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Final Report
Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund Small Project Grant
McCully Heritage Project Trail Signs

Introduction

The McCully Heritage Project is a non-profit organization that owns over 900 acres in Calhoun county. This area is open to the public and used by area schools for nature programs and outdoor education. It features a variety of trails through uplands and bottomlands. An educational wetland and viewing area were recently completed. At this time, there is no one available to guide visitors or answer questions about the area. People visiting the trails were in need of interpretive signs that identified the plants and trees.

Materials and Budget

Signs Purchased

- 57 Tree signs from Custom Engraving Service
- 24 Bush and Vine signs from Custom Engraving Service
- 6 Other plant signs from Custom Engraving Service

\$675.80

- 11 9"x12" Aluminum signs from Wilderness Graphics

\$340.00

\$1,015.80 For purchase of signs. \$1000 provided by grant, \$15.80 provided by the McCully Heritage Project

Match for grant

\$360 6 hours labor to identify signs needed by 6 volunteers at \$10 per hour

\$320 4 hours labor by 8 volunteers to attach signs to stakes at \$10 per hour

\$1,500 15 hours labor by 10 volunteers to properly place and mount all signs at \$10 per hour

\$2,180 Total value of match provided

Methods

Mark Phipps (IDNR Biologist), Rita Knight, Neal Funk, Tony Brady, Elmer Lehr (all from the McCully Heritage Project), and Martha Sheppard (Two Rivers RC&D) met and walked the woodland trails at the McCully Heritage Project. Trees, bushes, vines, and other plants were identified. Individual plant identification signs were ordered from a sign maker. The signs are engraved on corian and include a metal stake. Ecosafe Program students from the Illinois Sustainable Agriculture Society attached the signs to stakes. Forester Tom Wilson provided assistance to identify the trees and other plants and the Ecosafe program students helped place the signs. Eleven 9" by 13" informative signs about wildlife and other features were also ordered from Wilderness Graphics. These signs were placed along the trail at key locations. Ecosafe Program students placed the posts and mounted the signs.

Results

The woodland trail at McCully Heritage Project is now educational as well as enjoyable.

Payment Request Certification

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