

Office of Resource Conservation

State of Illinois

FINAL REPORT

Project Number: T-61-M-1

Project Title: Sand Community Restoration in the Kankakee Sands Opportunity Area

Purpose:

The Kankakee Sands Macrosite is a bi-state project located near the state line between Illinois and Indiana within the Kankakee Sands Section of the Grand Prairie Natural Division. This remarkable landscape contains one of the greatest concentrations of the globally rare black oak sand savanna ecosystem left anywhere in the nation. According to the National Biological Service, Midwest Savannas are a critically endangered and threatened ecosystem and according to the Fish and Wildlife Service the Kankakee Sands contains the largest concentration of high quality black oak sand savanna landscape surviving in the Midwest.

Currently, over 23,000 acres of high quality natural areas, restoration areas, and buffer habitat are owned and managed by the Illinois and Indiana Departments of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, and private conservation buyers, including more than 4000 acres of INAI quality land in Illinois providing habitat for at least 30 state-listed species (Table 1).

The bi-state working group, initiated by The Indiana and Illinois Nature Conservancy, determined 7 critical conservation targets within the macrosite. These include Sand Savanna (Black Oak), Sand Flatwoods (Pin Oak), Sand Prairie/Sedge Meadow (blue joint grass and tussock sedge), Red-headed woodpecker, Regal fritillary, Plains pocket gopher, and the Henslow's sparrow.

To remain long term viability of these targets and this sand ecosystem, the following conservation goals were made.

1. Protect and restore 10,000 acres of sand savanna ecosystem
2. Protect and restore 6,000 acres of sand prairie ecosystem
3. Protect all remaining sand flatwoods.
4. Protect and sustain 3 source populations of 2,000 regal fritillaries
5. Protect and sustain 500 breeding pairs of red-headed woodpeckers
6. Protect and sustain 500 pair of breeding Henslow's sparrows
7. Protect and sustain 40,000 plains pocket gophers (4/acre)

The bi-state group shares the responsibility for meeting conservation goals. And the area is partitioned nicely to meet specific goals. For example, very little sand savanna remains in

Indiana so much of their management is completed to restore and reconstruct various sand prairie habitat in accordance with pre-settlement notes. Restoring sand prairie of various moisture regimes will directly meet several conservation goals. Similarly, there are very few remaining presettlement sand prairie tracts in Illinois. Instead, the remaining intact communities in Illinois are sand savanna communities. Therefore we can directly work towards protecting and restoring 10,000 acres of sand savanna ecosystem, protecting all remaining sand flatwoods, protecting and sustaining 500 breeding pairs of red-headed woodpeckers, and protecting and sustaining 40,000 plains pocket gophers.

The Kankakee Sands (Pembroke Savannas/Kankakee River/Momence Wetlands Area) is one of 32 Conservation Opportunity Area within Illinois and is part of the larger Grand Prairie Natural Division, see Section IV. B. pages 130-140. The Illinois Wildlife Action Plan lists objectives for the Kankakee Sands to “restore and manage an additional 10,000 acres of black oak sand savanna, sand prairie and sand flatwoods within the section”, Section IV. B. pages 138-139. This opportunity area provides habitat for approximately 80 species in greatest need of conservation, including a minimum of 40 insects, 5 fish, 3 reptiles and amphibians, 20 birds, 4 mammals, and 5 mollusks. Twenty seven state listed species are known from the area. Several of these are found only in the Kankakee Sands ecosystem. In addition, the biogeographic uniqueness of the Kankakee Sands is stunning; More than 30 species of plants and animals reach the limits of their distributions here including the regal fritillary, sweet fern, plains pocket gopher, ornate box turtle, and western glass lizard. Moreover, a study done by the Illinois Natural History Survey reports that the bobwhite quail and red-headed woodpecker, whose populations are plummeting nation-wide, are doing remarkably well in the Kankakee Sands. Thirteen different biotic communities are represented within the opportunity area.

Need:

In Illinois, the main focus of work has been that of protecting the globally significant oak savanna landscape which remains largely intact and viable. However, the sites are not without stewardship needs. Many suffer from overgrazing, fire suppression, hydrological changes, and invasion by exotic woody and herbaceous vegetation.

The need for restoration of these protected and/or public lands for wildlife habitat far exceeds available funding. Funds approved through this grant will be used to: Expand the restoration and stewardship of high quality wildlife habitats detailed in the Forest Campaign and the Farmland & Prairie Campaign of the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan, found in Section III. E. pages 66-70 and 71-76 respectively.

Objectives

Over the grant's duration (July 1, 2009 – December 31, 2011), 12 prescribed fires will be completed on more than 1000 acres to “maintain or restore open woodland habitat and stimulate the germination and production of native ground layer plants and control invasive species” per the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan's, Forest Campaign, recommendations to maintain and enhance

the composition of Illinois' forested habitats, Section III. E. pages 67-70. In addition, invasive woody vegetation control, exotic woody and herbaceous vegetation control, and/or habitat restoration will be completed on at least 100 acres on permanently protected sites in the Kankakee Sands Macrosite to "protect and restore remnant savannas and sand prairies," Section IV. B. page 138. This invasive vegetation, exotic woody and herbaceous vegetation control falls under the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan's recommendations to "restore and manage native prairie and forest communities and populations of imperiled and extirpated prairie and forested wildlife" from both the Forest Campaign and the Farmland and Prairie Campaign, Section III. E. pages 68 and 74 respectively. Table 2 outlines the sites to receive prescribed fire and the approximate dates. Table 3 outlines the sites to receive woody and exotic invasive species control and the approximate control dates.

Expected Results or Benefits:

The project will assist in meeting the overall proposed management goals of focusing restoration efforts around 7 targets, including sand savanna, sand flatwoods, sand prairie /sedge meadow, red-headed woodpecker, regal fritillary, plains pocket gopher, and the Henslow's Sparrow. Meeting these targets will provide additional quality habitat in the Kankakee Sands, an area rich in species in greatest need of conservation, state listed species, and species with unusual or rare distributions. The results from this grant will be an increase in habitat for state threatened and endangered species, improved quality of sand savanna and sand prairie communities, increased habitat for grassland birds, increase host plant diversity for prairie insects, and increased ecosystem function.

Approach:

DNR and its partners will use Prescribed Fire, Invasive Woody Plant Control, Invasive Exotic Species Control, Erosion/sedimentation control, Boundary Protection/Fence Repair, Habitat Creation/Restoration: Planting, and Hydrology Restoration to increase and maintain high quality habitats. All vegetation management will follow the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission's Vegetation Management Guidelines. Specific guidelines are listed below.

- **Prescribed Fire**

Details - Prescribed fire involves the planned application of fire to meet specific management goals. Prescribed fire may be used to control the invasion or spread of exotic invasive species, control succession, maintain herbaceous habitats including prairies and some wetlands, and promote the regeneration of some woodland species. The prescribed burning activities include planning, preparation, implementation and evaluation of the prescribed burn and its impacts. Planning includes the development of a written prescription by the IDNR's District Heritage Biologist or TNC's Burn Boss in a form and format consistent with IDNR prescribed burning policy. IDNR Plans are reviewed and approved by the Regional Forester and submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for air quality related open burning permits. TNC permits are written by the burn boss and then approved by the State Burn Manager. Planners will acquire any other open burning permits or authorizations required within the jurisdiction appropriate to the site. Preparation includes the maintenance of fire equipment, assembly, training and briefing of crews, construction of control lines and notification of

neighbors. Implementation includes all activities related to the actual burning of the site. Prescribed burns will be conducted by a district resource manager or contractor that meets the IDNR qualifications as a burn boss. Only persons who have received the minimum training standards under IDNR policy for participation prescribed burning will assist in conducting the burn. Evaluation includes the preparation of a burn report as per IDNR prescribed burning policy and procedures and any systematic review of impacts of the fire on a site. All prescribed fires on state owned property will be approved through the annual site resource planning process and included on the site's annual plan of work.

- Invasive Woody Plant Control

Details - Invasive woody plant control is the planned mechanical removal, elimination or thinning of woody plant material that has invaded a project area. Invasive woody plants may also be controlled by the use of prescribed fire (see above). Invasive woody plant control is used in prairies, particularly hill prairies where surrounding native woody vegetation is encroaching. In savanna and wetland habitats, woody vegetation control can be used to control shrubs and trees that have increased in density and are shading out rare species found in these habitats. It may also be used to restore sand savanna and sand forest habitats where native mesophytic vegetation (such as cherry) is replacing sand savanna or forest vegetation due to a long history of fire suppression. Control methods will include removal or thinning of target invasive woody plants depending on the management goals. The control methods applied in a site shall be those that will be effective in meeting the desired goal, have a minimal adverse impact on non-target species, and are cost efficient. Those methods will include mechanical cutting or removal of brush with tractor mounted mowers, bulldozer, hand operated brush cutters, and chainsaws; Application of appropriate herbicides using cut stem, injection, basal bark and foliar methods, or a combination of methods. All methods of control of invasive woody plants will be done in ways consistent with methods described in the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission's Vegetation Management Guidelines. All activities, supplies and equipment needed to plan, implement and evaluate a woody plant control effort at a project site will be included. All invasive woody plant control on state owned land will be approved through the annual site resource planning process and included on the site's annual plan of work.

- Invasive Exotic Species Control

Details - Invasive exotic species are species not native to a region which invade native habitats, disrupting the function of these habitats and causing the elimination of or stress to native species populations. Invasive exotic species control is the planned removal, elimination or reduction in these populations of invasive exotic species. Invasive exotic species include woody and herbaceous plants, and animals. The control methods applied in a project site shall be those that will be effective in meeting the desired goal, have a minimal adverse impact on non-target species, and are cost efficient. Invasive exotic woody plant species will be controlled using the methods outlined above for woody plant control. Herbaceous plant species will be controlled using mechanical methods such as pulling or mowing as appropriate, or by the application of herbicides in accordance with state and federal law by licensed applicators. Control of invasive exotic animal populations will include lethal methods such as: trapping; shooting; plus, trap & euthanasia. All methods of control of invasive exotic species will be done in ways consistent with methods described in the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission's Vegetation Management Guidelines. All activities, supplies and equipment needed to plan, implement and evaluate an

invasive exotic species control effort at a project site will be included. All invasive exotic species control will be approved through the annual site resource planning process and included on the site's annual plan of work.

Habitat Creation/Restoration: Planting

Details - Native habitats required to support target species have been lost or degraded. By restoring and increasing the amount of habitat at a project site, we can improve the viability of populations in those locations. In addition to the use of prescribed burns, woody plant control and invasive exotic species control mentioned above, planting is an effective way to restore habitats. Where elements of a particular native habitat exist, seeds may be collected on site and replanted within the project site. If there are sites with insufficient reproduction of desirable native species or where important species components are missing, then habitat may be recreated using plant material from off site. All habitat creation/restoration projects will comply with the IDNR, INPC and Endangered Species Protection Board joint policy on translocation of plant materials. Species planted shall be native to the region where the project site is located. Habitats should be established only on areas where there are appropriate soils. Existing high quality habitats shall not be adversely impacted by habitat creation projects. Collection for restorations shall be from sites where landowners have given their permission and there will be no adverse impact on native populations. Restorations for prairie habitats may include native grasses and forbs. Restorations for forest, savanna, and barren habitats may include appropriate native trees, shrubs, grasses and herbs. Restorations for wetland, riparian and aquatic habitats may include appropriate native trees, shrubs, grasses, herbs and aquatic plants. All activities included in planning, obtaining plant material, planting and evaluating the success of habitat creation/restoration: planting will be included in this practice. All invasive woody plant control will be approved through the annual site resource planning process and included on the site's annual plan of work. All planting projects will be approved through the annual site resource planning process and included on the site's annual plan of work.

Project Duration: July 1, 2009 -- December 31, 2011

Location:

The Sand Community Restoration in the Kankakee Sands Conservation Opportunity Area will be within the Kankakee Sands Macrosite (Figure1) on sites within Iroquois and Kankakee Counties, Illinois. They include land owned by IDNR (Iroquois County State Wildlife Area Land and Water Reserve, Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve), TNC (Mskoda Land and Water Reserve, Tallmadge Flatwoods Land and Water Reserve, Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve, Carl N. Becker Savanna Nature Preserve, and Guiding Star Savanna INAI), as well as property protected in perpetuity by conservation partners (Sweet Fern Savanna Land and Water Reserve, Iroquois Sands Land and Water Reserve).

Kankakee Sands Macrosite 2009

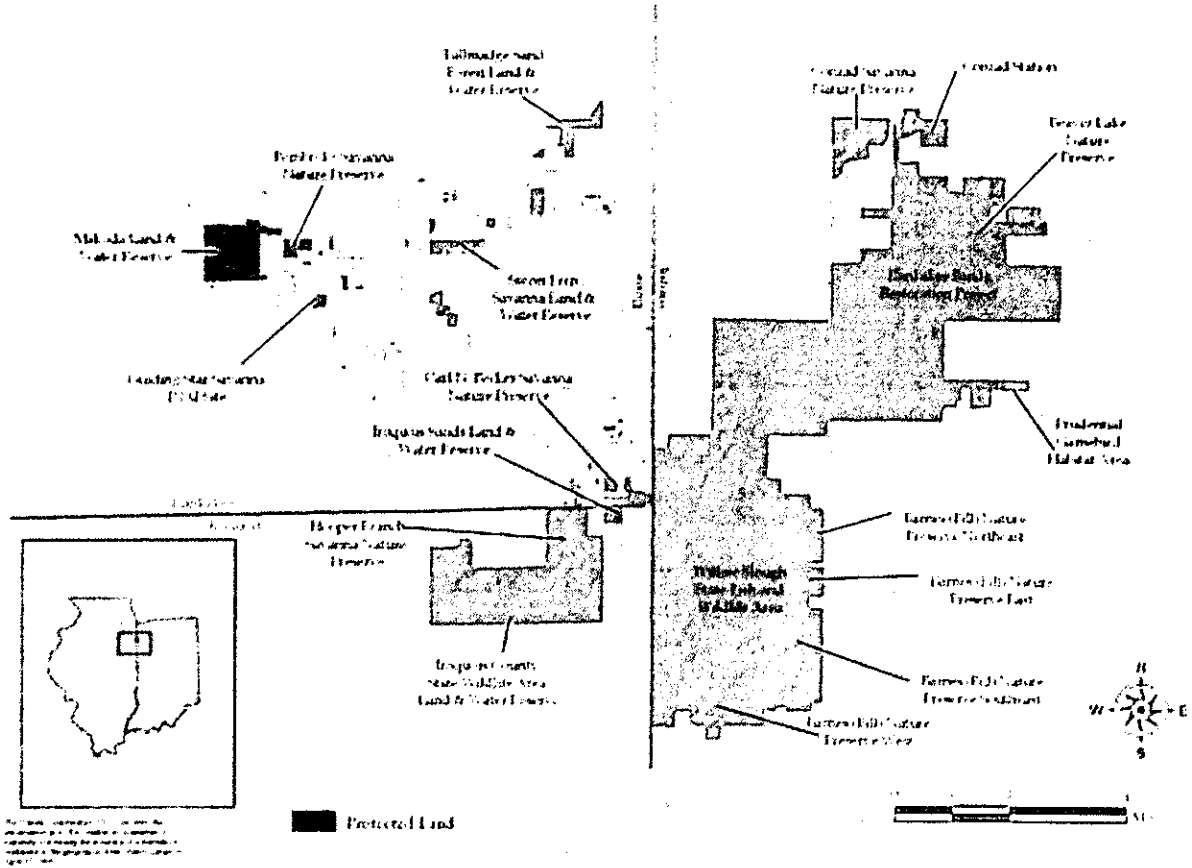


Figure 1. The Kankakee Sands is located within the Kankakee Sands Section of the Grand Prairie Natural Division.

APPENDICES:

- A. Iroquois County State Wildlife Area Land and Water Reserve and Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve map
- B. Mskoda Land and Water Reserve map
- C. Tallmadge Flatwoods Land and Water Reserve map
- D. Carl N. Becker Savanna Nature Preserve/Leesville Savanna map
- E. Guiding Star Savanna INAI map
- F. Sweet Fern Savanna Land and Water Reserve map
- G. Iroquois Sands Land and Water Reserve map

Related Grants:

Iroquois SWA Land & Water Reserve and Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve are currently included with SWG T-28-M-1 (programmatic code 3379). However, funds from T-28-M-1 are being used exclusively for hydrology restoration. Therefore, there will not be any overlap between that grant and this grant that will be used for prescribed burning and native woody vegetation control, and exotic species control.

In-kind match will primarily occur during prescribed burning and woody invasive vegetation control at Hooper Branch Savanna. Through programmatic timekeeping we will accurately reflect time spent on the project so the corresponding match from salaries will go to the project.

Compliance

The IDNR will use its CERP (Comprehensive Environmental Review Process) as a tool to aid the Department in meeting NEPA compliance for the project outlined under this grant proposal. It is the Department's policy to require CERP applications for all land disturbing activities unless those activities are covered by CERP exemptions.

All planned activities will also be in compliance with the Endangered Species Act. All determinations and documentation will be in accordance with the current established U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service protocols for section 7.

All planned activities will be in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Council on Historic Preservation Act. All determinations and documentation will be in accordance with the terms of the Programmatic Agreement, as amended, effective September 23, 2002.

When applicable, those planned activities which involve a floodplain and/or jurisdiction wetlands will be done in accordance with Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990.

When applicable, those planned activities which involve programs and/or site improvements will be done in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

When applicable, those planned activities which involve the use of pesticides, herbicides or other comparable chemicals will be done in accordance with current state and federal regulations to assure the safe and legal application of those chemicals. All chemicals will be applied in accordance with the manufacturers label instructions. All persons applying chemicals will be licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture as a chemical operator along with a licensed applicator, in accordance with Illinois state law.

