

SILVER CREEK BIODIVERSITY PRESERVE

Tarbox Unit

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Woodland, grassland and riparian habitats are found at the 50-acre Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve. The 35 wooded acres include oak-hickory forest, a globally rare natural community type, and 2 branches of spring-fed Silver Creek. Among the 67 bird species sighted is the Red-headed Woodpecker, a “critical species” in the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan. The remaining 15 acres are currently in the USDA Conservation Reserve Program in warm-season grass cover. Longterm plans are to re-create oak savanna habitat on those acres.

The Preserve was established in 2012 through a generous gift of land by Joanne (Tarbox) Styles.

Volunteers are working to restore the woodland areas and maintain trails. As we become more familiar with the area and a detailed management plan is created, additional volunteer opportunities will become available. See our newsletter or website for more information.

Anyone may visit the Preserve anytime during daylight hours. Permitted activities include hiking, birdwatching, nature photography, frog listening and botanizing. **Horses, dogs, bikes and off-road vehicles are not allowed.** See map on back.



FINDING THE PRESERVE

