

Final Report

SWG Project # T-70-L-001, Apple River Canyon State Park through Lands Acquisition.

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Objectives: Acquire the tract and hold it in perpetuity as part of Apple River Canyon State Park. It will be open to the public for compatible use and enjoyment. Recognizing the ecological significance of the tract a portion of the tract will be dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve or registered as Land and water reserve. This parcel acquisition protects the cool water fisheries within this section of the Apple River from development. When restored, it will also provide quality habitat for avian and aquatic species in greatest need of conservation that have been documented within the Apple River Canyon INAI site.

Activities: The 104.709-acre tract was purchased on 24th of February, 2011.

Recorded in Jo Daviess County on March 1, 2011.

Conservation Easement and Registration Agreement to add this Wiley tract to the Apple River Canyon Land and Water Reserve in August 26, 2010.

SCHEDULED/PROPOSED to be registered as a Land and Water Reserve by the Nature Preserve Commission at their meeting in Springfield on **January 24, 2012**.

Related Grants and Activities: Acquisition of this property also was supported by grants from The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and a state Wildlife grant. The Natural Land Institute donated the match for the Federal Grant. NLI was able to secure private funds to match against the federal grant.

Summary of Land Costs

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Seller: Natural Land Institute 320 South Third Rockford, Il 61104

Acreage: 104.7

Appraised Value: \$540,000

Price Paid: \$267,000. The Natural Land Institute donated more than 40 acres of the 82 acquisition. This was a 50-50 match with using federal funds and state funds.

Relocation Cost: N/A

Other Costs: \$1261 includes title searches escrow and recording fees. In addition, \$1697 was paid for a survey.