Grant Proposal Support Documentation:

The following documents are attached in support of this grant proposal:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424)
2. Grant Agreement - Budget Information
3. Federal Aid Section 7 Evaluation Form
4. Illinois Clearinghouse Response per Federal Executive Order 12372
5. NEPA Compliance Checklist and Environmental Assessment
6. Location Map (See Figure 1).

Project Budget - Total

	Federal Share	State Share	Total
Contractual	\$105,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$200,000.00
Commodities	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Personnel	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$210,000.00

Contractual Services:

\$200,000.00 will be spent to hire contractor(s) to complete prescribed burning, woody invasive vegetation control, exotic invasive species control, and habitat creation/restoration: Planting.

Commodities:

\$10,000.00 will be used to purchase herbicides.

Personnel:

\$10,000.00 will be in-kind match by IDNR personnel through prescribed burning, woody invasive vegetation control, exotic invasive species control, habitat creation/restoration: Planting, and grant administration.

There will not be any in-kind match by TNC personnel, despite the fact that they do have a full time Project Director working in Illinois.

Personnel:

The following IDNR/INPC, and TNC personnel will be the primary staff implementing the K-Sands habitat restoration project. They will be doing the administration and direct contact with landowners and contractors. Other Office of Resource Conservation and Land Management staff may be involved in limited site specific project implementation.

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Table 1. A partial list of threatened and endangered species that occur in the Kankakee Sands Macrosite.

Common Name	Species Name	Description	IL	IN	US
PLANTS					
Blazing star	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Plant		T	
Bristly blackberry	<i>Rubus setosus</i>	Shrub	T	E	
Carey's heartsease	<i>Polygonum careyi</i>	Plant	E	T	
Carolina whipgrass	<i>Carex cumulate</i>	Plant	E		
Crowded oval sedge	<i>Scleria pauciflora</i>	plant	E		
Eastern blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium atlanticum</i>	Plant	T		
Grass pink orchid	<i>Calopogon tuberosus</i>	Plant	E		
Ground pine	<i>Lycopodium dendroideum</i>	Fern ally	E	E	
Marsh arrowgrass	<i>Triglochin palustris</i>		T	T	
Marsh speedwell	<i>Veronica scutellata</i>	Plant	T		
Narrow-leaved sundew	<i>Drosera intermedia</i>	Carnivorous Plant	E	SR	
Northern Cransbill	<i>Geranium bicknelli</i>	Plant	E		
Old Plainsman	<i>Hymenopappus scabiosaeus</i>	Plant	T	E	
Orange fringed orchid	<i>Platanthera ciliaris</i>	Plant	E	E	
Prairie fame-flower	<i>Talinum rugospermum</i>	Plant		T	
Prairie white-fringed orchid	<i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>		E	X	FT
Primrose violet	<i>Viola primuifolia</i>	Plant	E	T	
Shore St. John's wort	<i>Hypericum adpressum</i>	Plant	E	E	
Small sundrops	<i>Oenothera perennis</i>		T	T	
Sweetfern	<i>Comtonia peregrine</i>	Plant (not a fern)	E	WL	
Tubercled orchid	<i>Platanthera flava var. herbiola</i>	Plant	T	WL	
Eared foxglove	<i>Tomenthera auriculata</i>		T	E	
Yellow wild indigo	<i>Baptisa tinctoria</i>	Plant	E	WL	
Western silvery aster	<i>Aster sericeus</i>	Plant		SR	
White lady's slipper orchid	<i>Cypripedium candidum</i>		T	SR	
Wood orchid	<i>Platanthera clavellata</i>	Plant	E	WL	
BIRDS					
American Bittern	<i>Botanus lentiginosus</i>	Bird	E	E	
Henslow's sparrow	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Bird	T	E	
Least bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Bird	T	E	
Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Bird	T	E	
Marsh wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Bird		E	
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Bird	E	E	
Sandhill crane	<i>Grus Canadensis</i>	Bird	T	SSC	
Sedge wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Bird		E	

T= State Threatened E =State Endangered SR =State Rare WL = Watch List SSC = Species of special concern
 US = Federally listed FE=Endangered , FT= Threatened, X=Extirpated

Table 1. cont'd. A partial list of threatened and endangered species that occur in the Kankakee Sands Macrosite.

Common name	Species name	Description	IL	IN	US
INSECTS					
Bunchgrass skipper	<i>Problema byssus</i>	Butterfly		E	
Eryngium stem borer	<i>Papaipema eryngii</i>	Moth	E		
Indian skipper	<i>Hesperis sassacus</i>	Butterfly		T	
Mottled duskywing	<i>Erynnis martialis</i>	Butterfly		T	
Regal fritillary	<i>Speyeria idalia</i>	Butterfly		E	
SNAKES					
Smooth green snake	<i>Liochlorophis vernalis</i>	Snake		E	
TURTLES					
Blanding's turtle	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Turtle	T	E	
Ornate box turtle	<i>Terrapene ornate</i>	Turtle		E	

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Table 2. Estimated completion dates for listed management goals. Any burn not completed in the spring can be completed the upcoming fall season.

BURN SITE		Acres	Fa2009	Sp2010	Fa2010	Sp2011	Fa2011	
Leesville Savanna								
Unit A (IDNR)	Figure D1	63 Acres		X				
Unit B	Figure D1	19.3 Acres	X			X		
Unit C	Figure D1	20.3 Acres	X			X		
Sweet Fern Savanna LWR								
Unit A	Figure F1	80 Acres	X			X		
Iroquois Sands LWR								
Unit A	Figure G1	71 Acres	X					
Tallmadge LWR								
Unit A	Figure C1	33 Acres	X					
Unit B	Figure C1	58 Acres		X				
Unit C	Figure C1	33 Acres				X		
Mskoda LWR								
Unit A	Figure B1	235 Acres		X				
Unit B	Figure B1	310 Acres				X		
Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve								
South ½	Figure A1	310 Acres		X				
North ½	Figure A1	250 Acres				X		
		Total: 1,486 Acres						

Table 3. Approximate schedule and associated sites for completing woody exotic and invasive vegetation control.

Woody exotic and invasive Vegetation Control		Acres	Fa2009	Sp2010	Fa2010	Sp2011	Fa2011
Carl N Becker Nature Preserve							
Unit B and C	Figure D2	22 Acres		X	X		
Iroquois Sands LWR							
Unit A	Figure G2	22 Acres		X	X		
Tallmadge LWR							
Unit A	Figure C2	3.85 Acres			X	X	
Mskoda LWR							
Unit A	Figure B2	10.5 Acres		X	X		X
Unit B	Figure B2	19 Acres	X	X	X		X
Unit C	Figure B2	10.5 Acres			X		X
Guiding Star Savanna							
Unit A	Figure E1	1.5 Acres			X		
Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve							
Old Fields	Figure A2	10 Acres	X		X		X
		Total: 100 Acres					

The table was set up so that vegetation control did not conflict with prescribed fire.

APPENDIX A: HOOPER BRANCH SAVANNA NATURE PRESERVE

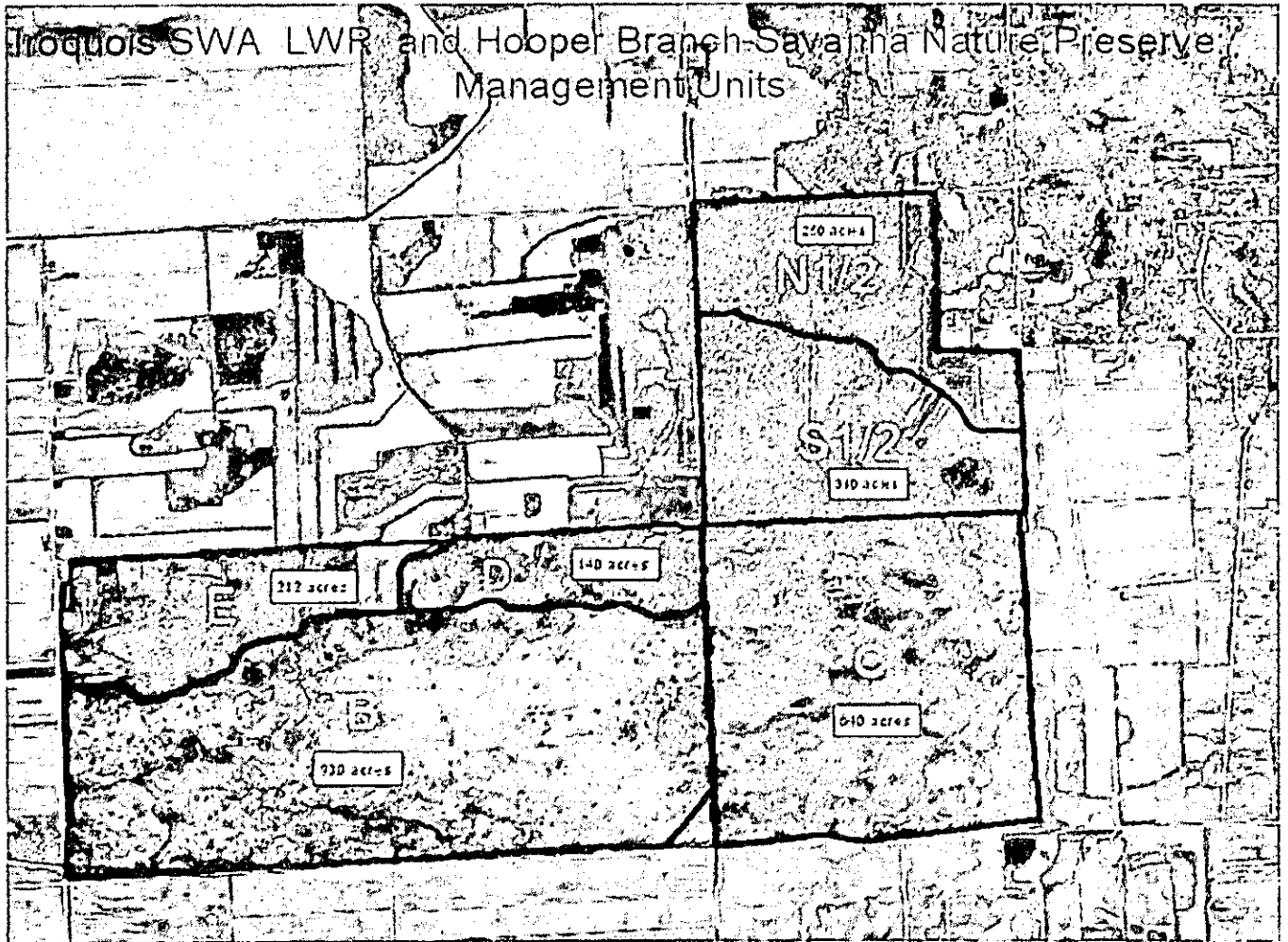


Figure A1. Both the N 1/2 and S 1/2 of Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve will be burned under this contract. It's also possible that one or more units at Iroquois SWA LWR will receive prescribed fire.

Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve- Old Fields

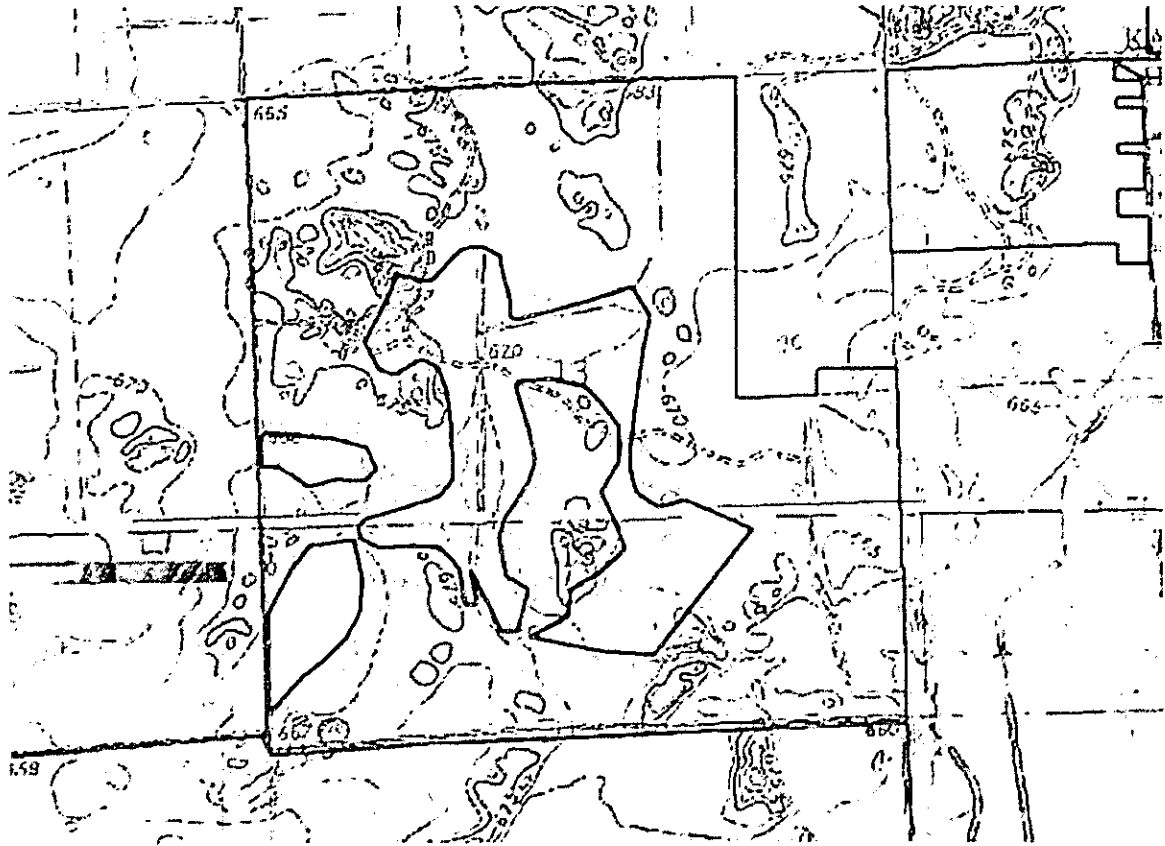


Figure A2. Woody and herbaceous vegetation needs to be controlled from several prairie restorations within Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve Old Fields outline in red.

APPENDIX B: MSKODA LAND AND WATER RESERVE

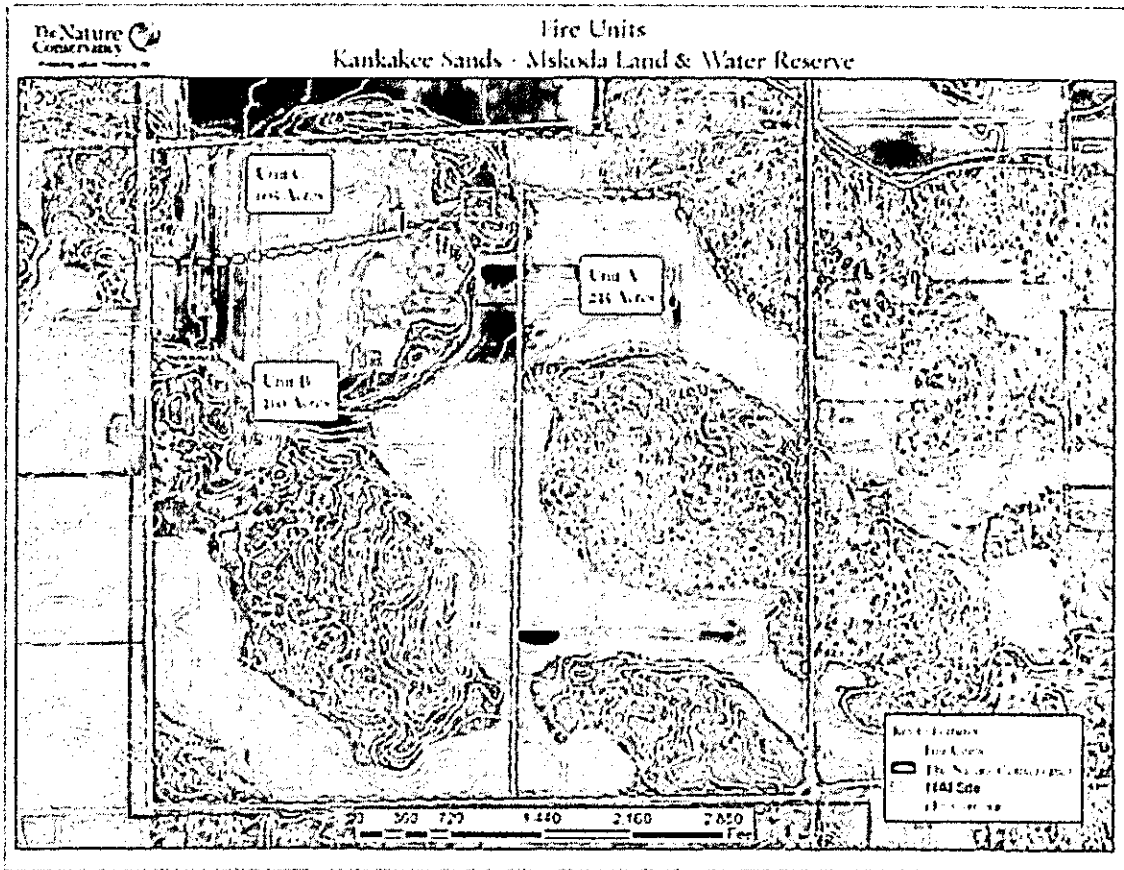


Figure B1. Units A and B will be burned at Mskoda Land and Water Reserve.

