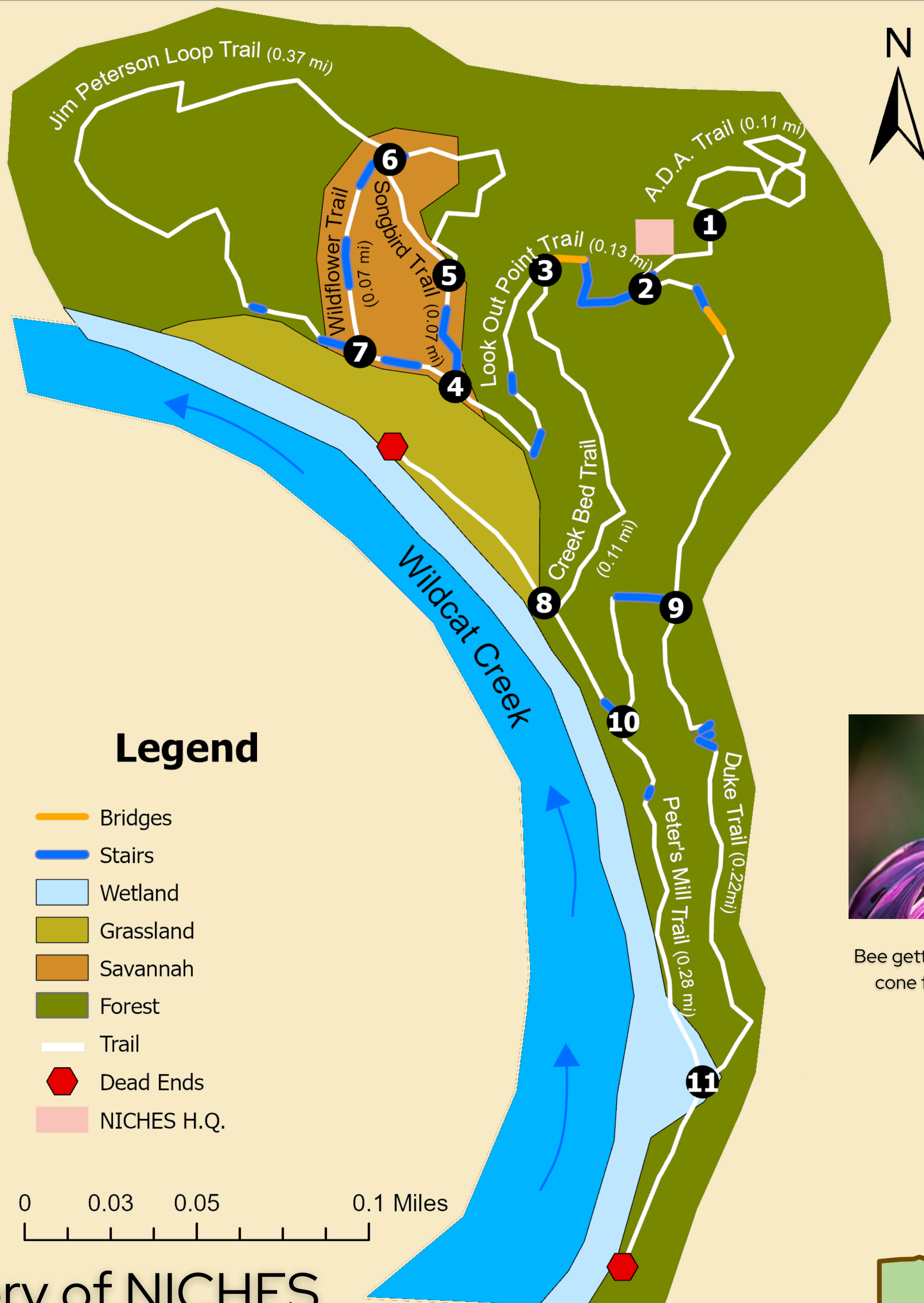


Welcome to Clegg Gardens

A NICHES Land Trust Site

Enjoy hiking through Clegg Gardens through all the seasons of the year. Keep an eye out for the first spring trilliums and the beautiful blooms of dogwood trees. Try and catch a kingfisher dive into Wildcat Creek. From creekside to hilltop, you too can experience the 100 ft elevation change and connect with this unique hidden treasure nestled in Lafayette.



History of Clegg Gardens

The public garden began as a private property owned by Harold and Ruth Clegg; purchased in the late 1930s as a country retreat. They converted the private garden into a memorial garden in memory of their son, Jerry. On April 18, 1965, the Clegg family opened the property to the public. Trails were installed for the public to explore the hills and access Wildcat Creek. Jim Peterson, long time steward of Clegg Memorial Garden and treasurer of the Clegg Memorial Garden Board of Directors joined the memorial garden in 1966. In 2014, NICHES Land Trust took over management of the grounds, updated the facility, converted the garden to a native garden, and established NICHES Administrative Office in the Clegg cottage.



