

Consideration of the dedication of the Jack and Sue Ulrich Nature Preserve in Franklin County

This proposed Nature Preserve is located in Franklin County within the Switzerland Hills Section of the Bluegrass Natural Region.

The uplands in the southwest half are generally dry-mesic to mesic forest. The overstory is dominated by large, mature White oak, Shagbark Hickory, and Sugar Maple that are widely spaced. The midstory is dominated by Sugar Maple. The lower slopes contain full canopy forest dominated by Eastern Red Cedar and Sugar Maple.

This site is significant as the Division of Fish, Wildlife, & Nature Preserves, does not own any nature preserves in Franklin County.

The parcel is enrolled in the Classified Forest program, and the family has never harvested live timber on the land. The family states that the previous owner also did not harvest any trees. No stumps were observed, and many of the mature trees are over 24" DBH.

It is owned by Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A.

Jack and Sue Ulrich Nature Preserve
Franklin County
NRC Exhibit A
39.195 Acres