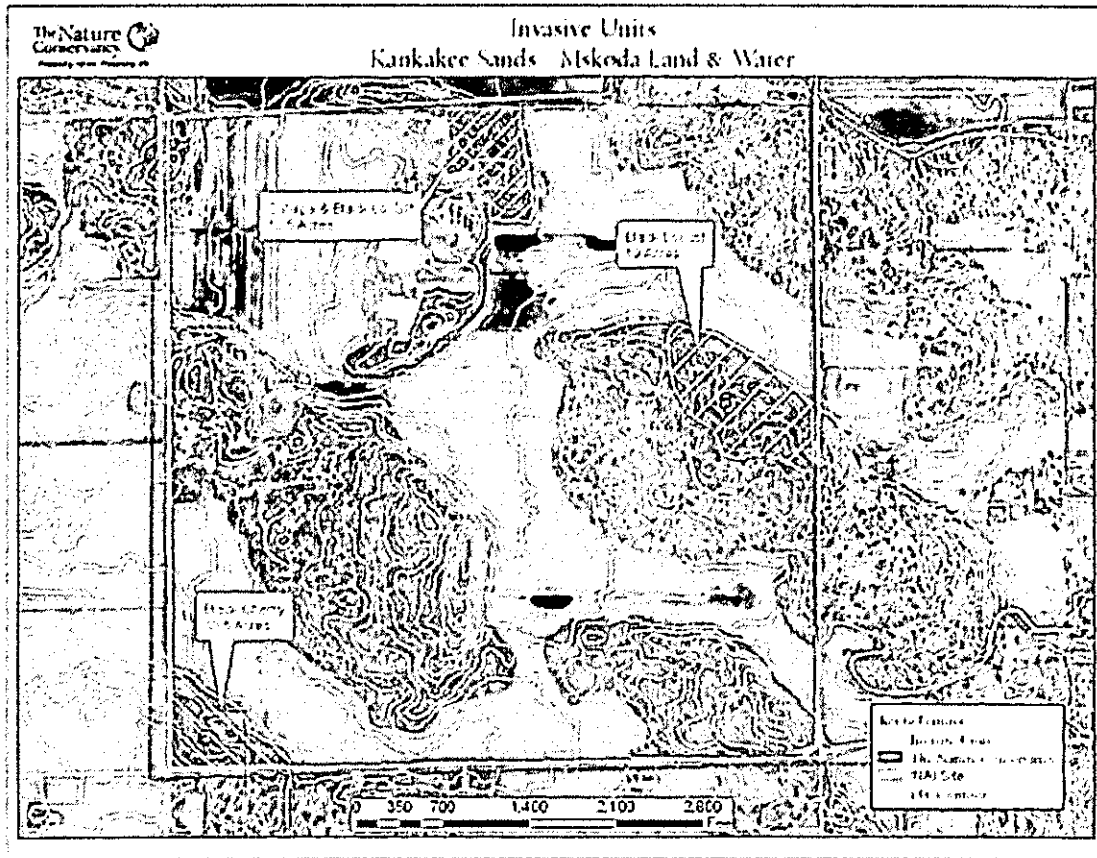


Figure B2. Native and exotic species requirement treatment in three units at Mskoda Land and Water Reserve.

APPENDIX C: TALLMADGE LAND AND WATER RESERVE

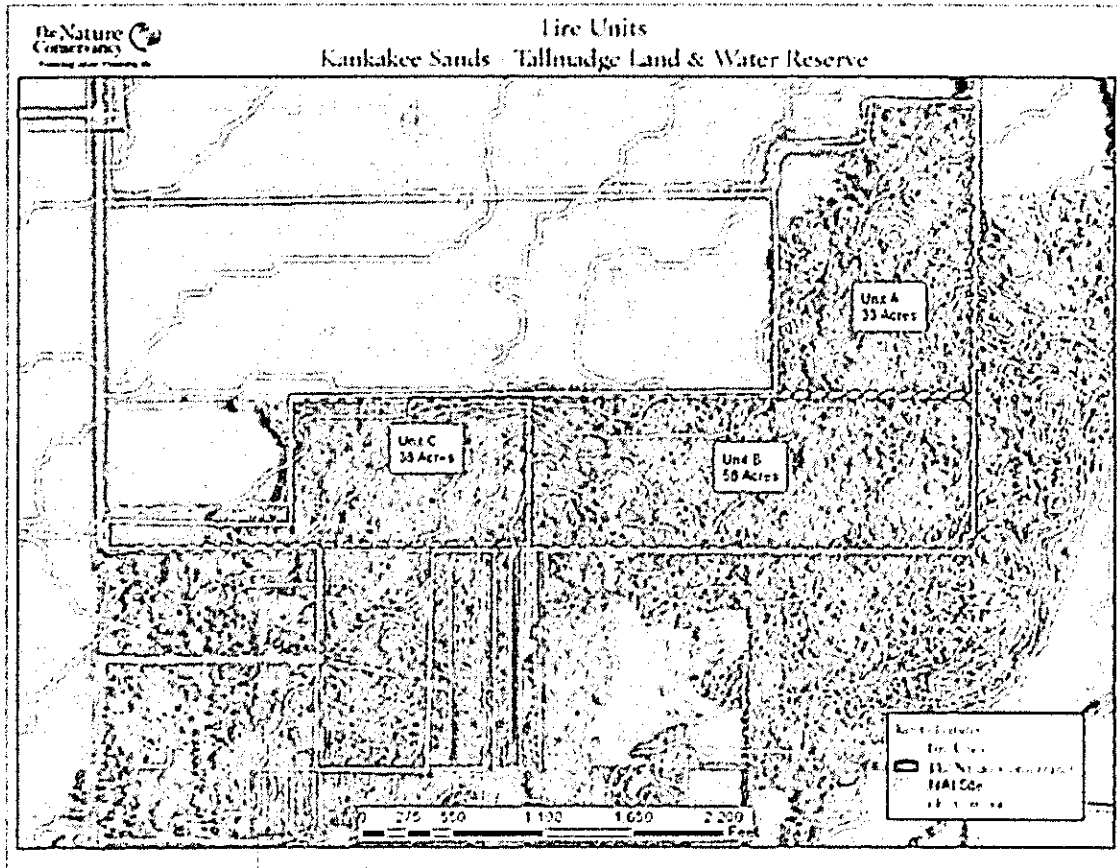


Figure C1. Tallmadge Flatwoods Land and Water Reserve is an INAI quality sand forest. It contains three separate burn units that will each be burned.

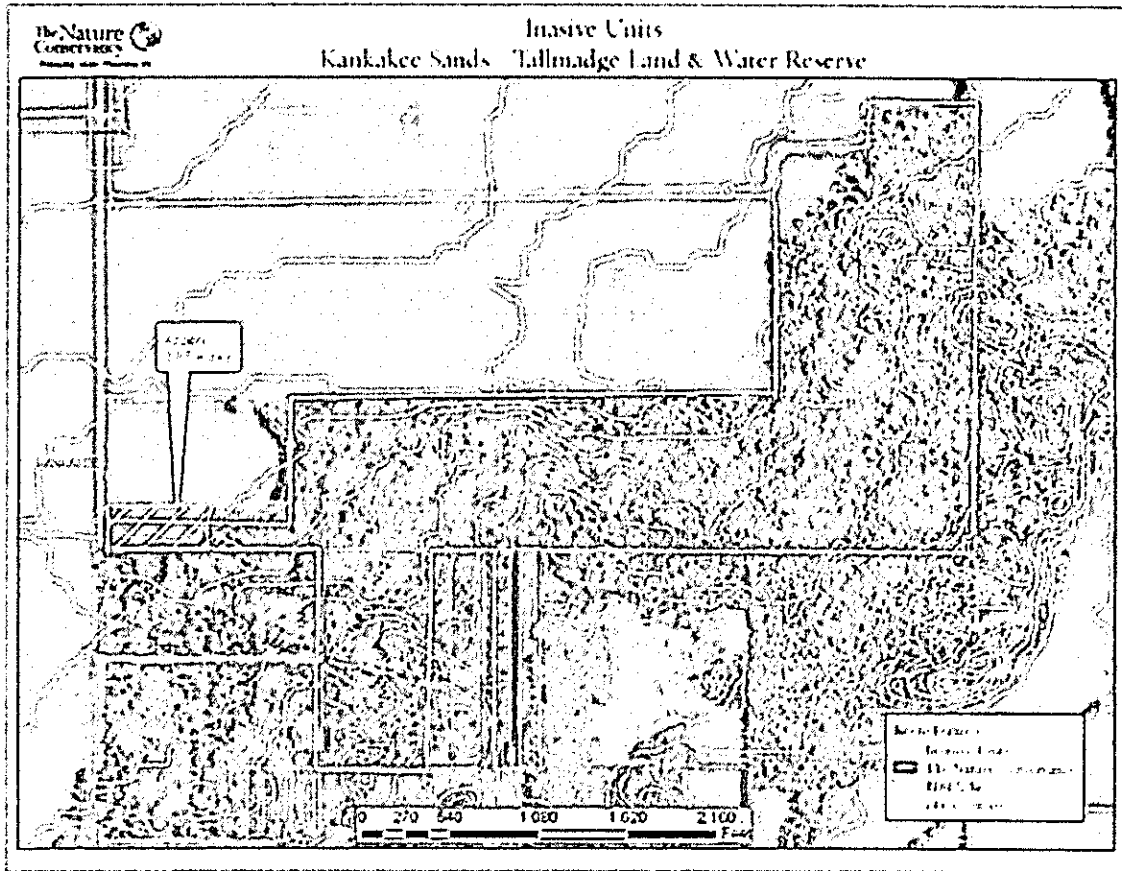


Figure C2. Approximately 4 acres of aspen require treatment at Tallmadge Land and Water Reserve.

APPENDIX D: CARL N BECKER NATURE PRESERVE

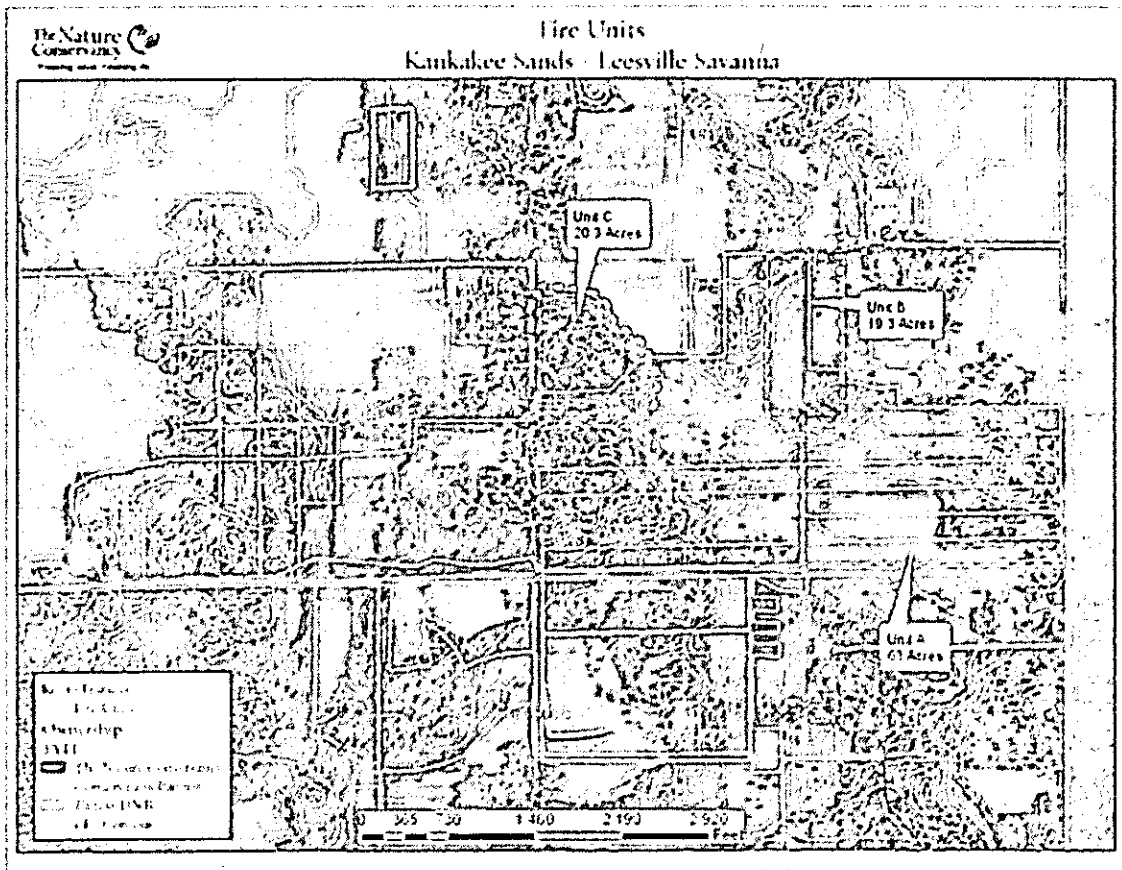


Figure D1. Three fire units will be burned in the Leesville Savanna INAI. Unit A is owned by the IDNR; Units B & C are owned by the Nature Conservancy and dedicated as the Carl N. Becker Nature Preserve.

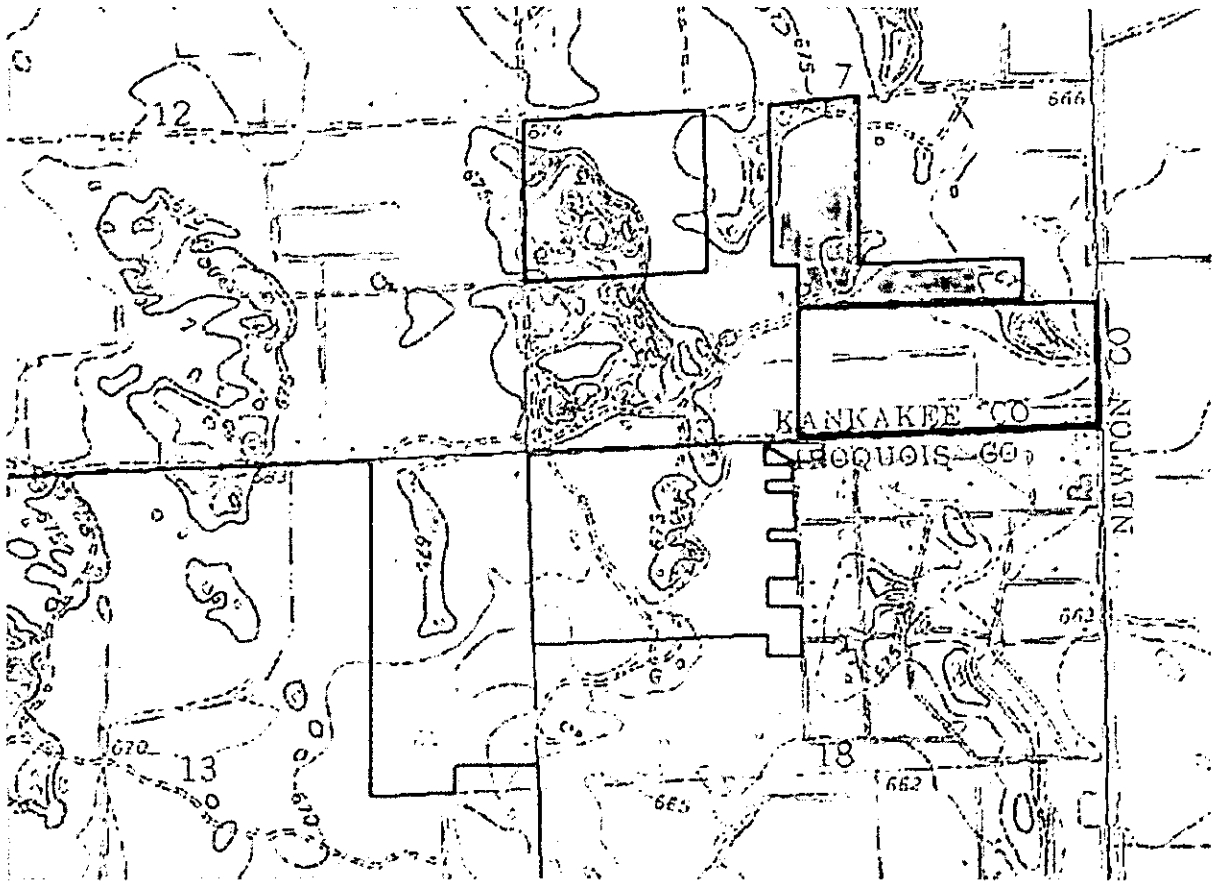


Figure D2. Approximately 22 acres of woody invasive species (highlighted in yellow) will be treated within the Carl N. Becker Nature Preserve.

