

Illinois Nature Preserves Commission Update

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1963 – passage of the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30)

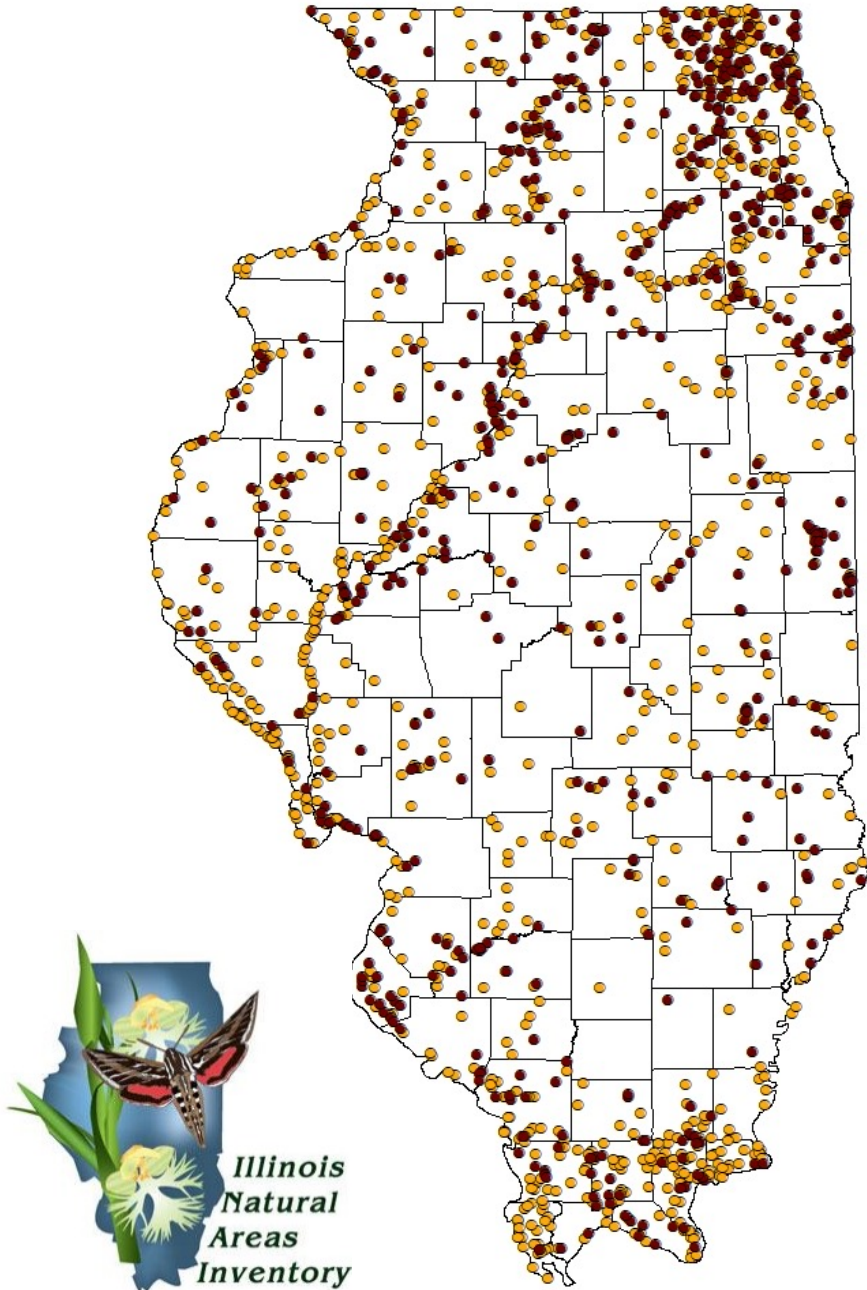


- Public policy supporting natural areas
- Established Commission
- IDNR authority to help
- INAI
- NP – the highest legal protection for land in Illinois
- LWR

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The work continues....as of February 2022:

- 1,520 INAs (shown in tan) totaling approximately 491,110 acres.
- 618 INAs with all or portions protected by INPC (shown in brown)
- 414 dedicated nature preserves with 62,270 acres
- 202 registered land and water reserves with 56,151 acres
- INPC has protected 616 sites with 118,421 acres
- Other INAs may be protected under conservation easement mechanisms besides INPC programs.



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