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ADAMS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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Wildlife Preservation Fund
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Division of Natural Heritage
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Re: Grant Agreement # ~~02-000000~~

Enclosed is an addition to the report already submitted on the grant project "Interpretive Signs". This article appears in the winter issue of the Illinois Audubon Society magazine.

Thank you to the Wildlife Preservation Fund grant program for helping to make this project possible.

Sincerely,


Susan J. Shaw
Director



SANCTUARY

A New Look at the Adams Wildlife Sanctuary

New signs are popping up around Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. It all started when the local chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society gave the Sanctuary a grant to have a sign made for the prairie identifying some of the native plants. Marilyn Campbell supplied photos of grasses and prairie flowers. The Evening Kiwanis Club built and installed the sign kiosk.

With the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library being built in downtown Springfield, we are anticipating more visitors to the Sanctuary. Grants from the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund and the Rotary Club of Springfield South purchased several more signs. Volunteers Sue Doubet, Jamie Greenwald, and Bill Zierath installed one telling about the history of the property. The land has gone from prairie, to farm and orchard, and "back to nature". Summer intern

Jamie Greenwald installs new sign at Adams that talks about the history of the property.



Sign in Adams Wildlife Sanctuary prairie – Photos depict prairie plants.

Richard Kohlrus painted the plywood back with "shadows" of prairie plants. The text is on a lexan overlay.

Small signs along the trail point out some interesting features, such as the ridges that were built to provide drainage for the Adams orchard. Although trail brochures are available, many visitors don't take one, so the signs will help explain some of the things they see along the trails. In the spring, large signs telling about the Sanctuary's plants and animals will go up.

A plaque with an etched photo of Margery Adams now greets visitors to the "Window on Wildlife" porch. A small sign with the same text is near the trail entrance. They read: 'Adams Wildlife Sanctuary exists thanks to the generosity of Miss Margery Adams. When she died in 1983, she left her home and land to the Illinois Audubon Society so that her "friends" — the birds, squirrels, raccoons, and other animals — would have a safe place to live. Please respect this as their home.'

As is the case with so many projects at Adams Sanctuary, the new signs are a collaborative effort. Thank you to everyone who gave money, talent, and time.

— Susan Shaw, Director