APPENDIX E: GUIDING STAR SAVANNA

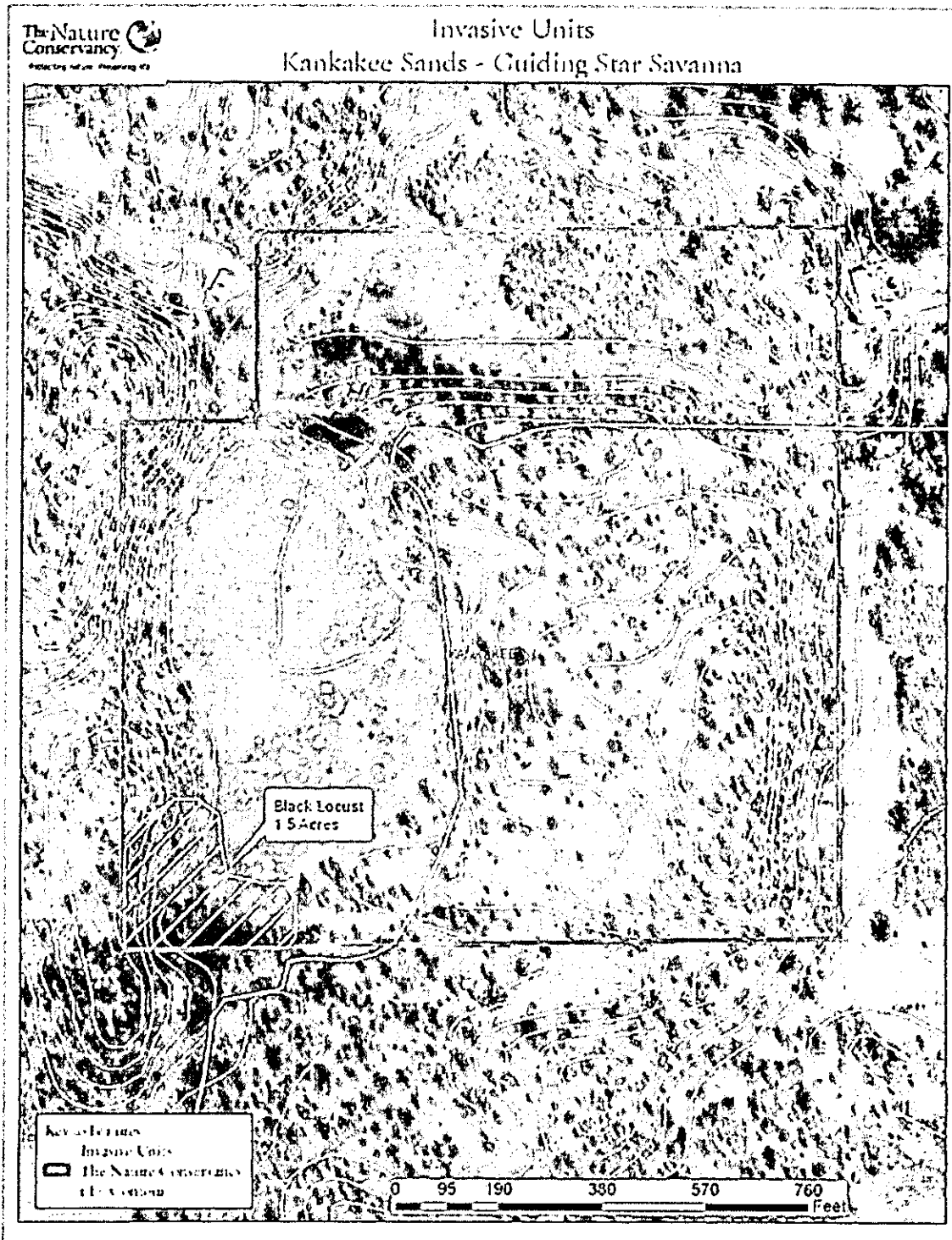


Figure E1. Approximately 2 acres of black locust will be treated at Guiding Star Savanna INAI, Unit A.

APPENDIX F. SWEET FERN SAVANNA

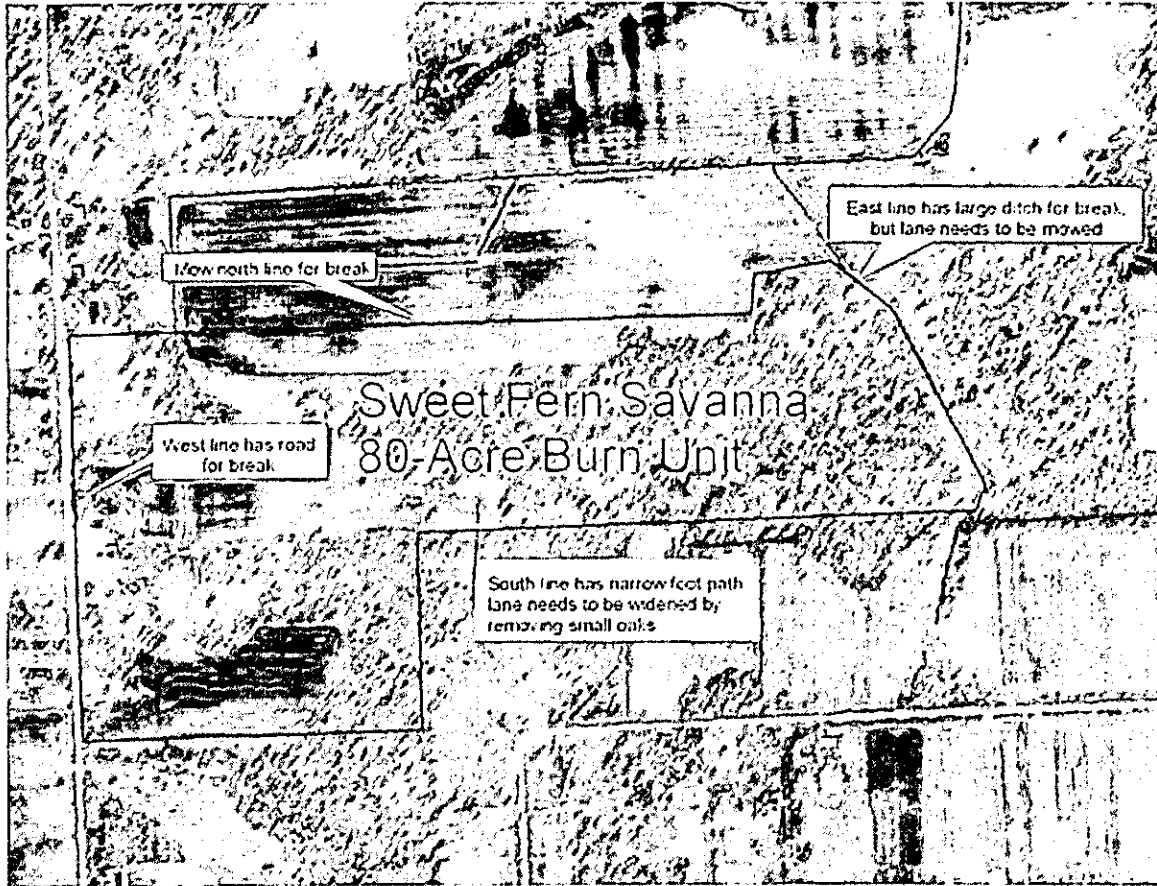


Figure F1. An 80 acre burn unit at Sweet Fern Savanna Land and Water Reserve will be conducted as part of this State Wildlife Grant.

APPENDIX G: IROQUOIS SANDS LAND AND WATER RESERVE

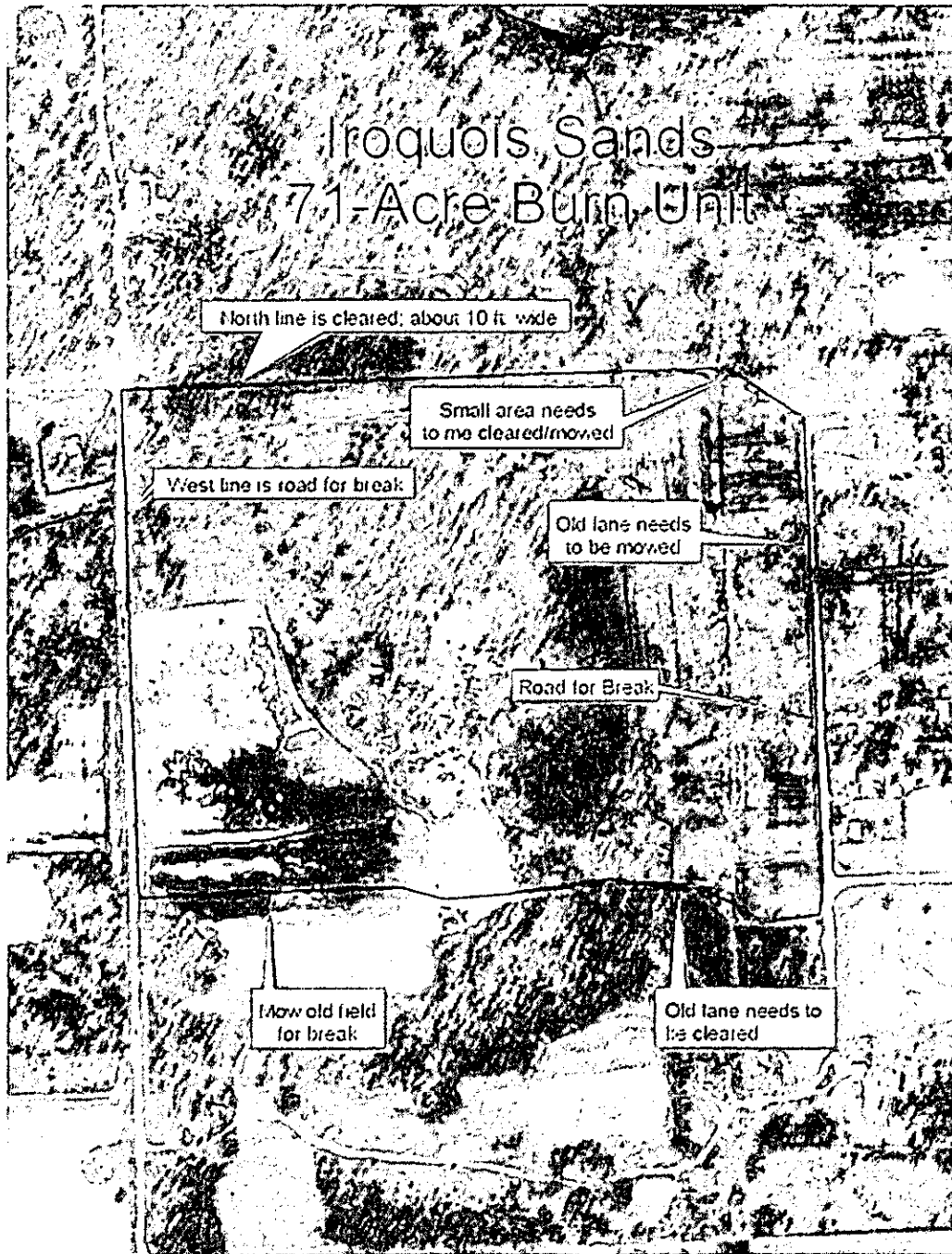


Figure G1. The contractor would be responsible for installing firebreaks prior to prescribed burning at Iroquois Sands Land and Water Reserve.

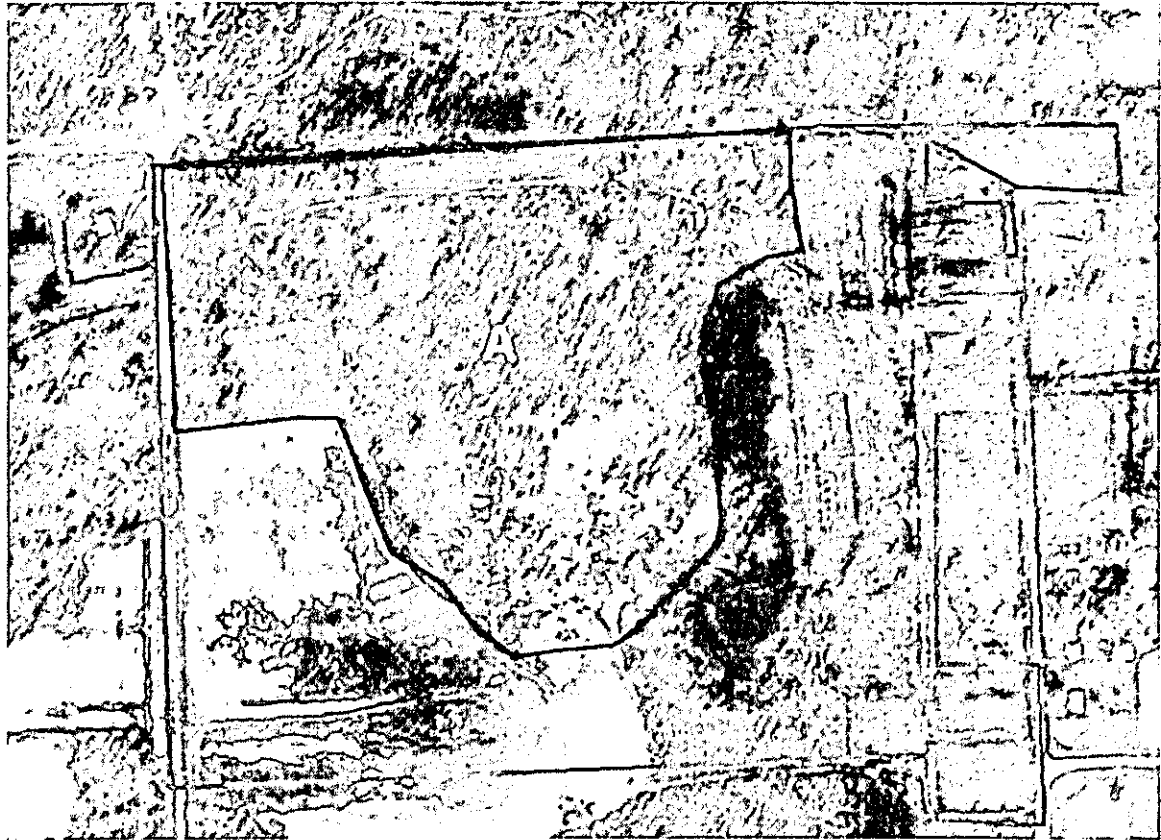


Figure G2. Bush honeysuckle and autumn olive are the primary exotics that need to be removed in Unit A at Iroquois Sands Land and Water Reserve, owned by the Friends of the Kankakee.

RESULTS

The budget remained \$220,000.00 with a 50:50 split between federal and state expenditures throughout the life of the grant. The biggest change from the estimated and actual budget was the expenditure of state personnel (Table 4). It took much longer to administer this grant than initially estimated. Burn plans had to be written for each unit. There were 5 contracts that were written for this grant. There were 2 amendments and 4 annual reports completed. In addition, the prescribed fire on the North ½ of Hooper Branch Savanna in Spring 2012 had at least 7 state employees who coded a minimum of 8 hours to the fire, mop up, and drive time. All these activities added to the state personnel share observed in the budget comparison table.

Table 4. Budget Comparison of how the funds were estimated to be spent verses how they were actually allocated.

	Federal Share	State Share	Total
Contractual	\$105,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$200,000.00
	\$94,160.00	\$103,775.32	\$197,935.32
Commodities	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
		\$2,010.00	\$2,010.00
Personnel	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
		\$27,045.30	\$27,045.30
Total	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$210,000.00
	\$94,160.00	\$132,830.30	\$226,990.62

OBJECTIVE #1:

Over the grant's duration (July 1, 2009 – December 31, 2012), 12 prescribed fires will be completed on more than 1000 acres to "maintain or restore open woodland habitat and stimulate the germination and production of native ground layer plants and control invasive species" per the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan's, Forest Campaign, recommendations to maintain and enhance the composition of Illinois' forested habitats, Section III. E. pages 67-70.

This objective was met with 12 prescribed fires being conducted on 1153 acres. Eleven of the 12 were completed by a contractor. The following details the various prescribed burns between Fall 2009 and December 15, 2012. All of these burns were conducted on high quality habitat that contained multiple threatened or endangered species and Species in Greatest Need of Conservation.

A Site Specific Job Specification Form was developed to complete 10 prescribed fires between October 2009 and December 15, 2011. The bid was placed in the Illinois Central Management Services Procurement Website. The contract was awarded to JFNew on March 30, 2009 for a total of \$92,735.00. These are funds from the Natural Areas Stewardship Funds and were used as state match for the project.

A burn schedule was provided to the contractor to indicate what season and year a unit should receive fire. It was only meant to be used as a guide as there are rarely enough days to complete all necessary prescribed burns in any given season. Any prescribed burns not conducted in one season would automatically be added to the following season's schedule.

In addition, one of the sites was to receive 2 prescribed burns over the life of the contract (Sweet Fern Savanna Land and Water Reserve). While the contract was being processed in 2009, much of Sweet Fern Savanna Land and Water Reserve burned due to a wildfire in the Kankakee Sands. It was concluded that an additional burn on the site was not necessary for a couple years. The site received prescribed fire in spring 2012 as part of the contract. Therefore the site still received two fires over the contract but only one was planned and implemented.

This still left one prescribed burn on the contract with Cardno JFNew, INC. After meeting with the landowner, the contractor, The Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, it was determined that Leesville Savanna Units B & C would receive the additional fire available in the contract. It was less acreage, similar in price, and would benefit the most from a prescribed fire. Leesville Units B & C were scheduled for Spring 2012 and completed in Fall 2012.

The following is a summary of the prescribed fires that were part of that contract or as state in-kind match. Figure 1 also shows when a burn was scheduled vs. when it was actually completed.

2009:

- Iroquois Sands LWR (70 acres): Completed 11/11/09. Figure 2 shows the flank fire moving under the property sign.
- Leesville Unit B (20 acres): Burn completed 11/12/09. Post burn map can be seen in figure 3.
- Leesville Unit C (20 acres): Burn completed 11/12/09. Post burn map can be seen in figure 4.

2010

- MsKoda Unit A (255 acres): Burn completed 4/9/10. Figure 5 shows contractors working the flank fire. Igniting the head fire can be seen in Figure 6.
- Tallmadge Unit A (33 acres): Burn completed 4/10/10. Figure 7 shows the contractors lighting the headfire at Tallmadge LWR.

Due to poor weather conditions no prescribed burning was completed in Fall 2010. Scheduled units were moved to Spring 2011.

2011

- MsKoda Unit B (300 acres): Burn completed 4/9/11. Figure 7 shows contractors working the flank fire and then then lighting the headfire (figure 8). Finally, figure 9 shows the site post burn.

Due to poor weather conditions no prescribed burning was completed in Fall 2011. Scheduled units were moved to Spring 2012.

