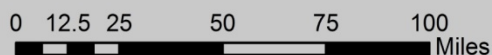
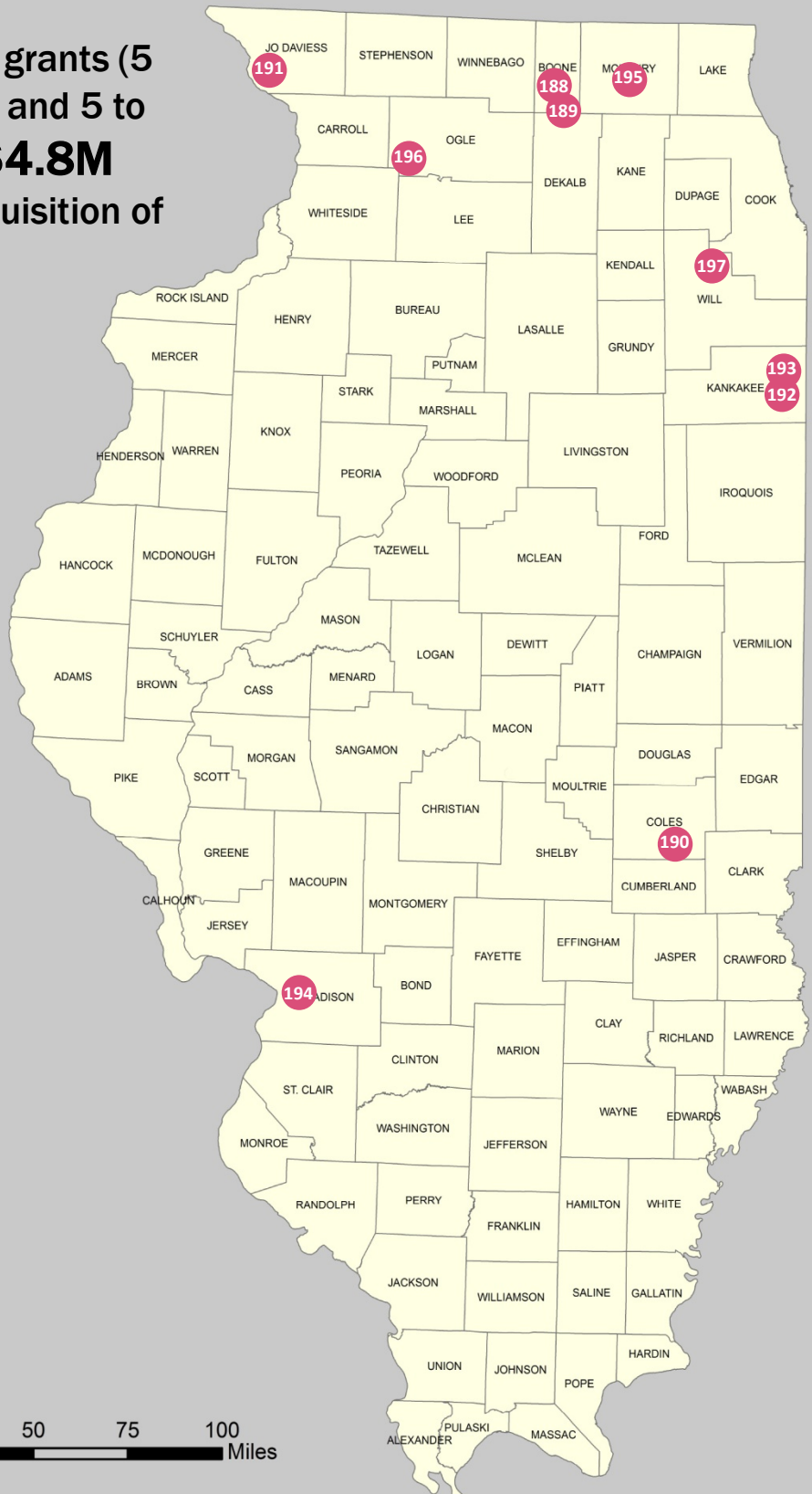


2018 Sites Protected



Ten Land Acquisition grants (5 to local governments and 5 to nonprofits) totaling **\$4.8M** assisted with the acquisition of **1,135 acres**.*

*Also awarded in 2018 but not included in the above totals, was a multi-year, \$4-million grant to Openlands for the purchase of land to be included in Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge. Sites protected under this grant will be shown as individual map entries according to year acquired, starting in 2019.



