

## Mazonia-Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area – ComEd

### Post-Restoration/Monitoring Fact Sheet

A 5-acre moist soil management area at the Mazonia-Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife area was expanded by 3 acres in an effort to restore natural resources and related ecological services similar to those flora, fauna, and water resources impacted by a diesel fuel release into the environment.

Moist soil management areas provide plant and animal foods that are a critical part of the diet of wintering and migrating waterfowl as well as other wetland wildlife. The wetland environment also provides habitat for resting and nesting of an array of wetland organisms.

Some of the organisms that benefit from this moist soil area, include, but are not limited to, migratory birds (waterfowl, songbirds, etc.), amphibians, insects, and deer. The surrounding agricultural field provides additional food and cover for these organisms.

This project was funded through a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) settlement. In June 2000, approximately 4,450 gallons of diesel fuel, and/or other petroleum products entered into water in a perimeter ditch at the power facility near the town of Braidwood, Grundy County. The release resulted in impacts to the soil, surface and ground water resources, flora and fauna. Further information can be found at, <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/programs/NRDA/Pages/ComEd-MazoniaBraidwood.aspx>



View from north to south



View from west to east



View from northeast to southwest

Photos from April 2015 site reconnaissance

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