2012

- Tallmadge Sand Forest Unit B (58 acres): Burn completed 3/15/12. The burn report and associated photos can be seen in the Reports and Figures Section of this report. Figure 11
- Sweet Fern Savanna (75 acres): Burn completed 3/16/12. Figure 12 shows the post burn map and ignition techniques used for this fire.
- Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve North ½ (210 acres): Burn completed 3/29/12. It was the first time in a decade that the unit had been burned. This fire was not part of the CardnoJFNew contract and was therefore coded as state match.
- Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve (40 acres): Burn completed 4/6/12: Prior to the prescribed burn on March 29, 2011, it was determined to be safer not burn this specific portion within the larger 210 acre tract because east winds would have made control on the south line difficult. Much of this area has need seen fires in at least 15 years to an active dove hunting program. This fire was not part of the contract and was therefore coded as state match. Figures 13- 20 provide some indication to the fire behavior and duties of the burn crew.
- Leesville Savanna Unit B (19 acres): Burn completed 11/19/2012. Figure 21 shows a complete burn of the unit, resulting in the top kill of many smaller oak seedlings. Figure 22 shows a head fire running through the unit.
- Leesville Savanna Unit C (20 acres): Burn completed 11/19/12. Figure 23 shows two crews coming together to create the head fire after anchoring the other 3 lines.
- Tallmadge Sand Forest Unit C (33 acres): Burn completed 11/20/12. Figure 24 is a copy of the burn report for the unit.

Table 5. Comparison of when burns were schedule to be conducted (black X) verses when and where they were completed (Red X).

BURN SITE		Acres	Fa2009	Sp2010	Fa2010	Sp2011	Fa2011	Sp2012	Fa2012
Leesville Savanna									
Unit A (IDNR)	Figure D1	63 Acres		X					
Unit B	Figure D1	19.3 Acres	XX			X			X
Unit C	Figure D1	20.3 Acres	XX			X			X
Sweet Fern Savanna LWR									
Unit A	Figure F1	80 Acres	X			X		X	
Iroquois Sands LWR									
Unit A	Figure G1	71 Acres	XX						X
Tallmadge LWR									
Unit A	Figure C1	33 Acres	X	X					
Unit B	Figure C1	58 Acres		X				X	
Unit C	Figure C1	36 Acres				X			X
Mskoda LWR									
Unit A	Figure B1	235 Acres		XX					
Unit B	Figure B1	310 Acres				XX			
Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve									
South ½	Figure A1	310 Acres		X					
North ½	Figure A1	250 Acres				X		X	
		Total: 1,486 Acres							

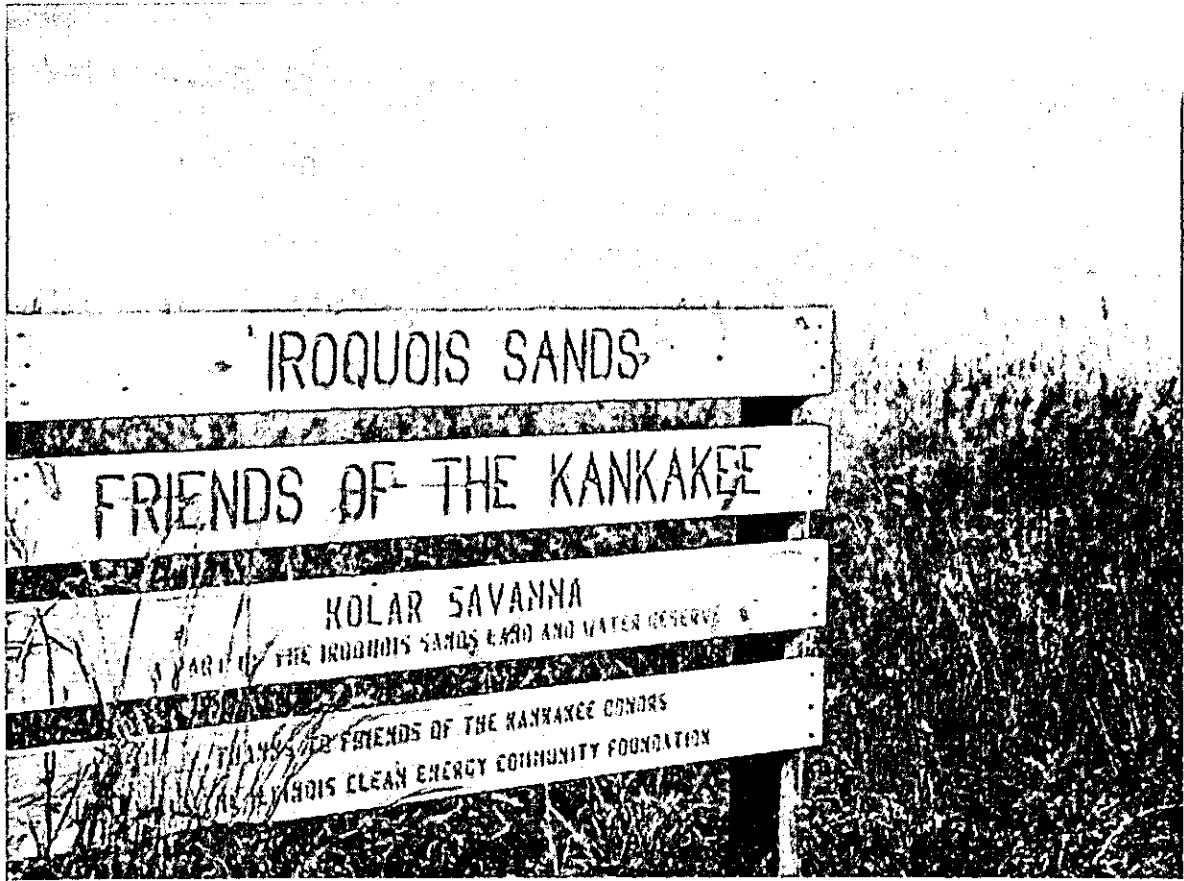


Figure 2. Prescribed Burn at Iroquois Sands Land and Water reserve was completed November 11, 2009

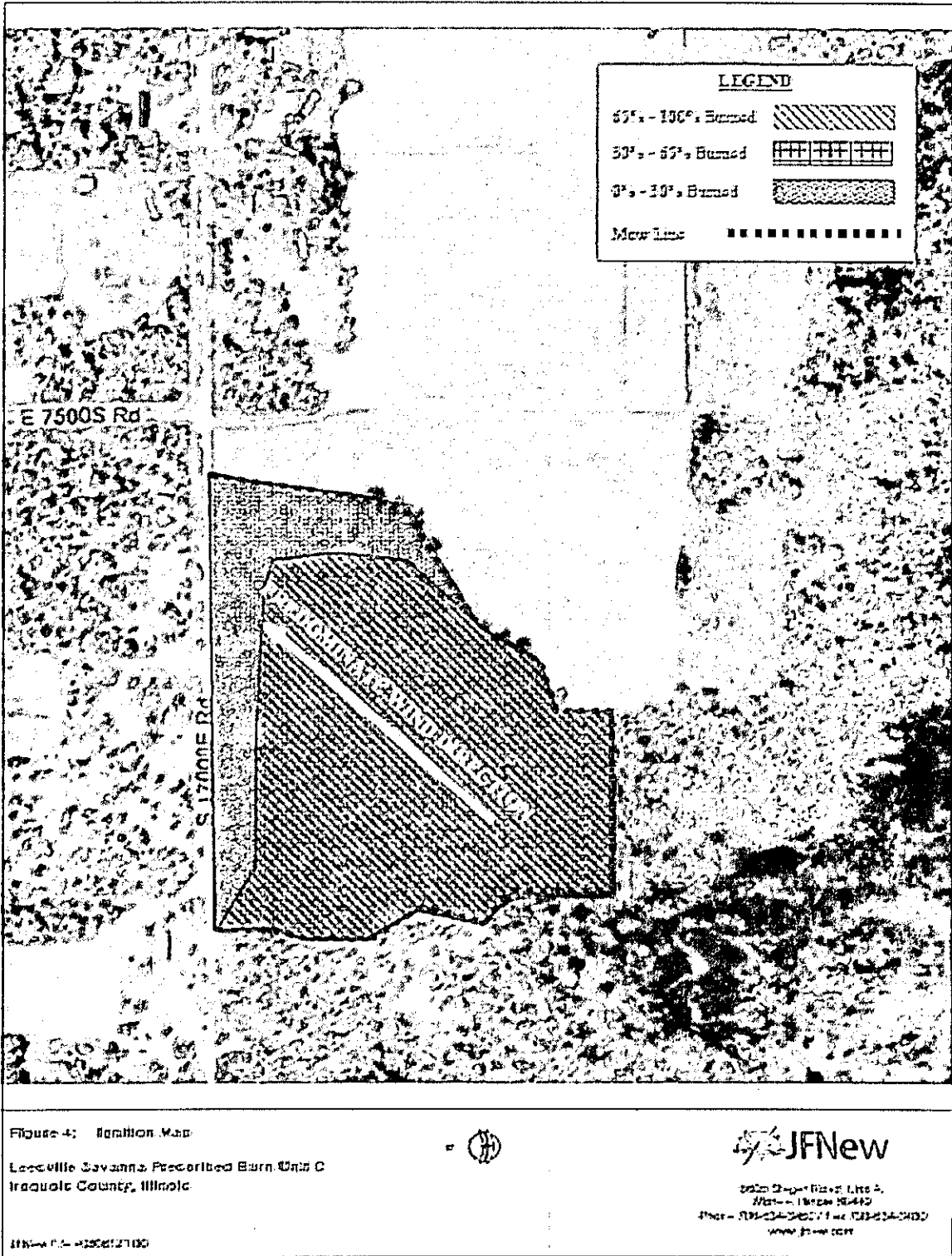


Figure 3. The Carl N. Becker Nature Preserve (Leesville Savanna Unit C) was burned on November 12, 2009.

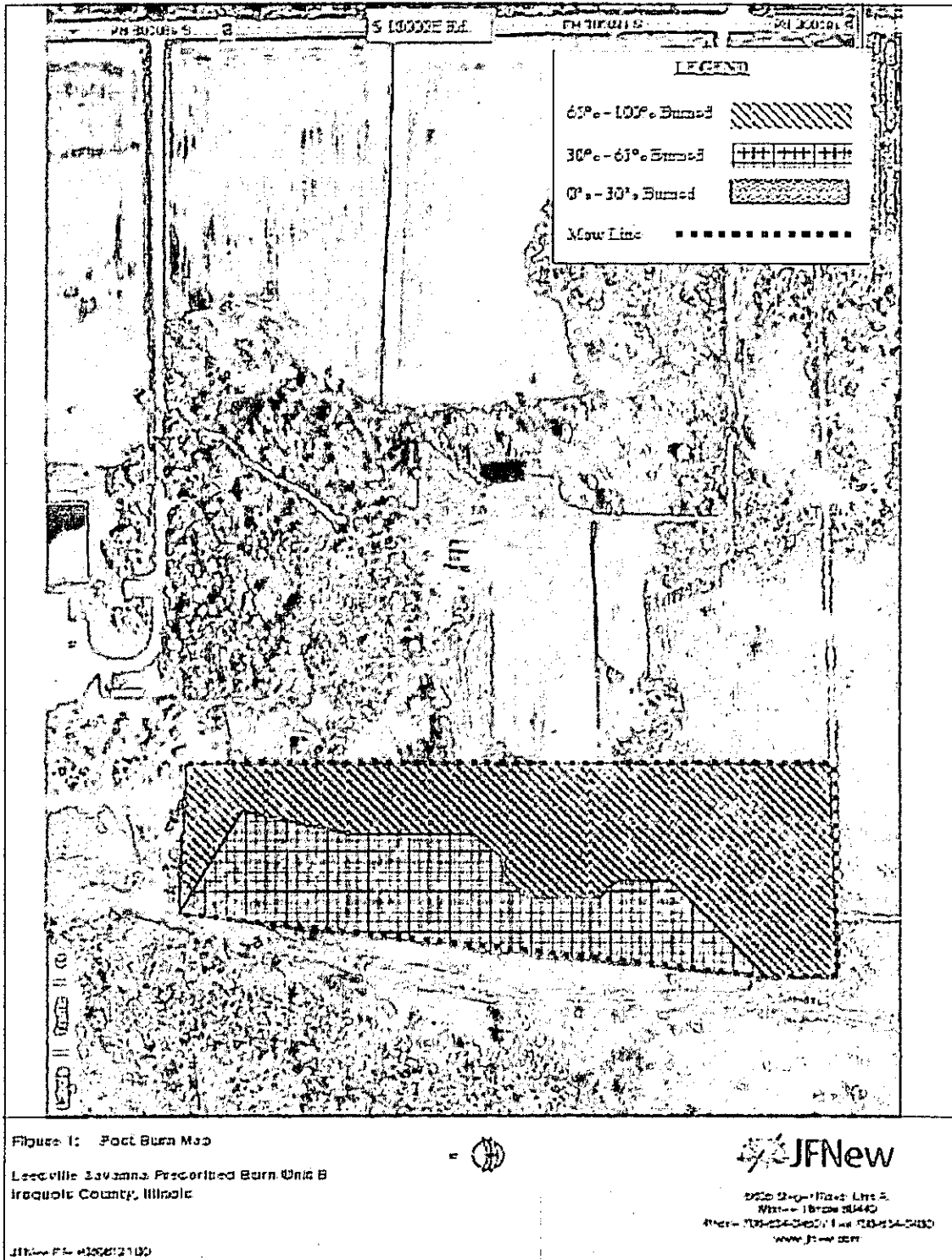


Figure 4. A second unit of the Carl N. Becker Nature Preserve (Leesville Savanna Prescribed Unit B) was also burned on November 12, 2009.



Figure 5. Contractors work the west flank of a prescribed burn at MsKoda Land and Water Reserve.



Figure 6. Contractors light the head fire at MsKoda Land and Water Reserve as part of SWG T-61-M-1.



Figure 7. The head fire is lit at Tallmadge Sand Forest Land and Water Reserve, owned by the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.



Figure 8. Contractor with JFNew ignites the flank fire at Mskoda LWR on April 9, 2011.

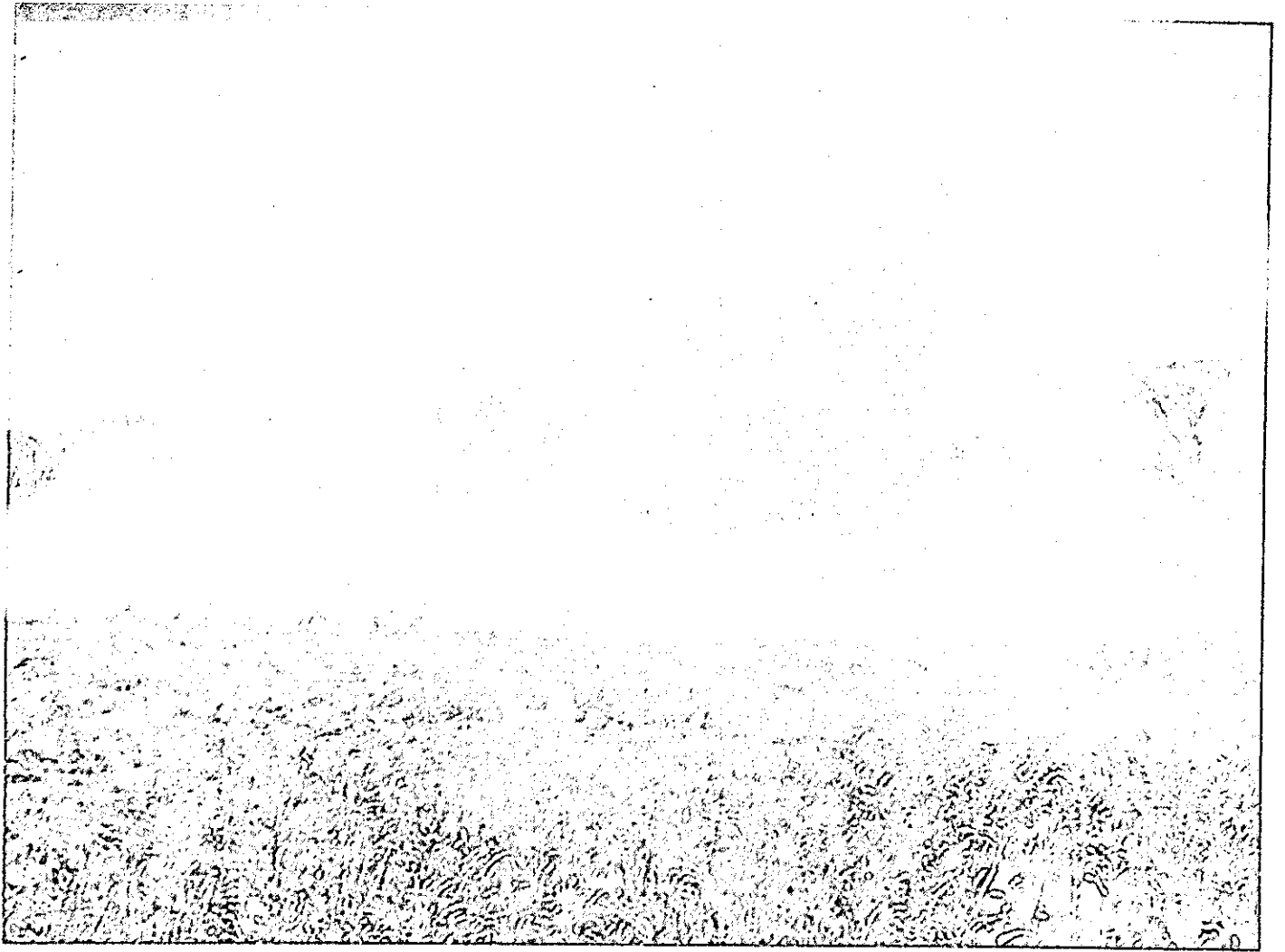


Figure 9. Much of the fire at MsKoda LWR on 4/9/2011 was a combination of flank and back fires.