2018 Sites Protected



188 **Luckey Woods**, Boone County

24 acres, fee simple acquisition

Bottomland forest and oak-hickory savanna. Part of a larger oak-hickory savanna and wetland complex next to the Long Prairie Trail (14-miles). Provides habitat for birds, bats, amphibians and reptiles while protecting water quality of a feeder stream to a Rock River tributary. Openlands holds a conservation easement to protect the natural resources in perpetuity.

Boone County Conservation District / Openlands

189 **Savanna Oaks Conservation Area**, Boone County

28 acres, fee simple acquisition

Grassland and remnant oak-hickory savanna habitat within the Piscasaw Creek Riparian Corridor. Open for hiking, wildlife observation, conservation education, fishing and hunting. Mowed trails will provide a view of the Piscasaw Valley.

Boone County Conservation District

190 **Warbler Landing**, Coles County

132 acres, fee simple acquisition / to be registered as an addition to Embarras River Land and Water Reserve

75 acres of woods along high ridges and steep slopes and 57 acres of agricultural land to be restored to woodland and pollinator meadow. Directly connected to the 2,064-acre Fox Ridge State Park, the acquisition will increase the amount of habitat protected along the Embarras River.

Grand Prairie Friends of Illinois / INPC & IDNR

191 Richardson addition to **Horseshoe Mound Preserve**, Jo Daviess County

150 acres, fee simple acquisition

Increases Horseshoe Mound Preserve to 193 acres and extends it to U.S. Route 20, across the road from Foundation-supported Galena Gateway Park and Buehler Preserve. JDCF donated its existing 28-acre conservation easement and an additional 122-acre conservation easement to another nonprofit, The Prairie Enthusiasts.

Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation / The Prairie Enthusiasts

192 Four additions to the **Kankakee Sands Preserve**, Kankakee County

53 acres, fee simple acquisition

Expansion of the Kankakee Sands, a bi-state, 13-square-mile area in Illinois and Indiana of high ecological value due to the high concentration of both remnant and restored rare plant communities. Three of the parcels are directly connected to habitat owned and managed by TNC. Two of the parcels are near the 74-acre Hopkins Park Savannah Nature Preserve.

The Nature Conservancy

193 Nadler and Venture Holdings additions to the **Kankakee Sands Preserve**, Kankakee County

121 acres (Nadler Tract) and 30 acres (Venture Holdings)

Expansion of the Kankakee Sands, a bi-state area in Illinois and Indiana of high ecological value, with two parcels connected to land owned and managed by TNC.

The Nature Conservancy

194 William C. Drda Woods addition to **Bohm Woods State Nature Preserve**, Madison County

70 acres, fee simple acquisition / to be registered as an addition to the state nature preserve

Includes bluff-top forest listed on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory and farmland to be restored to natural area. Expands/buffers Bohm Woods State Nature Preserve (90 acres), which includes old growth forest habitat for migrating and breeding birds. HeartLands Conservancy holds a conservation easement on the property to ensure protection of the habitat in perpetuity.

City of Edwardsville / HeartLands Conservancy

195 **Alden Gap Conservation Area** addition, McHenry County

22 acres, fee simple acquisition

High-quality oak forest connected to a new, 231-acre preserve at Alden Creek Greenway, created under a previous land acquisition grant.

McHenry County Conservation District

196 Baumgardner addition to **Nachusa Grasslands**, Ogle County

45 acres, fee simple acquisition

Remnant and restored prairie within the Nachusa Grassland INAI site providing habitat for variety of threatened and rare species.

