



Fish Habitat Structures

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Habitat is a place that has everything an animal needs to survive. For fish, this means underwater structures like fallen trees. These structures provide food, shade, and protection from bigger fish!



Algae also grows on underwater structures. Insects eat the algae and fish eat the insects! Bigger fish also hang around looking for smaller fish to eat.

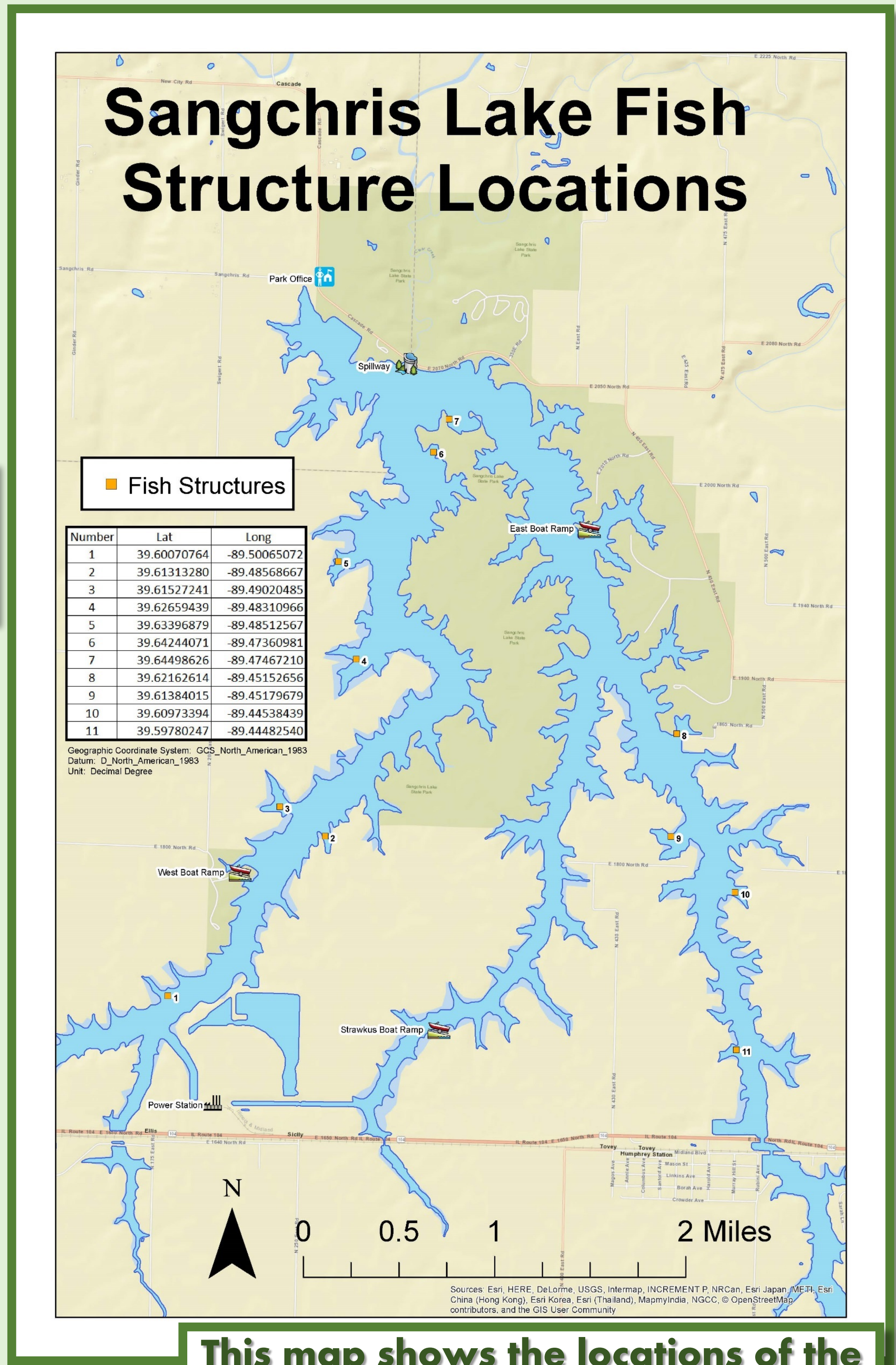