Figure 10. MsKoda LWR after a prescribed fire on April 9, 2011. The grasslands and savannas burned to bare ground.

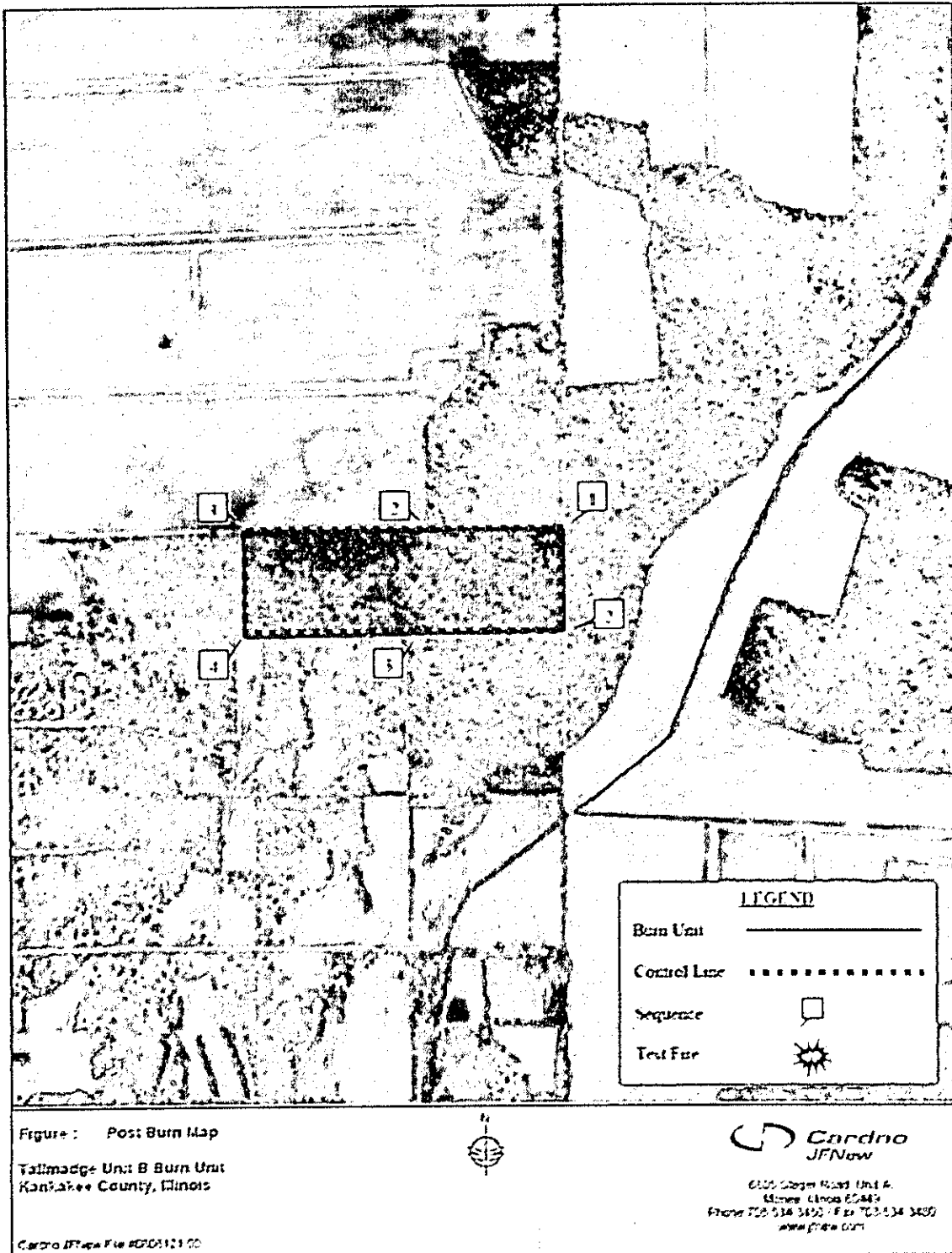


Figure 11. Post burn map for a prescribed burn completed at Tallmadge Sand Forest Land and Water Reserve in the Kankakee Sands Macrosite, Kankakee County, Illinois, March 15, 2012.

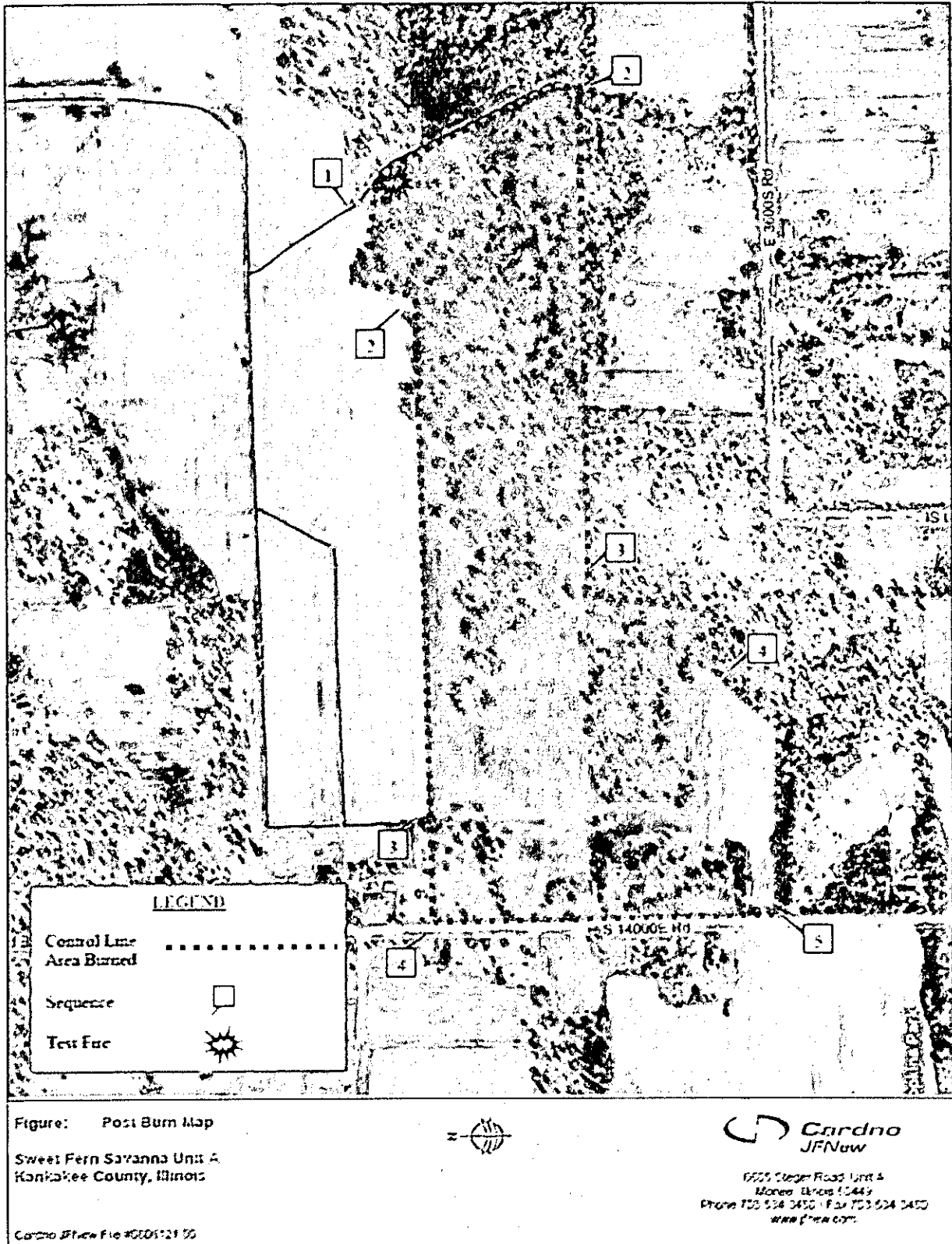


Figure 12. Post burn map for prescribed burn completed at Sweet Fern Savanna Land and Water Reserve in the Kankakee Sands Macrosite, Kankakee County, Illinois, March 16, 2012.

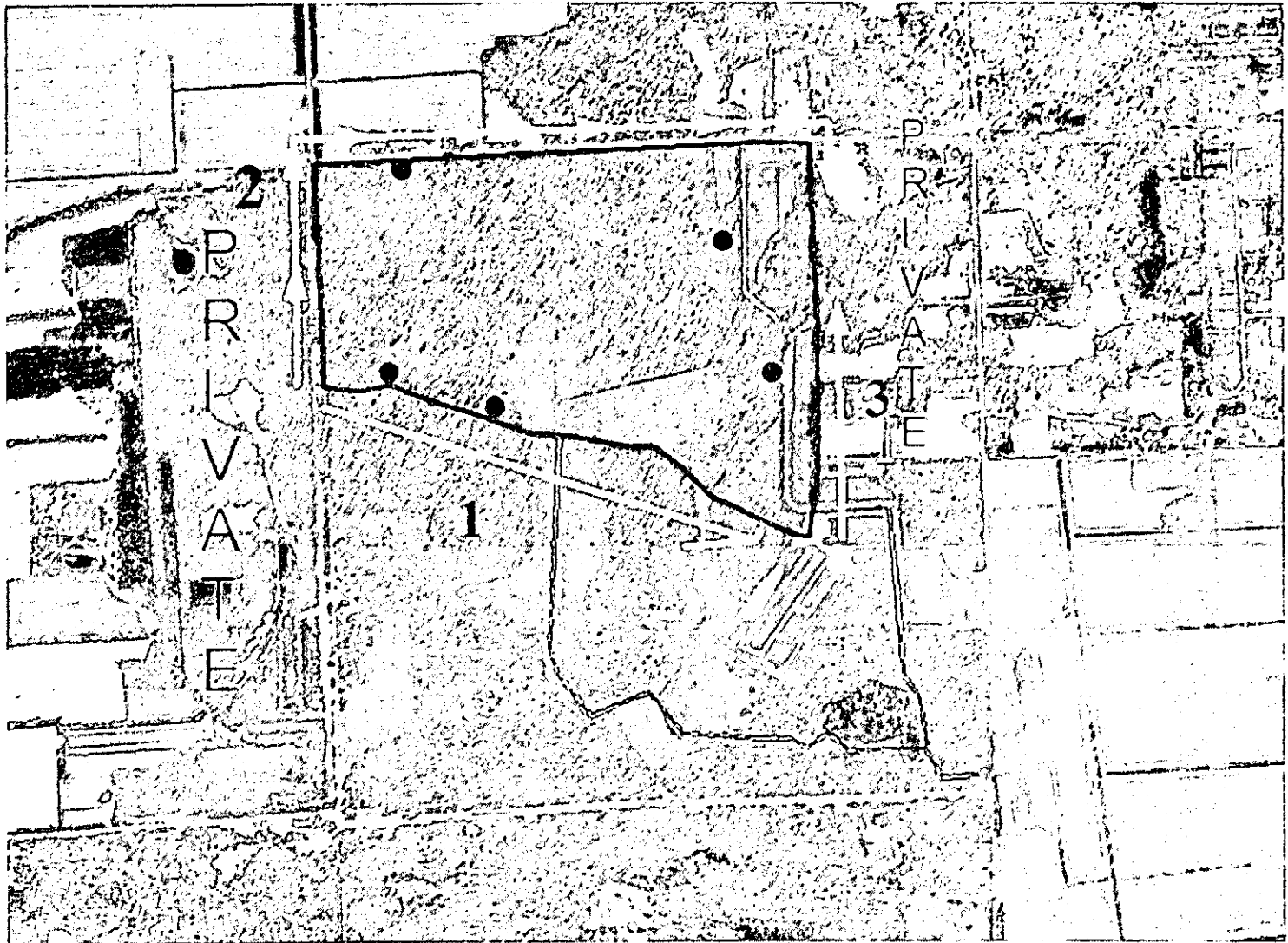


Figure 13. Post burn map for prescribed burn completed at Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve in the Kankakee Sands Macrosite, Iroquois County, Illinois, March 16, 2011. Two crews started in the southwest corner. Crew A 5 headed east and easily reached the SE corner (Path 1). Crew B (5 individuals) headed north from the SW corner to the NW corner, and then continued east along the north firebreak (Path 2). A rover with 100 gallons of water drove back and forth between the crews to ensure fire had not jumped the firebreaks and spot potential hot spots. When Crew B had gotten halfway to the NE corner of the Unit, Crew A headed north along the east firelane (Path 3). Crew A stopped short of the NE corner while Crew B finished ignition to the NE corner. Fire was lit by 3pm and mop up continued until 5pm. Black dots indicate fire hazards (dead and hollow trees, dead trees on slope, brushpiles, etc) that needed to be worked around.



Figure 14. Mike Ingram and Michelle Simone work the head fire on a prescribed burn at Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve, Iroquois County, Illinois.

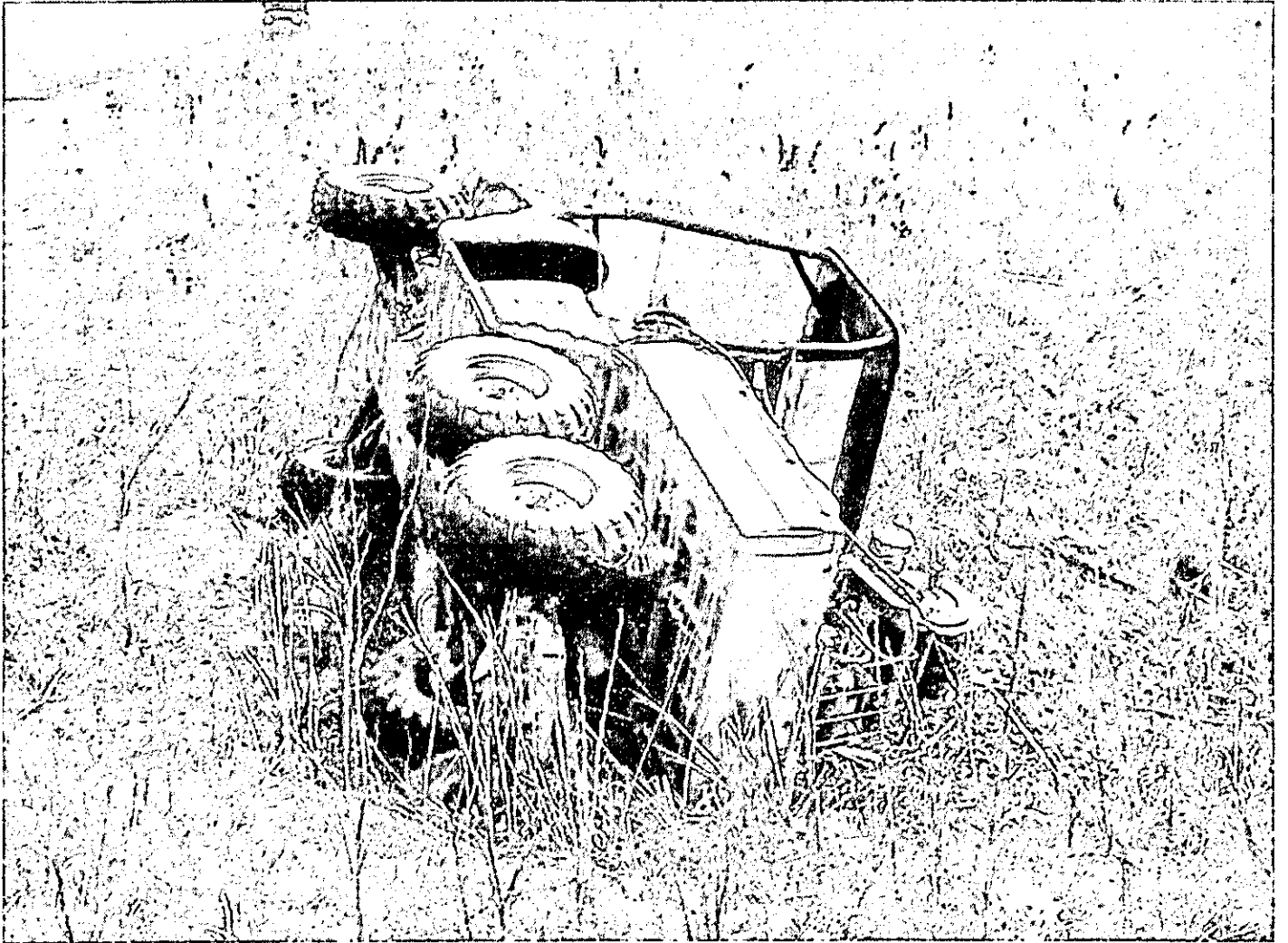


Figure 15. Things do not always go as planned. This Polaris Ranger was overturned in a ditch when the driver was trying to turn around in reaction to a tree throwing embers at Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve, Iroquois County, Illinois.



Figure 16. We had to get the neighbor's chickens out of the burn unit before tying the two fires together at Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve, Iroquois County, Illinois.



Figure 17. The north ½ of Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve was split into burn units for safety purposes. This second unit was burned on April 6, 2012. Two crews started in the southwest corner. Crew A (Team of 3) headed north and then east. They had excellent firebreaks and easily progressed (Path 1). They stopped a couple hundred yards short of the northeast corner as there was an occasional Northeast push of wind. Crew B (6 individuals) moved SE and then east toward the southeast corner. This break was mowed prairie and blown leaves, therefore progress was much slower. Upon reaching the southeast corner the crew moved north to the northeast corner, stopping 100 yards short. (Path 2). Crew A finished igniting to the northeast corner and then headed south to meet with CREW B to tie the fire in (Path 3). Mop up focused on the north and south boundaries. Areas to the east and west had been previously burned and contained no flammable fuels. Burning and smoldering logs were difficult to extinguish during mop up as the relative humidity had dropped to ~30%.
CREW A: Three people.