The Nature Conservancy

197 **Hadley Valley Forest Preserve** – Anderson Acres addition, Will County

79 acres, fee simple acquisition

Two contiguous parcels of habitat and to-be-restored habitat that close a 0.6-mile gap along the Spring Creek Greenway Trail, connecting Hadley Valley Forest Preserve (726 acres) and Messenger Woods Nature Preserve (443 acres).

Forest Preserve District of Will County

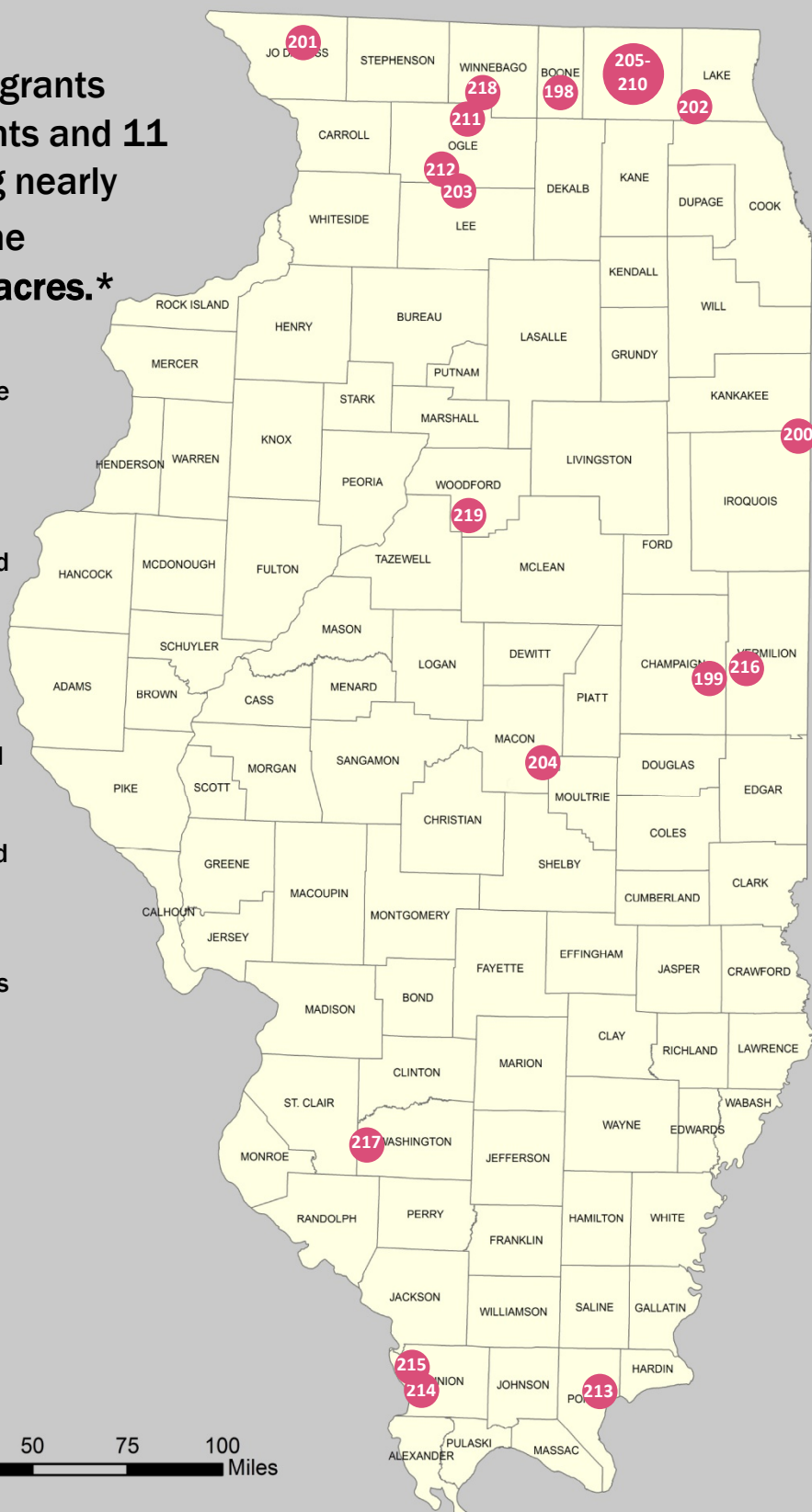
2019 Sites Protected



16 Land Acquisition grants
(5 to local governments and **11**
to nonprofits) totaling nearly
\$9.4M supported the
acquisition of **3,549 acres.***

