

Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area

Management-Monitoring update April/May 2013



A Management-Monitoring Plan (MMP) describing the terms of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment settlement and a phased approach to restoration with focus on baseline monitoring and site preparation activities is available at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/programs/NRDA/Pages/ERBSHA.aspx> and the Lawrence Public Library. This plan is effective April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

What's happening now

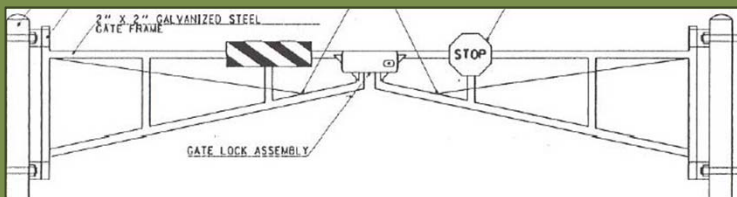
The MMP focuses on securing the site, monitoring baseline conditions, and preparing the site for restoration. Activities for the summer months may include, but not necessarily limited to, posting of property boundary markers, installation of gates, baseline monitoring, brush-cutting, mowing, herbiciding and oil well field management.

White fiberglass boundary markers inscribed with the IDNR logo are gradually being placed at least every 300 ft along the perimeter of the property.



As part of a statewide species recovery effort, a **barn owl nest box** has been erected at the site. This box will be monitored as part of the statewide effort.

Photo stations will be established to visually track the habitat changes over time. At each station, the latitude and longitude will be recorded and identified with a marker of some type. A photo will be taken in all four cardinal directions.



A 30 ft **pipe gate** will be installed at the northwest entrance of the habitat area.

What's happening next

Brushing cutting and mowing activities
Look for the October/November update

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