

**Consideration of the dedication of the Barnes-Seng Nature Preserve in Dubois County**

This proposed nature preserve contains 172 acres of southern bottomlands in Dubois County. It is mostly comprised of wet-mesic floodplain forest with a diverse mix of southern trees and a large shrub swamp. It was identified as a potential natural area in 1979 using aerial imagery and recognized as a natural area after ground truthing in 1984. This site protects a portion of a remnant natural area that has been a conservation target for nearly four decades.

A survey conducted in 2022 identified 90 species of vascular plant taxa. Of these, eight were listed as endangered, threatened, or watch listed in Indiana. A Copperbelly Water Snake was observed at this site.

It is owned by Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.

# AGENDA ITEM #4

Barnes-Seng Nature Preserve  
Dubois County  
172 acres

NRC Exhibit A  
USGS Quad: Huntingburg  
Ownership: DNR Fish & Wildlife