Bee getting pollen from purple headed cone flower (Photo by: Zac Cody)



Barred Owl (photo by: Chad Phelps)



Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) (Photo by: Chat Phelps)

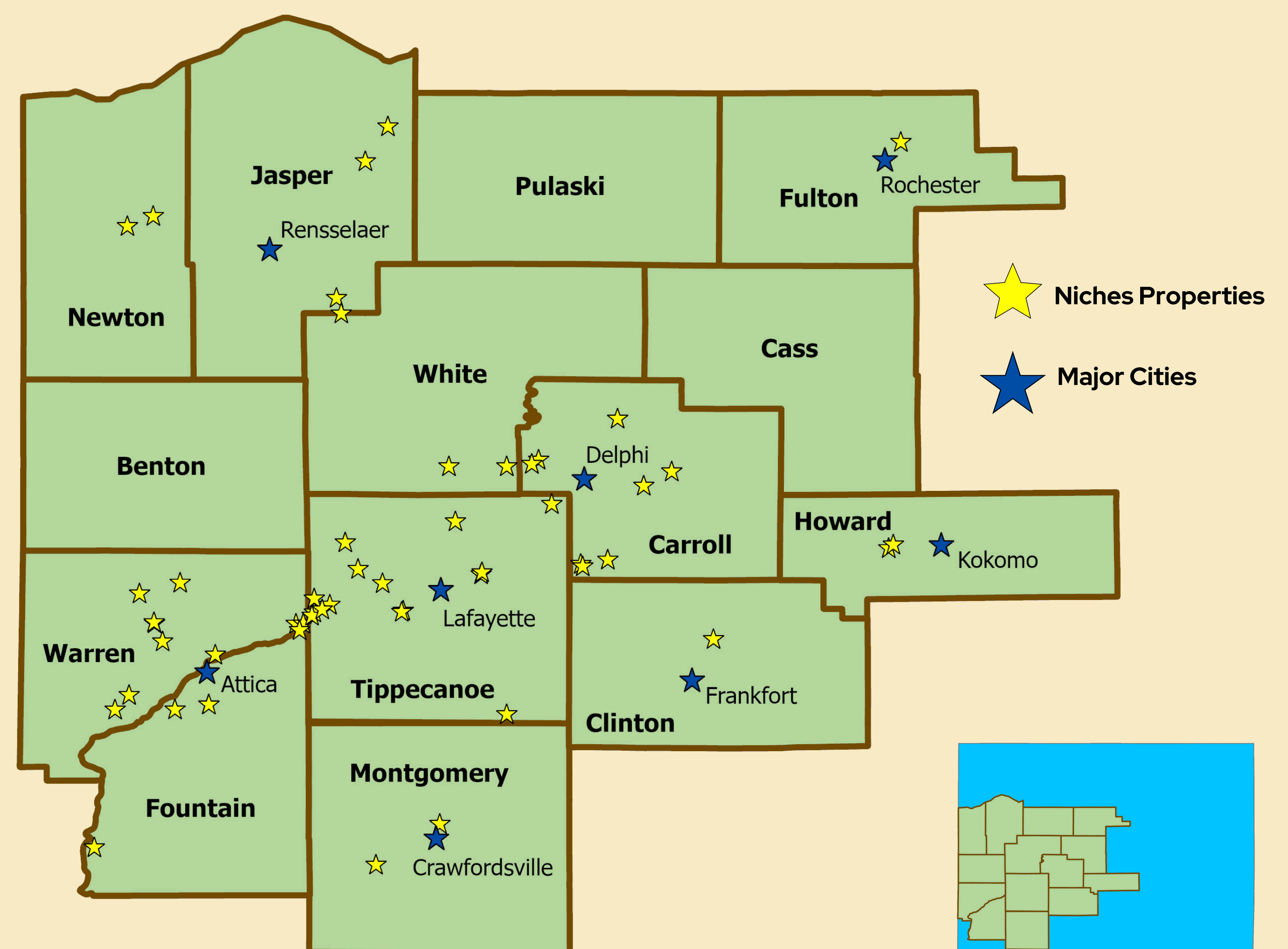
History of NICHES

A local non-profit organization originating from the efforts of concerned citizens, Harry Potter, Persis Newman, and Susan Ulrich, NICHES protects, restores and sustains northern Indiana's ecosystems by providing habitat for native species and offering natural places for the education, appreciation, and enjoyment of current and future generations.

