## Final Report Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund Small Project Grant McCully Heritage Project Wetland 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 wetland were in need of interpretive signs that explained wetland functions and introduced them to wildlife found in the wetland.

#### Materials and Budget

Signs Purchased from Wilderness Graphics:

\$295 2'x3' Aluminum Wetland sign

\$395 2'x3' Semi Custom Aluminum sign "Wading Birds"

\$270 9 9"x12" aluminum trail signs

\$60 Shipping

Total Cost \$1,020.00

\$1,000 provided by grant, \$20 provided by Mc Cully Heritage Project

### Match for grant

\$800 16 hours labor to identify signs needed by 5 volunteers at \$10 per hour

\$600 30 hours labor by 2 volunteers to attach signs to wood frames at \$10 per hour

\$600 16 hours labor by 5 volunteers to properly place and mount all signs at \$10 per hour

\$2,020 Total value of match provided

#### Methods

Rita Knight, Neal Funk, Tony Brady, and Johanna Shipley (all from the McCully Heritage Project), and Martha Sheppard (Two Rivers RC&D) met and walked the wetland trail at the McCully Heritage Project. Interpretive signs were chosen from the Wilderness Graphics catalog and ordered. These signs were ordered and placed along the trail at key locations.

#### Results

The wetland trail at McCully Heritage Project is now educational as well as enjoyable. It is a very popular and highly visible trail.

### **Payment Request Certificiation**

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\$395 2'x3' Semi Custom Aluminum sign "Wading Birds"

(Black crowned night heron, yellow crowned night heron, common moorhen, great egret, green backed heron, cattle egret, and killdeer)

\$270 9 9"x12" aluminum trail signs

(Cattails, cypress, red wing blackbird, raccoon, pond slider, common snapping turtle, water snakes, dragon fly, damsel fly)

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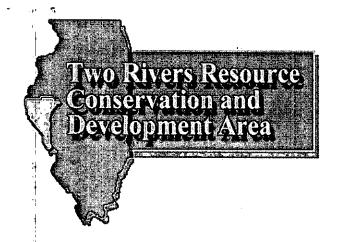
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Total Grant funds requested:

\$1,000



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# For Immediate Release

Kampsville—The McCully Heritage Project located near Kampsville has completed its wetland interpretive trail. The interpretive signs along the wetland trail were funded in part by a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources from contributions to the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund. The grant funds allowed the non-profit McCully board to purchase signs identifying birds, reptiles, and plants found in the wetland area. "The signs allow a visitor to learn about nature as they enjoy a walk along the walkway," said Rita Knight, board member from rural Kampsville. "We also have signs identifying trees and prairie plants," said McCully board president Richard McAdams.

Visitors are welcome year round at the McCully Heritage Project located one and a half miles south of Kampsville and two miles west along Crawford Creek Road. The 940 acre property features over 15 miles of trails, a restored wetland with walkways, a log cabin, a pond for fishing, a scenic overlook, picnic tables, a pavilion and plenty of parking.

For more information on the McCully Heritage Project, call 618-653-4687 or Two Rivers RC&D at 217-285-4114.

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Terms

Due on receipt

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