

Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area

Management-Monitoring-Restoration update

Winter 2018



A **prescribed burn** took place in November in the prairie area near the parking lot on Billett Rd.



In October IDNR and INPC staff **planted 486 giant cane** plants, expanding the native canebrake restoration to new areas.

Wildlife monitoring continues with the help of trail cameras and swamp rabbit latrines.

Grinding and **aerial spraying** of woody invasive species during the summer and fall promote the growth of native wetland species.



For additional information: A site Management-Monitoring Plan and a Restoration Plan describing the terms of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment settlement and a phased approach to restoration are available at the Lawrence Public Library and http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/programs/NRDA/Pages/ERBSHA.aspx.

What's happening next

Continued monitoring of plant and animal communities
Brush cutting and mowing activities
Wetland, vernal pond, and timber stand enhancements
Additional parking area on Billet Road

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