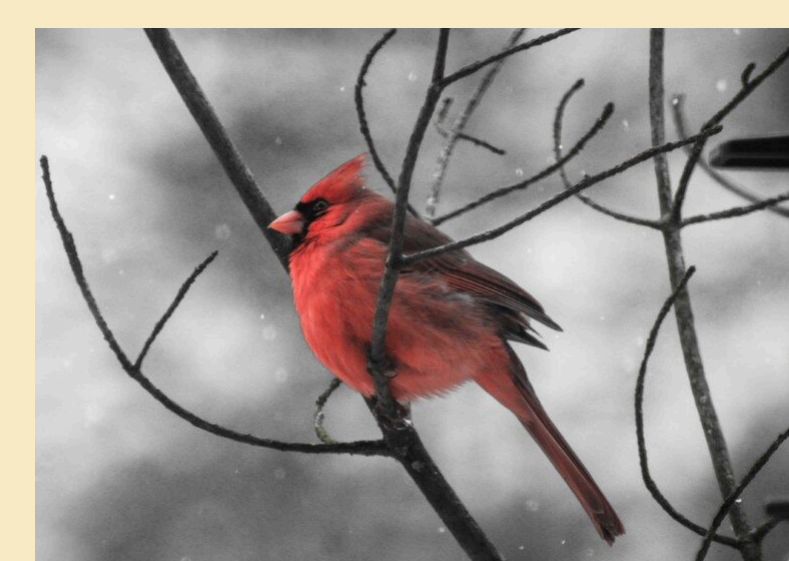
Since its inception in 1995, with the support of many concerned citizens, "Northern Indiana Citizens Helping Ecosystems Survive" (NICHES) Land Trust has grown from a few concerned citizens to a network of engaged citizens through a 13 county service area.

NICHES acquires and preserves land with the support of financial contribution and committed volunteers led by professional stewardship managers, who preserve and restore lands to quality natural ecosystems through invasive species removal, prescribed fire application, and native plant introduction. NICHES operates on the belief that the northern Indiana landscapes are home to ecosystems of native plants and animals that should be protected and provide access and connection with those preserved natural areas improves the quality of people's lives. People in our region should be able to live among sustainable, healthy, attractive landscapes. NICHES also believes that private landowners have an important role to play in helping to provide larger ecological and social benefits for the local community. NICHES works with private landowners to generate landscape level conservation.

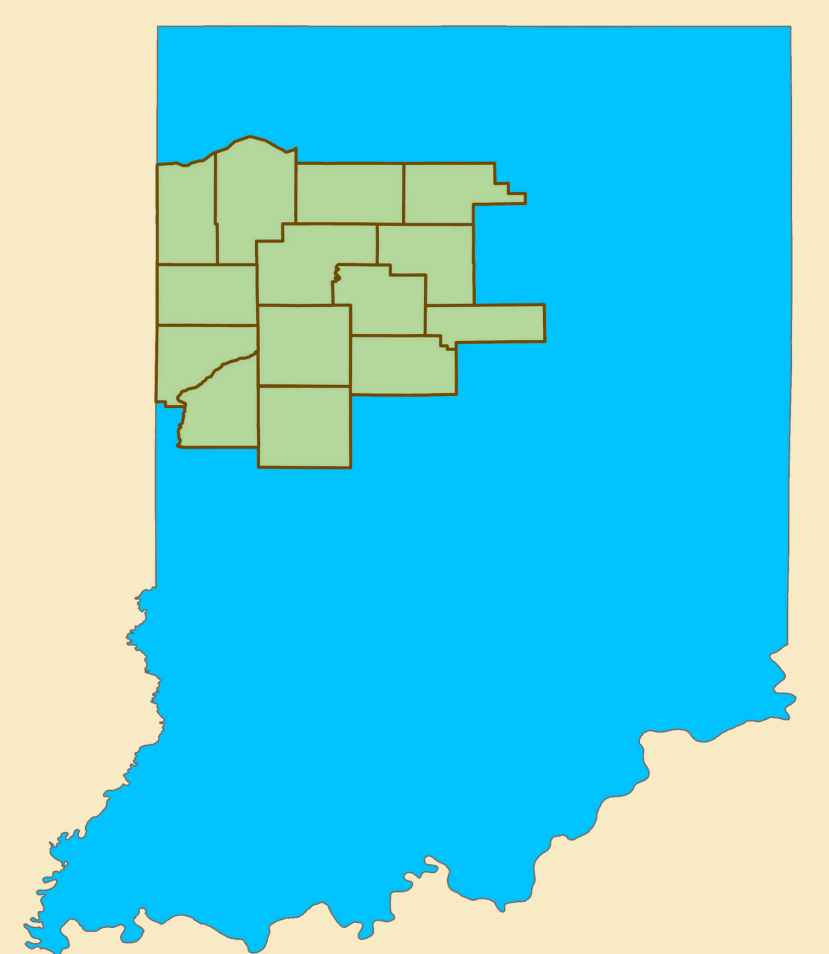
NICHES Properties by County



NICHES Summer Adventure Campers learn about native wildlife in Wildcat Creek (photo by: Sam Cody)



Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*), Indiana's state bird (Photo by: Zac Cody)



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