EQUIPMENT: ATV with 30 gallon sprayer, council rakes

CREW B: Five people

EQUIPMENT: John Deere gator with wet line capabilities and 50 gallon sprayer, 2 Polaris 6X6 ATV's with 60 gallon sprayers.

OTHER EQUIPMENT: 1000 gallon nurse tank and pickup truck with 100 gallon sprayer were stationed at the starting point parking lot. A driver was stationed with the pickup truck and 100 gallon sprayer.

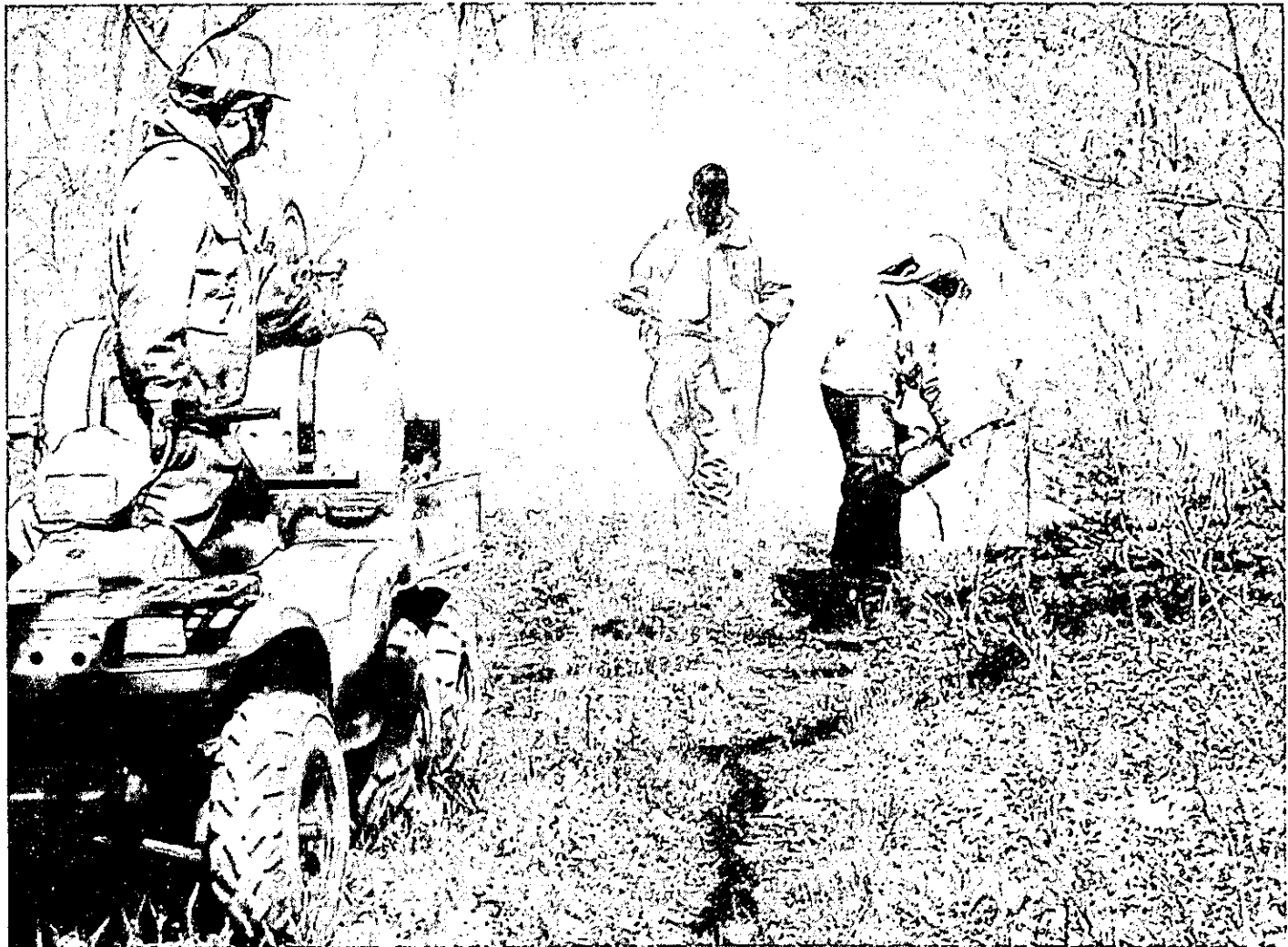


Figure 18. An east wind aided in establishing this south firebreak at Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve, Iroquois County, IL.



Figure 19. More than a decade ago a neighboring landowner cleared his field and left large spoil piles on INDR property. These slash piles made for a hot head fire at Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve Addition, Iroquois County, Illinois



Figure 20. Due to warm and dry conditions, the prescribed fire burned up most of the down and dead fuel at the Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve Addition in Iroquois County, Illinois.



Figure 21. Excellent late fall (November 19, 2012) weather allowed contractor CardnoJFNew to get a complete burn on Leesville Savanna Unit C in Kankakee County, Illinois.



Figure 22. A head fire runs through Unit B at Leesville Savanna on November 19, 2012.



Figure 23. Contractor CardnoJFNew ties the two fires together in Unit C at Leesville Savanna in Kankakee County, Illinois, November 19, 2012.

Figure 24. The post burn report from the prescribed burn at Tallmadge Sand Forest LWR Unit C (33 acres) on November 20, 2012.



PRESCRIBED BURNING REPORT—F2

SECTION 1: SITE INFORMATION:

SITE NAME: Tallmadge Sand Forest LWR COUNTY Kankakee DNR REGION II
 OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC PRIVATE BURN UNIT: Unit C DATE OF BURN: November 20, 2012
 LOCATION: TWP NAME: Beaverville
 LANDOWNER/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NAME: Rob Littiken PHONE: 219.775.0763
 ADDRESS: 3294 North U.S. 41 CITY: Morocco ZIP CODE: 47963
 7.5 MIN. TOPO. MAP: _____ T: _____ R: _____ S: _____
 (Attach map of what was burned, note such things as the fire mosaic, wind direction, control lines, and any other useful information on the map.)

SECTION 2: DAY OF THE BURN CHECKLIST:

The Day of the Burn Checklist items shown in Appendix 1 were reviewed and discussed prior to the burn: YES NO
 Were any of the conditions in the Day of the Burn Checklist not met? YES NO

If yes, the burn was canceled on the DAY of the burn for the following reason:

DATE	REASON
DATE	REASON
DATE	REASON

SECTION 3: WEATHER DATA AT START OF BURN:

a. AIR TEMPERATURE: 55 b. RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 45 c. DEW PT. 39
 d. WIND DIRECTION: SSW e. *20 FOOT WIND VELOCITY : Mid flame wind = 4-5 mph gusts 8.

*If performing mid-flame length measurements on site, provide data used and conversion.

OBJECTIVE #2:

Invasive woody vegetation control, exotic woody and herbaceous vegetation control, and/or habitat restoration will be completed on at least 100 acres on permanently protected sites in the Kankakee Sands Macrosite to “protect and restore remnant savannas and sand prairies,” Section IV. B. page 138. This invasive vegetation, exotic woody and herbaceous vegetation control falls under the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan’s recommendations to “restore and manage native prairie and forest communities and populations of imperiled and extirpated prairie and forested wildlife” from both the Forest Campaign and the Farmland and Prairie Campaign, Section III. E. pages 68 and 74 respectively.

Four different contracts were developed and awarded to meet this objective.

1. A Site Specific Job Specification Form was developed to complete exotic and invasive species control on sites throughout the Kankakee Sands between June 2010 and December 15, 2011. Figure 26 outlines the sites and times for controlling exotics and woody invasives. Many sites required an initial attack and then a follow up application to finish the job. The bid was placed on the Illinois Central Management Services Procurement Website. A pre bid meeting was held on April 13, 2010. The contract was awarded to V3 Consultants on May 28, 2010 for a total of \$65,010.00. These funds were Federal share SWG funds.

V3 Companies completed the following activities between July 1, 2010 and March 2011:

- Controlled 22 acres of aspen resprouts at Leesville Savanna INAI via basal bark application of Garlon 4.
- At Iroquois Sands Land and Water Reserve, 30 acres of scattered bush honeysuckle and autumn olive was treated with 15% Garlon 4 on freshly cut stumps (bush honeysuckle) or basal bark treatment of stems with 15% Garlon4 (autumn olive). There were two larger populations of these exotics surrounding old homesteads that were also treated.
- At Tallmadge Land and Water Reserve, 4 acres of aspens were treated with 15% Garlon 4 and an appropriate oil carrier with either a basal bark or girdle and basal bark treatment of individual stems.
- At Mskoda Land and Water Reserve, 10.5 acres sand savanna and sand forest had exotic catalpa and black locust treated with 15% Garlon4 and appropriate oil carrier. Smaller stems were treated basally whereas stems larger than 6” DBH were girdled and herbicide applied to the girdle. In addition, a degraded 19 acre sand savanna unit containing varying sizes and densities of black locust were treated. Stems less than 3” DBH were controlled via basal bark treatment of individual stems. Stems greater than 3” DBH were girdled and herbicide applied to the girdle. Finally, a 10 acre sand savanna lobe in the southwest corner of the preserve was thinned of black cherry by cutting them down and treating the cut stump with a 15% Garlon4 and an appropriate oil carrier.

In July 2011, V3 companies returned to Iroquois Sands Land and Water Reserve and MsKoda Land and Water Reserve and completed exotic species control follow-up of bush honeysuckle and black locust.

2. Also in early 2010 a Site Specific Job Specification Form was developed to complete invasive tree and shrub removal from drainage ditches within Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve (Figure 27) The purpose was to decrease habitat fragmentation and promote grassland habitat for grassland birds listed as Species in Greatest Need of Conservation in the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan. A contract was awarded to Natural Resources Management in May 2010 for \$10,720.00. These were funds from the Natural Areas Stewardship Funds and used as state match for the project.

Work began in November and was completed by December 31, 2010. The result was combining 4 fields into two totaling 98 acres of contiguous grassland. Figures 28 and 29 show the increased acreage as a result of tree line removal. Second, the work eliminated travel lanes for meso predators, and removed exotic and invasive species that continuously invade the grasslands.

3. In June 2010 a Site Specific Job Specification Form was developed to complete invasive tree and shrub removal from a 9 acre prairie and surrounding area (Figure 30). The site was restored several years ago but

was becoming overrun with river birch, quaking aspen, cottonwoods, and silver maple. The contractor was responsible for mowing woody vegetation from the mesic sand prairie restoration and spraying stumps. The contractor was also responsible for control of the seed sources of these trees in the surrounding area. The contract was supposed to be awarded in July 10, 2010 with the work being completed by November 30, 2010. Due to budgetary constraints the Request for Contract was never approved until March 2011. However, work needed to really be completed in the summer and fall 2010. Therefore, I decided against preparing a contract between the Department of Natural Resources and the contractor.

4. In October 2010, a request for contract was sent to Springfield for approval and development of a contract. JFNew had submitted the lowest bid (\$29,150.00) to complete 10 acres of eastern cottonwood control at MsKoda Land Water Reserve (figure 31) and 10 acres of bush honeysuckle and autumn olive control at Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve (figure 32). Due to funding delays, this contract between IDNR and JFNew was never executed until December 15, 2011.

Cardno JFNew, INC completed the initial control in January 2012. Work was inspected in April 2012 and some species had greened up and leafed up. The site was checked again and everything that had leafed out had died. Follow up by the contractor was not necessary.

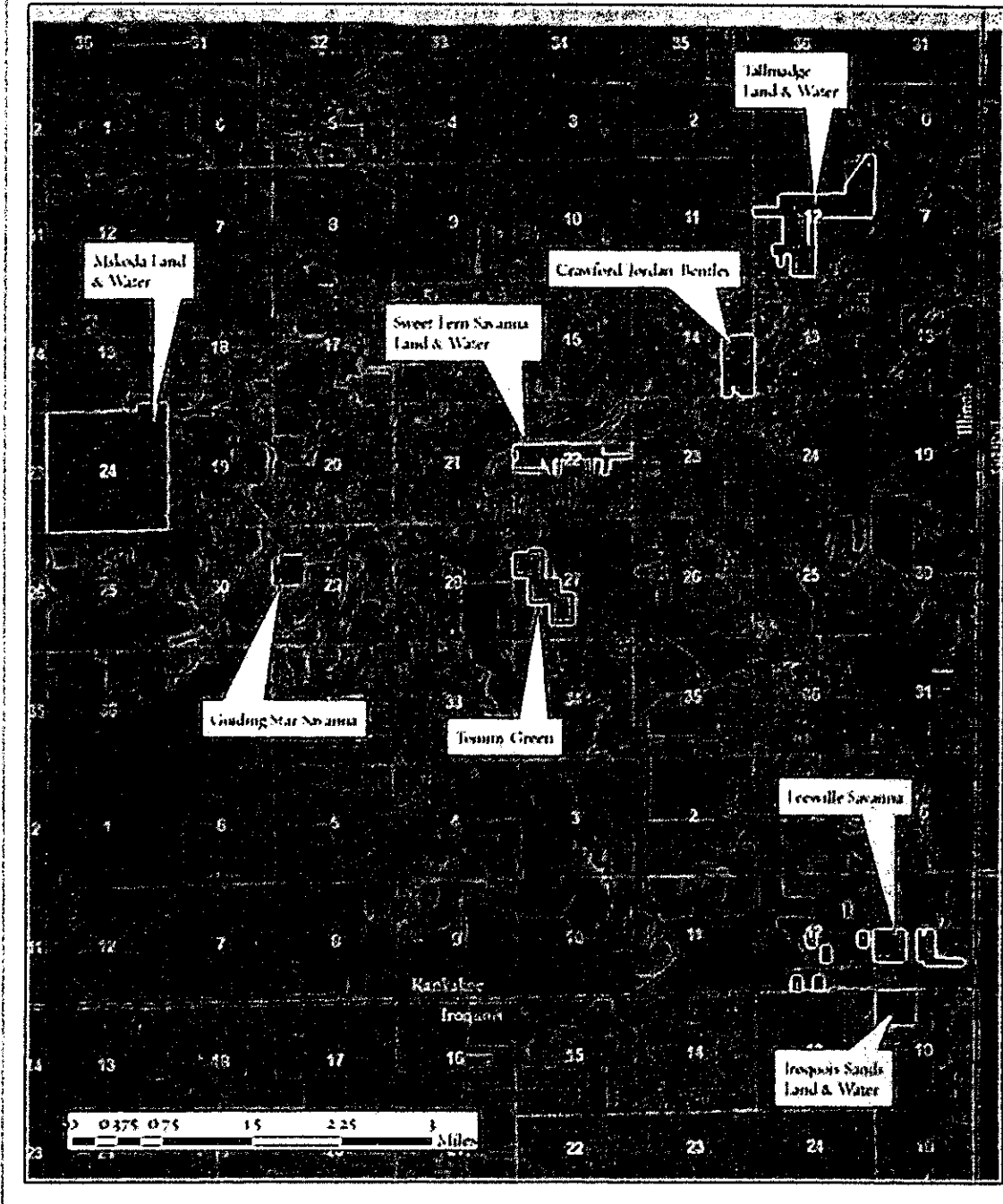


Figure 26. Iroquois Sands LWR, Tallmadge Sand Forest, MsKoda LWR and Leesville Savanna were all part of the initial exotic species contract awarded to V3Consultants.



Figure 27. Trees within two drainage ditches were removed within Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve. The result combined two separate areas into a single grassland. One combined two fields totaling ~ 53 acres. The second combined two fields into one totaling 45 acres.



Figure 28. The removal of these trees within and along the ditch at Hooper Branch Savanna Nature combined three fields into one larger field totaling almost 50 acres.

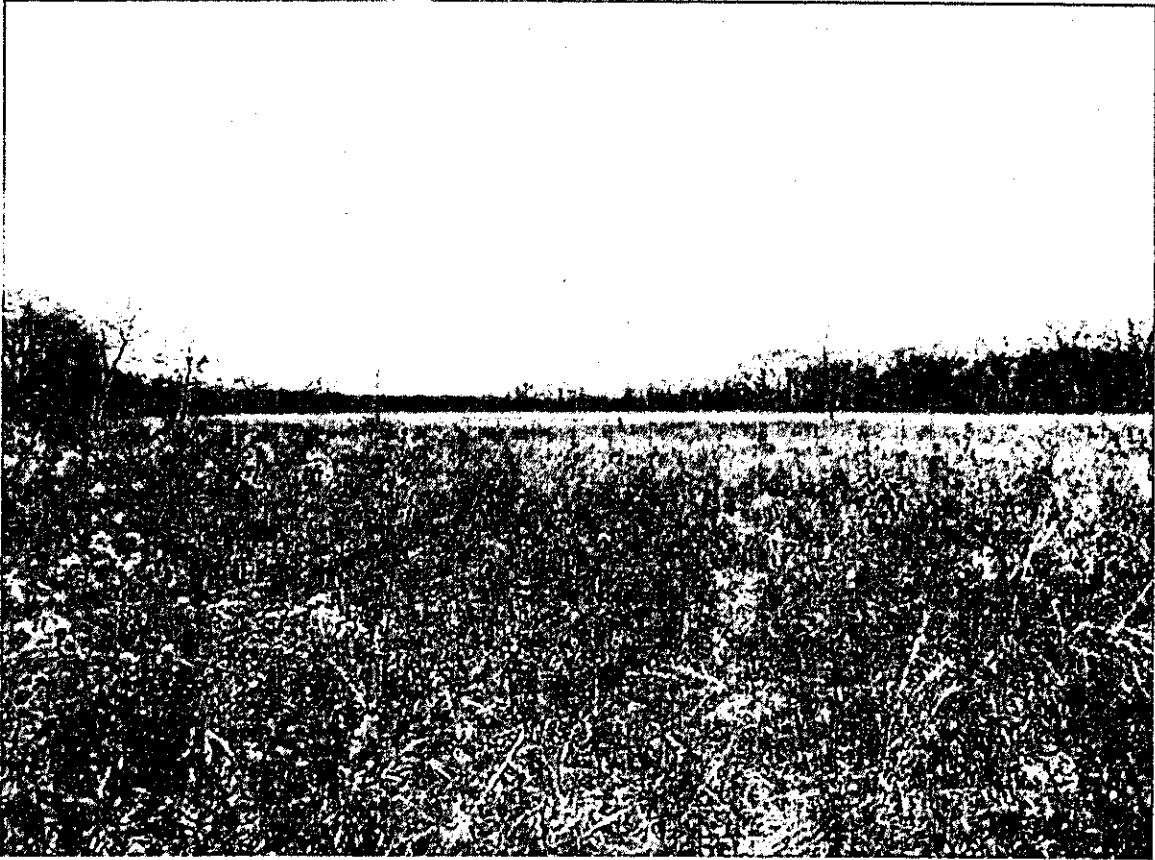


Figure 29. Two long linear fields were combined into one at Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve when the trees within and along the ditch were removed in November 2010.



