



ILLINOIS NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY

INAI Checklist for Site Nomination

Site Name _____ INAI # _____

General Requirements for all nominations

(Forms in **BOLD** are located in Appendix VIII of the Standards & Guidelines 2020)

- INAI Nomination and Approval Form** (containing IDNR Natural Heritage Biologist Sign-off)
- INAI Site Evaluation Form**
- Site Photos representative of the nomination
- GIS Map of proposed Site Boundaries with Qualifying Features Delineated
 - Delineate ALL Community Types within site boundary with Grades associated with the types outlined in the INAI Site Evaluation Form to document baseline conditions of site.
 - Notify IDNR GIS Specialist for site mapping. Provide any available GIS data.

Optional:

- Aerial Survey Photography
- Historic Aerial Photography
- Photo Point Map

Specific Category Requirements

Category I

- INAI Grading Form and
- Qualitative Plant List (list of woody and herbaceous species encountered at the site with an estimate of relative abundance)
- Quantitative Vegetation Sampling Data
 - Overstory Sampling
 - Understory Sampling
 - Groundlayer Sampling
 - (See Table 4 in Appendix II, Part 5 of the Standards and Guidelines to find the sampling forms required for each qualifying Community Type.)
 - Vegetation Sampling is required only in Community Types that are potential qualifying features. If more than one potentially eligible natural community type occurs at a site, each must be sampled. (Appendix II, Part 5 of the Standards & Guidelines)
- Transect Maps (if applicable)

For Category I Natural Community Reconstructions the following are also required:

- Documentation for reconstruction in accordance with the IDNR Plant Translocation Policy
- Provide evidence of a plan for how the site will be protected and managed long term, per the IDNR Plant Translocation Policy. (See Standards and Guidelines Appendix III, Part 1)

Category II

- Element Occurrence Record** (< 10 years old)

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INAI Specific Suitable Habitat Form

Specific Suitable Habitat Map

- Notify IDNR GIS Specialist for site mapping, provide GIS data

For Category II Endangered and Threatened Plant Species Translocations, the following are also required:

Source Documentation (source site and recipient site landowner permission, per Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act)

Documentation for translocation in accordance with the IDNR Plant Translocation Policy or IDNR approved Recovery Plan for the listed species

- Provide Evidence of a plan for how the site will be protected and managed long term, per the IDNR Plant Translocations Policy. See Standards & Guidelines App.III. Plant Translocation – long-term protection and site mgmt. requirement

For Category II Endangered and Threatened Animal Species Translocations, the following are also required:

Source Documentation (source site and recipient site landowner permission, per Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act)

Documentation for animal translocation in accordance with a IDNR-approved Recovery Plan for the listed species.

Category III

Evidence of Site's registration or dedication at INPC meeting

Provide Master Plan and Agenda or Meeting Number

Category IV

Illinois State Geological Survey Approval

Photo with date stamp

Category V

Category currently unused

Category VI

Species List for Unusual Concentration

Specific Suitable Habitat Map for Unusual Concentration

- Notify IDNR GIS Specialist for site mapping. Provide any available GIS data.

Documentation of historical extent of species presence.

Supporting Documentation (i.e. surveys, research reports, photos, habitat description, etc.)

Additional support to the INAI nomination is recommended, including species lists of any taxa, research reports, photos, historical accounts, or any relevant information.