

## **Our Opinion: Sycamore Land Trust purchase an important investment for Hoosiers**

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The Sycamore Land Trust continues to do its part to protect natural lands in Indiana.

The organization has purchased 339 acres of wooded wetlands along Beanblossom Creek about a mile northwest of the Beanblossom Bottoms Nature Preserve the land trust already owns.

The preserve is the third-largest acquisition ever by the land trust and was purchased through the Indiana Bicentennial Nature Trust. That purchase procedure required a 1-to-1 match in funding that came from the Sam Shine Foundation.

This is one more step by the Sycamore Land Trust to bring together landowners, donors and governmental agencies to protect and manage lands so that they will be available for future generations to enjoy. Its important that not all land is overtaken by development, and the land trust process is one of the purest and simplest ways to make sure it isn't. The land is purchased and stipulations are put into place about how the land can be used. This helps ensure open space for a variety of good reasons, which include public enjoyment, protection of endangered flora, and preservation of wildlife habitats and undeveloped landscapes.

The Sycamore Land Trust has made many important investments in Indianas future. This is another one.

**Beanblossom Creek aerial photo**