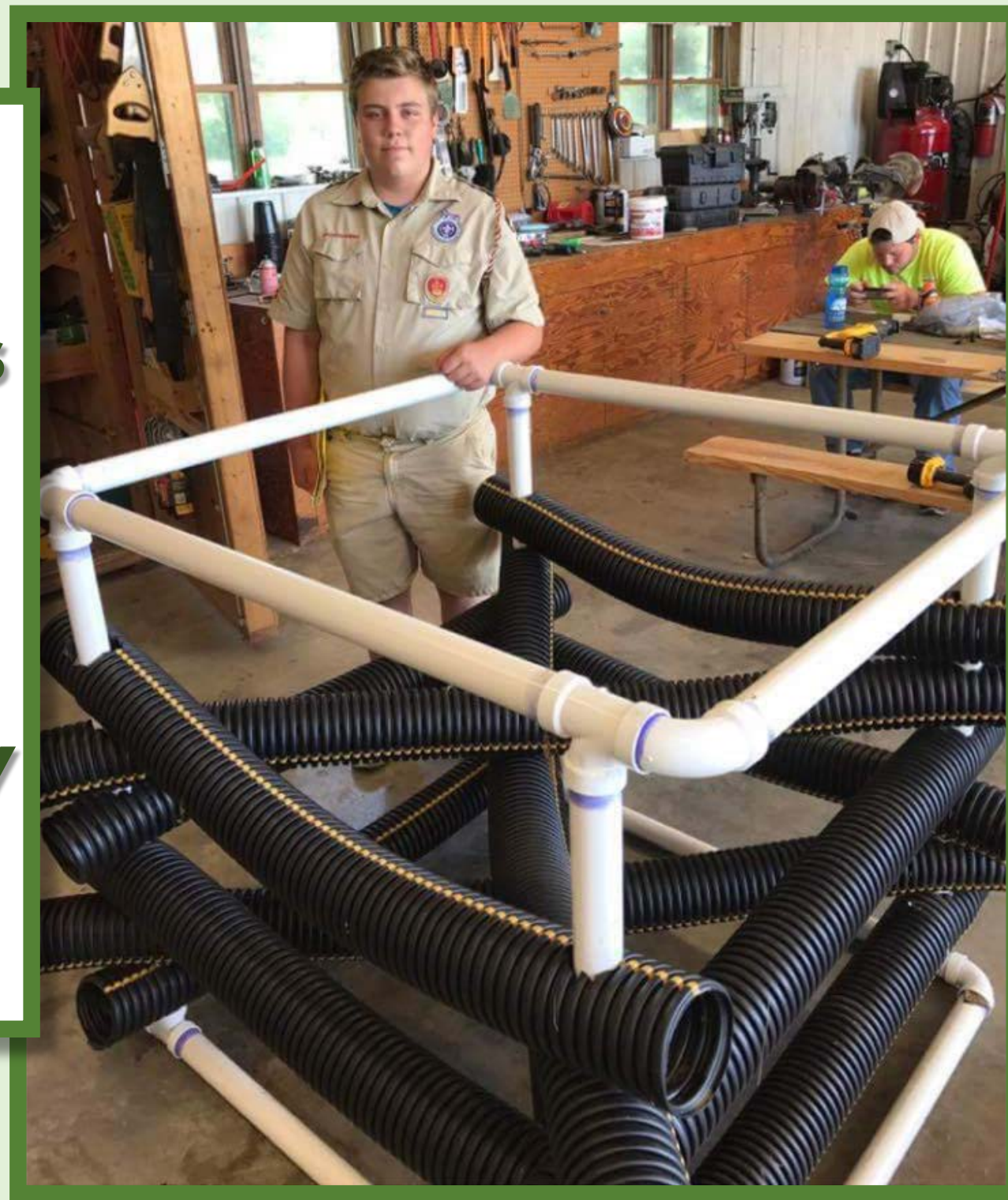


In August of 2017, 34 artificial fish habitat structures were built and placed in Sangchris Lake.



Since fish like to hang out around these structures, they also make great fishing spots!

Just like fallen trees, artificial habitat structures give fish a place to live. The only difference is that they are made by people and they last a lot longer.



This map shows the locations of the fish habitat structures. It is available online at iFishIllinois.com.