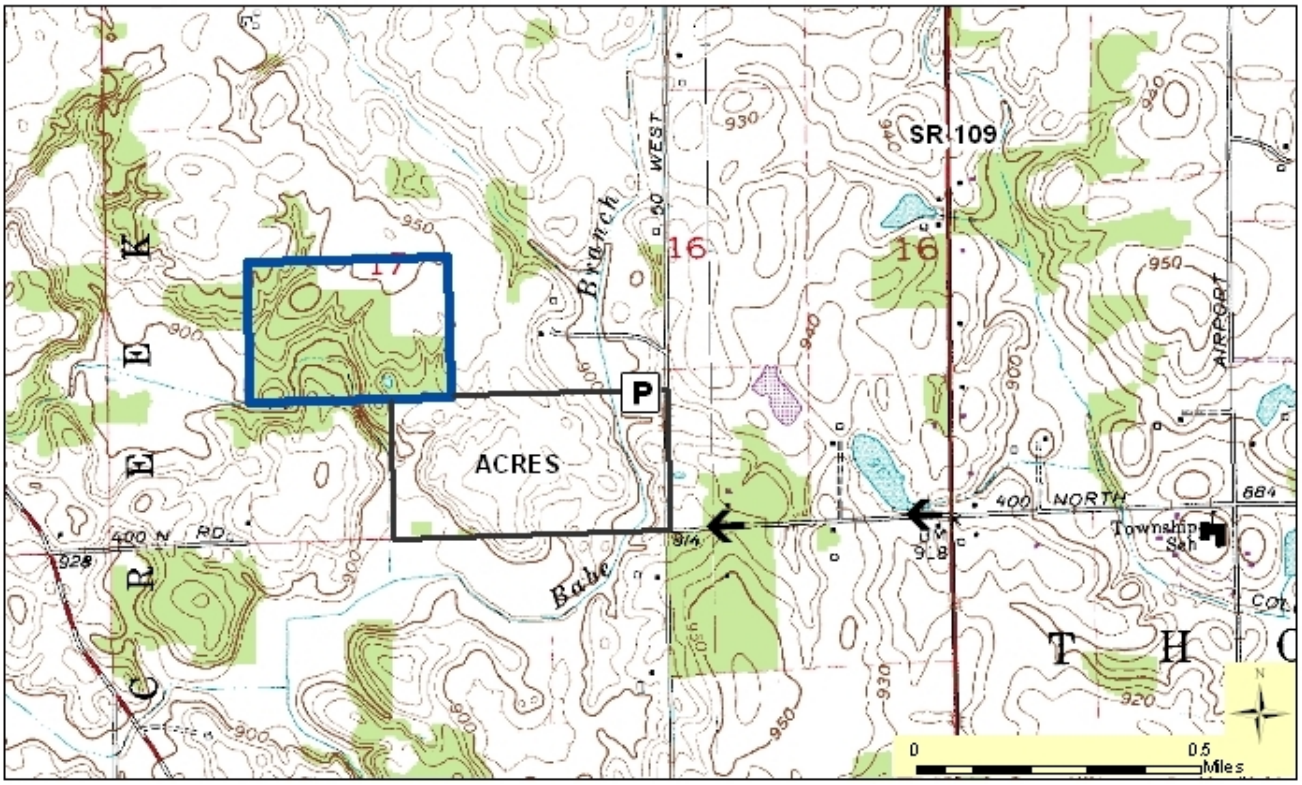
Dygert Nature Preserve
(Evelyn and Wendell Dygert)

County: Whitley Size: 56 acres
Ownership: ACRES Land Trust

Location and Access:

Parking and trail. This nature preserve is part of a larger, 134 acre conservation area, managed by ACRES Land Trust. From Columbia City, take SR 109 north of US 30 for approximately 3.6 miles to CR 400N then turn left (west). Continue 1/2 mile to 50W and turn right (north). Preserve is on the left in 1/4 mile. Proceed west on the gravel lane about 400 ft to the parking area and trailhead. The trail leads visitors west, past fields, to reach the woods.

Blue Beech



Description: This nature preserve consists of a high quality stand of oak-hickory forest on rolling topography and contains one of the best wildflower displays in northeast Indiana, featuring blue-eyed Mary, Jack-in-the pulpit, spring beauty, blue, white, and yellow violets, etc. The forested highlands, cut by deep ravines, have a diverse list of tree species present including beech, maple, oaks, hickories, and cherry. Since the 1970's, the Dygerts have opened the woods up for visits by school groups.

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