*Shown on this map but not included in the totals above are six sites totaling **562 acres** purchased under the multi-year, open grant awarded in 2018 to Openlands for the purchase of land to be included in Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge.

Also awarded in 2019 was a second, \$3 million, multi-year grant to Openlands for phase II of the Hackmatack expansion and a multi-year, multi-parcel grant to The Conservation Fund to connect wildlife habitat via conservation easements. Sites purchased under these grants will be included on future maps of the years during which they are protected.



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2019 Sites Protected



198 Funderburg Conservation Area South, Boone County
339 acres, fee simple acquisition

Bottomland forested wetland, scrub-shrub wetlands, sedge meadow, including remnant vegetation and agricultural lands to be restored to habitat. The two adjacent parcels expand a greenway along Piscasaw Creek and continue a partnership between the grantee and Openlands. This project builds on previous Foundation Land Acquisition grants.

Boone County Conservation District / Openlands

199 Old Homer Park addition, Champaign County
15.58 acres, fee simple acquisition

One parcel that is contiguous to the District's 28-acre "Old Homer Park," natural area along Salt Fork River. The purchase expands the existing preserve by adding bottomland forest and to-be-restored prairie. Habitat restoration in the area will extend the preservation, wildlife, and outdoor recreation corridor in eastern Champaign County.

Champaign County Forest Preserve District

200 Iroquois Sands Connector Parcels, Iroquois County
Project in Progress
Black oak savanna, sand prairie, and remnant flatlands

Multiple parcel acquisition part of an ongoing effort to expand the National Wildlife Refuge. Home to multiple state-listed plants and animals. These acquisitions build upon previous Foundation Land Acquisition grants that helped to create and expand the existing preserve now owned by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The new additions will also be cared for by FOK until they too can be transferred to the USFWS.

Friends of the Kankakee

201 Dvorak Addition to Apple River Canyon State Park, Jo Daviess County
232 acres, fee simple acquisition

The property fills in the gap between two different units of the state park and is part of a larger acquisition. The Foundation's grant was applied towards the 232-acre western portion of the Dvorak property, which includes forest and grassland along the Apple River and tillable land that the grantee will restore to sedge meadow and grassland habitat.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources / INPC

202 Craftsbury II Preserve, Lake County
31 acres, fee simple acquisition

Wetland and upland prairie habitat across from the grantee's 22-acre Craftsbury Preserve.

Citizens for Conservation

203 Samuel and Edna Hill Preservation Site, Lee County
91 acres, fee simple acquisition

New preserve in federally designated Rock River Trail Area that provides habitat for rare Illinois wildflowers. Over 70 acres of oak hickory woodlands and savanna, a perched wetland, a hill prairie on outcroppings of St. Peter's Sandstone, and to-be-restored farmland.

Middle Rock Conservation Partners

204 Fort Daniel Conservation Area addition, Macon County
180 acres, fee simple acquisition

Acquisition doubles the size of the Fort Daniel Conservation Area and protects a portion of Big Creek, a tributary that feeds into Lake Decatur. The new addition includes native habitat and agricultural land that will be restored in phases to prairie.

