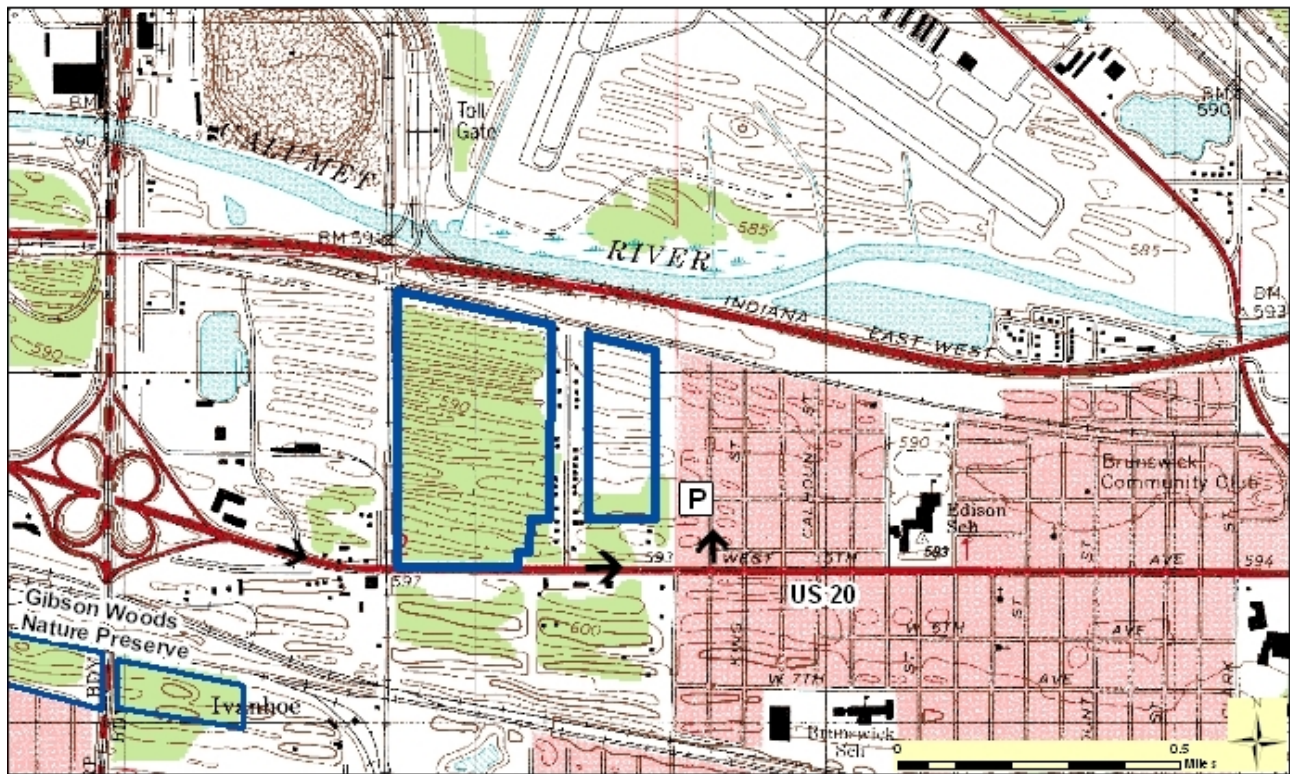
# Ivanhoe Dune and Swale Nature Preserve

County: Lake                      Size: 94.42 acres  
Ownership: The Nature Conservancy



## Location and Access

**No parking; no trail.** This preserve is located between US 20 (W 5th Ave) and I-90 Toll Rd, east of the EJE tracks and south of the Grand Calumet R. From the I-80/94 and I-65 intersection, go west on I-80/94 about 7 miles to the Cline Ave N exit (SR 912). Go north about 2 miles to US 20 E (W 5th Ave). Take US 20 east about 1 mile to Hamlin St. Go left (north) to 4th Ave. Turn left and park on either side of the road. The preserve lies beyond the fence.



**Description:** Ivanhoe is a remnant of a globally unique natural community known as “dune and swale,” formed as the ancient glacial Lake Chicago receded thousands of years ago. A series of linear sandy beach ridges alternate with long narrow wetlands in parallel bands to form this rare community. Rapid and intense industrial and residential development of the lakeshore destroyed all but tiny fragments. Scattered black oaks dominate the dune ridges, with an understory of prairie grasses and wildflowers, such as puccoon, spiderwort, and prairie phlox. The swales are dominated either by buttonbush swamp or sedge meadows.

## Further Information:

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