Iroquois Co. State Wildlife Area Detailed Map of Work Site

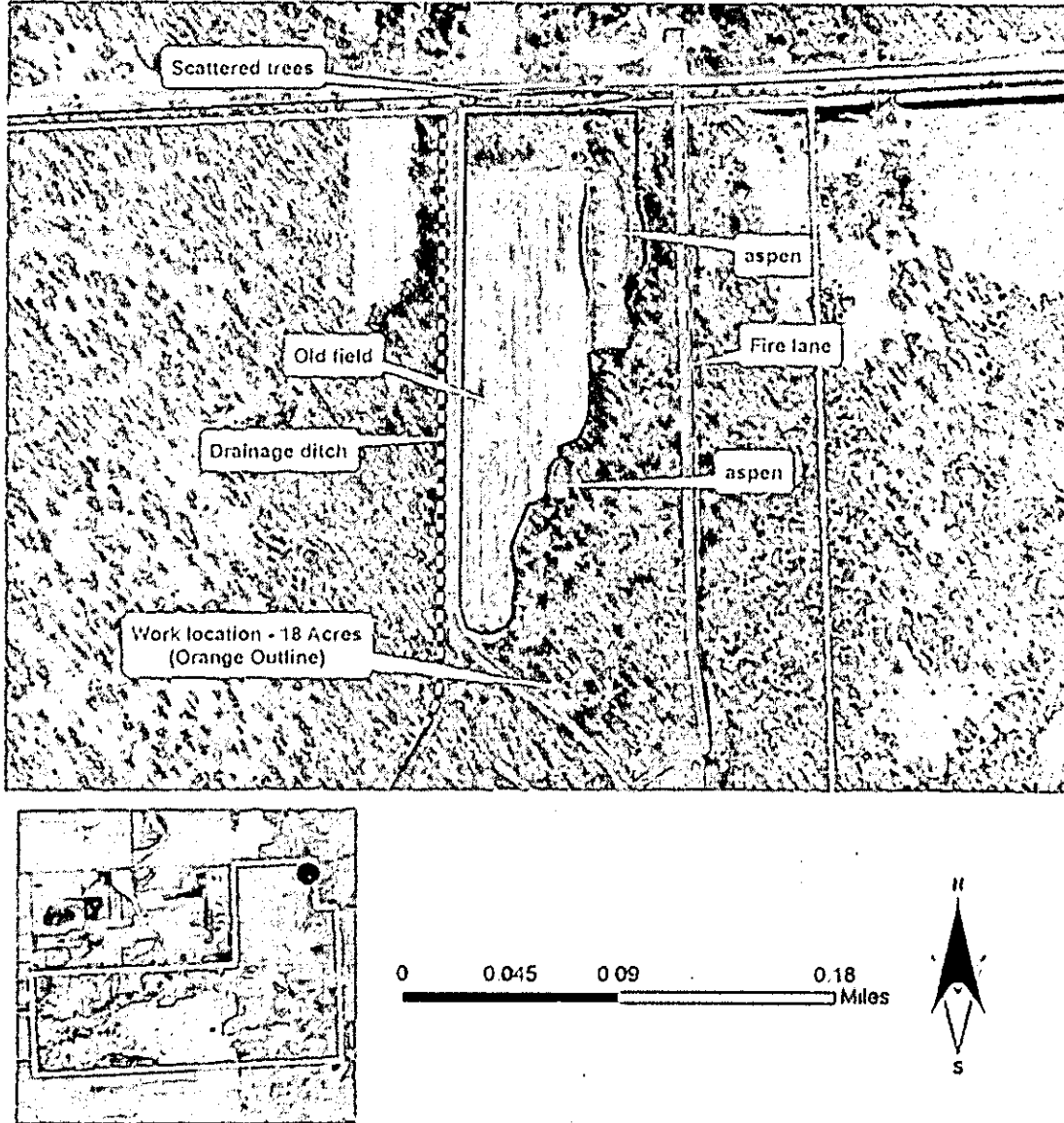


Figure 30. Woody invasive species were supposed to be controlled in a mesic sand prairie and adjacent surrounding areas at Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve until contractual delays closed the window of opportunity. It was going to be paid with state matching funds.

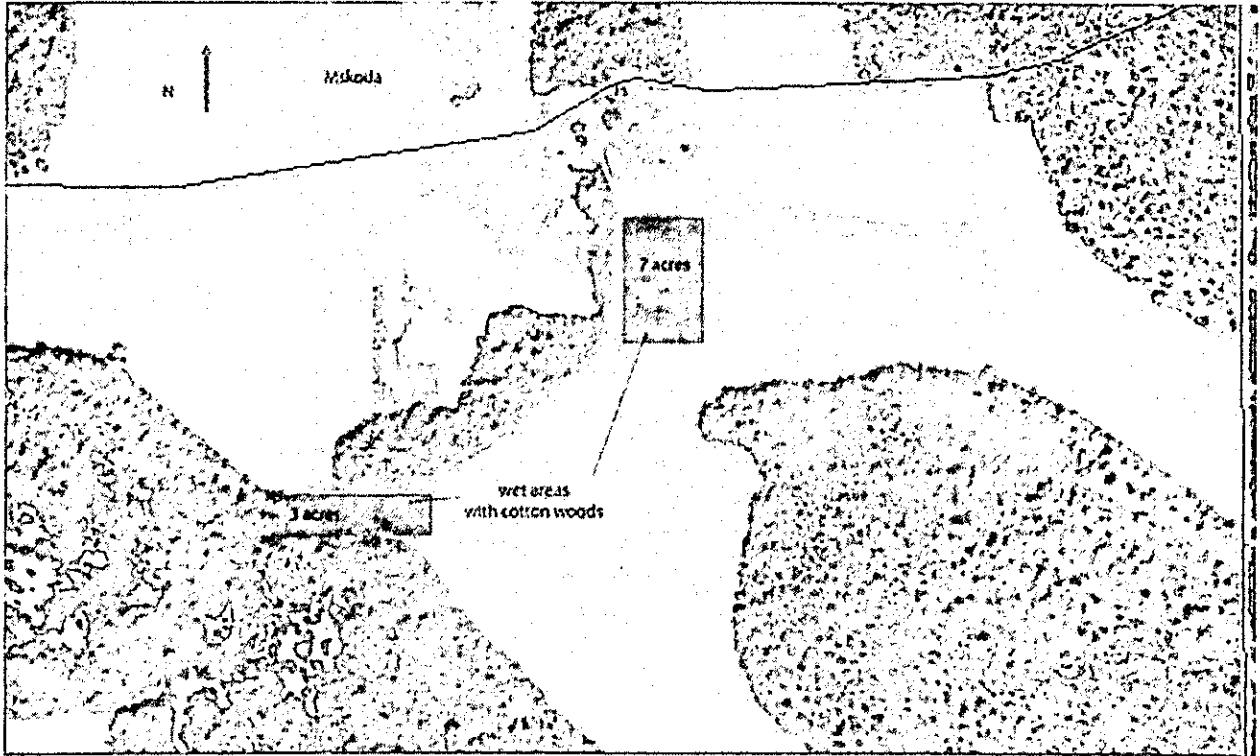


Figure 31. Ten acres of cottonwoods were treated at MsKoda LWR under a contract awarded to JFNew in 2011.

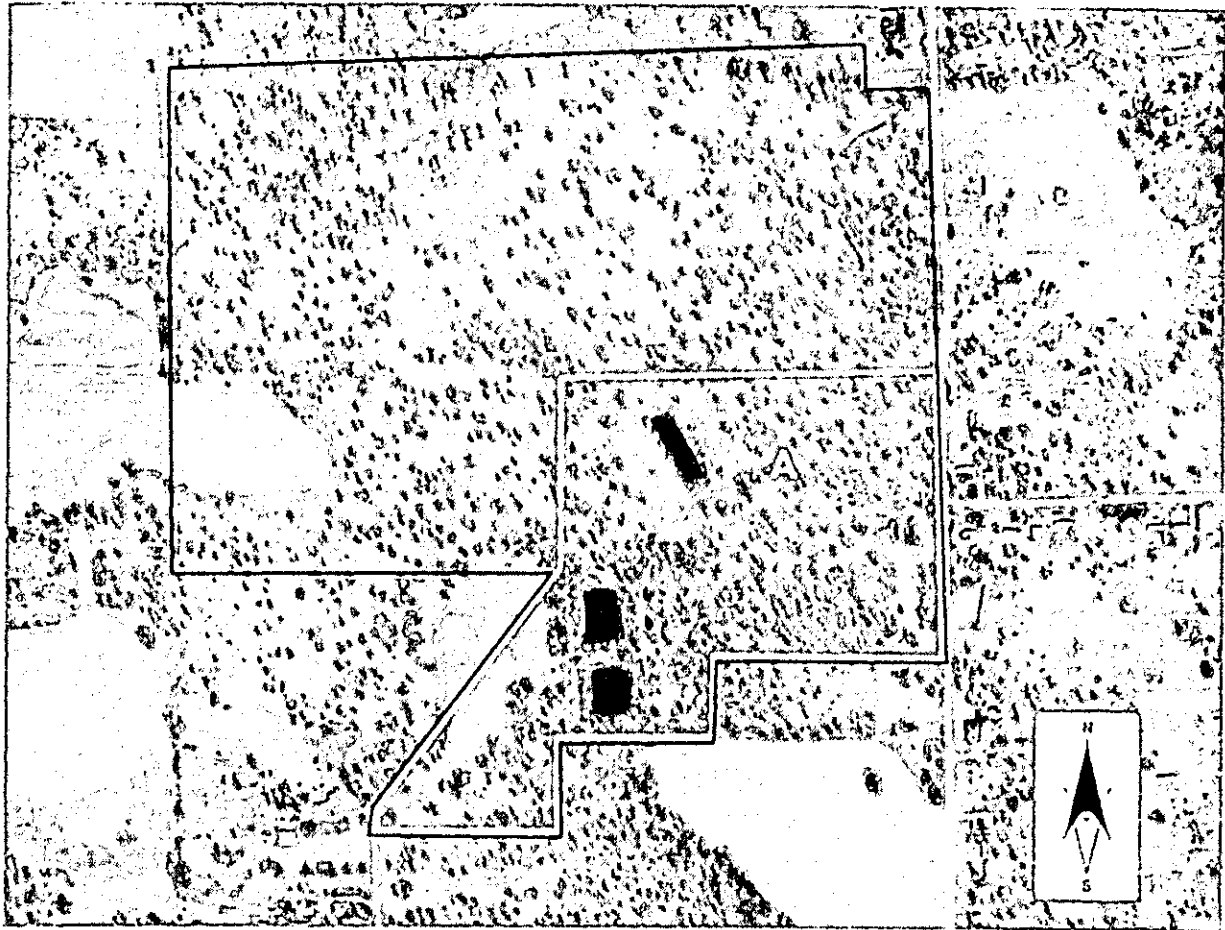


Figure 32. After TNC's Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve was added as a site within the SWG project (Amendment #1), 10 acres of bush honeysuckle was treated under a contract with JFNew in Fall 2011.

AMENDMENT #1: JUNE 2010

Project Number: T-61-M-1

Project Title: Sand Community Restoration in the Kankakee Sands Opportunity Area

Purpose: NO CHANGE

Need: NO CHANGE

Objectives: NO CHANGE

Expected Results or Benefits: NO CHANGE

Approach: NO CHANGE

Project Duration: NO CHANGE

Location: NO CHANGE

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- H. **Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve**

Related Grants: NO CHANGE

Compliance: NO CHANGE

Grant Proposal Support Documentation: NO CHANGE

Project Budget -- Total: NO CHANGE

Personnel: NO CHANGE

Literature Cited: NO CHANGE

Table 3. Approximate schedule and associated sites for completing woody exotic and invasive vegetation control.

Woody Vegetation Control Site	SpSu2010	Fa2010	Sp2011	Fa2011
Carl N. Becker Nature Preserve Leesville Savanna				
Unit B (22 acres)	X	X		
Iroquois Sands LWR				
Unit A (30 acres)	X	X		
Tallmadge LWR				
Unit A (4 acres)		X	X	
Mskoda LWR				
Unit A (10.5 acres)	X	X		X
Unit B (19 acres)	X	X	X	X
Unit C (10 acres)		X		X
Guiding Star Savanna				
Unit A (1.5 acres)		X	X	
Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve				
Unit A (10 acres)		X	X	

The table was set up so that control did not conflict with prescribed fire.

APPENDIX H:



Figure H1. A newly acquired parcel (yellow) of the Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve (red) contains approximately 10 acres of dense to scattered bush honeysuckle and autumn olive that will be controlled.

AMENDMENT #2: JUNE 2011

Project Number: T-61-M-1 Amendment #2

Project Title: Sand Community Restoration in the Kankakee Sands Opportunity Area

Purpose: NO CHANGE

Need: NO CHANGE

Objectives: NO CHANGE

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Approach: NO CHANGE

Project Duration: July 2009 – December 15, 2012

Location: NO CHANGE

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Project Budget -- Total: NO CHANGE

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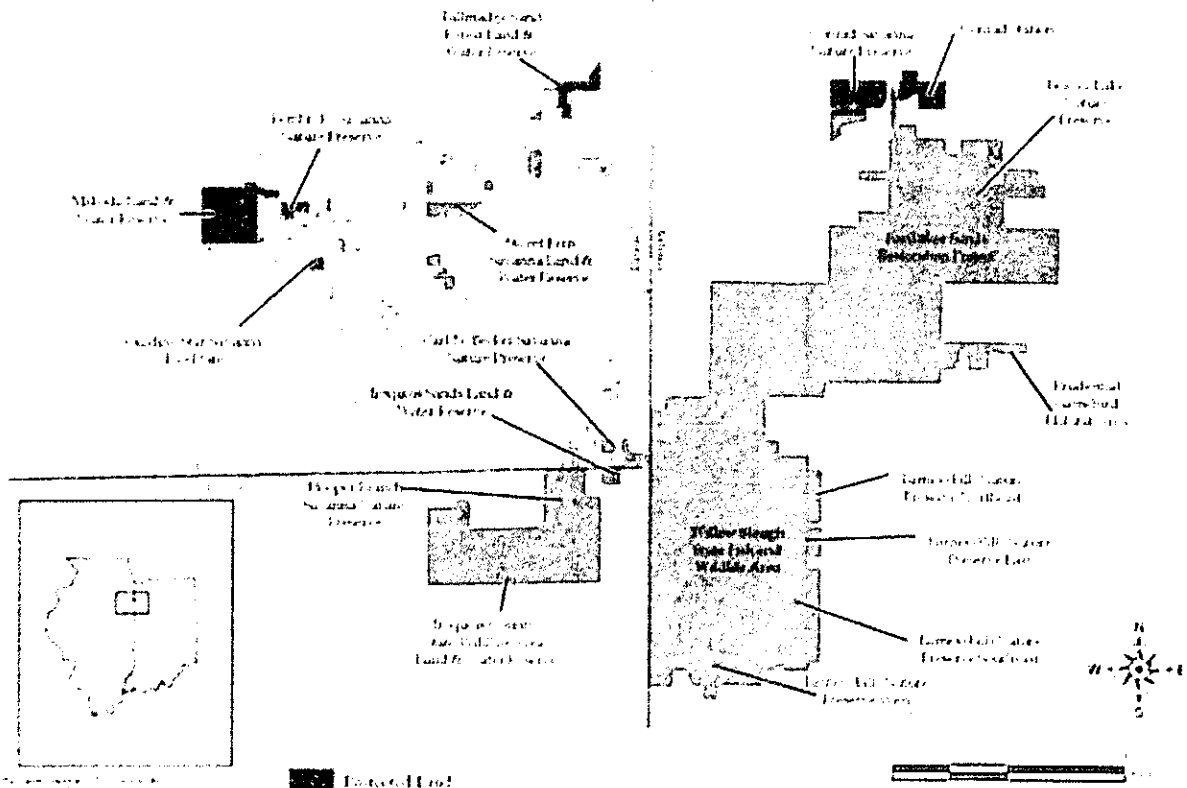


Figure 1. The Kankakee Sands is located within the Kankakee Sands Section of the Grand Prairie Natural Division.

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Tallmadge LWR				
Unit A (4 acres)		X	X	
Mskoda LWR				
Unit A (10.5 acres)	X	X		X
Unit B (19 acres)	X	X	X	X
Unit C (10 acres)		X		X
Guiding Star Savanna				
Unit A (1.5 acres)		X	X	
Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve				
Unit A (10 acres)		X	X	

The table was set up so that control did not conflict with prescribed fire.