Macon County Conservation District

205-210 Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), McHenry County
562 acres, fee simple acquisition

The Foundation awarded Openlands a multi-year grant in 2018 to purchase properties inside and adjacent to the Illinois unit of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge. The multi-parcel project will expand and advance connections between the cores of the refuge. Openlands purchased the following six properties during 2019: Powell #1, Powell #3, Sphar, Tamarack Farms, Wexler and Santos. Acquisitions include to-be-restored farmland, sedge meadow, mature oak woodland, wetland, prairie, and creek corridor. The project prioritizes land that: protects Nippersink Creek watershed riparian corridor, is in proximity to existing protected land, has been surveyed for the INAI, and has significant restoration potential. Openlands plans to hold lands acquired with grant funds temporarily until it is able to transfer title to either the McHenry County Conservation District or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for permanent protection.

Openlands

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211 Bald Hill Prairie Preserve Expansion – (Lenz addition), Ogle County

224 acres, fee simple acquisition

Forest, savanna, prairie and to-be restored farmland. Bald Hill was established in 2017 under a previous Land Acquisition grant and is home to rare prairie plants and the state's Big Tree Champion cottonwood.

Byron Forest Preserve District

212 Morsman and Juanita Williams Trust addition to Nachusa Grasslands, Ogle County

102.28 acres, fee simple acquisition

Extends the prairie to an adjacent road, allowing for easier implementation of prescribed fire in the preserve. The acquisitions include wet prairie, oak forest, and to-be-restored prairie and advance TNC's goal to create a new, 500 -plus-acre section for the bison.

The Nature Conservancy

213 War Bluff Valley Sanctuary addition, Pope County

40 acres, fee simple acquisition

Expands the existing 485-acre Sanctuary in Pope County and allows for for easier access and shared resources with Shawnee National Forest. Adds to a migration route from the bluff area to the lower wetland and creek.

Illinois Audubon Society

214 Dug Hill Property, Union County

282 acres, fee simple acquisition

Adjacent to Shawnee National Forest and Union County State Fish & Wildlife Area and within the LaRue-Pine Hills Conservation Opportunity Area. Includes frontage on Clear Creek, providing habitat for three state-listed animals. Grantee will restore the habitat and hold the property until it can be transferred to U.S. Forest Service and/or Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The Conservation Fund

215 Stamp addition to Shawnee National Forest, Union County

60 acres, fee simple acquisition

Inholding to Shawnee National Forest within the LaRue – Pine Hills Illinois Conservation Opportunity Area. TNC will hold the land until the USFS secures funding.

The Nature Conservancy

216 Jordan Creek Reserve, Vermillion County

14.75 acres, fee simple acquisition

Creates a new preserve along the Salt Fork of the Vermillion River at the mouth of Jordan Creek. Includes two acres of river and 12 acres of forested land.

Land Conservation Foundation

217 Kathleen Scanlan Conservation Area – Glen Schuetz addition, Washington County

38 acres, fee simple acquisition

Two wooded parcels that expand the 140-acre Kathleen Scanlan Conservation Area, which was the first Foundation-supported preserve in Washington County and the first and only publicly accessible nature preserve and wildlife refuge within the Kaskaskia River Corridor.

HeartLands Conservancy

218 R. Robert Funderburg Forest Preserve, Winnebago County

868 acres, fee simple acquisition

The acquisition will create a total of 1,645 acres of protected natural area straddling two counties. The property is connected to habitat owned and protected by the applicant organization, the neighboring Byron Forest Preserve District, and the nonprofit Natural Land Institute. The grantee's contribution to the budget covers the cost of 10 acres of farm buildings, most of which will be demolished. The Forest Preserves intend to enroll a portion of the property's large oak-hickory woodland into the Illinois Nature Preserves system (as buffer to or part of the Severson Dells NP) and restore the cropland into prairie in phases. This acquisition supports habitat for several endangered species, such as the Rusty-patched bumblebee and the Indiana bat.

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County

219 Kenyon – Baller Woods Preserve, Woodford County

36 acres, fee simple acquisition

Upland and floodplain forest, two CRP grasslands, and frontage on Panther Creek that expands the Kenyon Preserve to 167 acres. Parklands plans to submit a proposal for the combined sites to be protected as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve after conducting trail building and restoration at the new acquisition.

Parklands Foundation