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Dear Friends,

We thought it would be fun to share with you a sampling of letters written or received since the last Quarterly issue. Even within this short timeframe, so many meaningful exchanges occurred that it was difficult to narrow them down to those we have published.

You'll notice that while topic and tone differ within each correspondence, the purpose is the same in all of them—people showing appreciation to other people. People support ACRES to help the organization preserve land. In return, ACRES provides diverse benefits to the giver. These letter exchanges speak to these benefits. Investing in ACRES is not just a financial transaction, it is sharing a core value. When people share a core value, they cannot help but respect each other and want to express their camaraderie, kinship, and appreciation.

As you **read other people's mail**, please keep in mind your role as an ACRES member in each of these letters. Members make it possible for ACRES to have a mailbox and for someone to collect and respond to the mail. Memberships allow the organization to be there to facilitate the task—the joy—of preserving land. You, and the rest of us like you, **are** ACRES. Together we preserve land.

Sincerely,

Jason

Jason Kissel
Executive Director
jkissel@acreslandtrust.org

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WELCOME 78 New Members!

Sharon Anderson
Tim and Cindy Anderson
Bruce and Liz Andres
Tim Auer
Debbie Baker
Duane Barth
gift from Damon and Heather Barth
Marilyn Benedict
Debbie Bickford
Tom Blacketer
Beth Bobay
gift from Craig and Nancy Bobay
Terry and Julie Bobay
gift from Craig and Nancy Bobay
Noor Borbieva
Moke Buhr
Cory Calvert
Judy Campbell
Cindy Cheney
Tony Clark
Dave Clendenen
Laura Colpitts
Bruce Cook
Marilyn Crewe
Gary Crosley
Sharon Dennis
Pat Darrow
Aaron and Aubrey Dettmer
Robert Keith Dunklap
Kent and Teresa Dutcher Smith
gift from John and Joann Smith

Larry and Linda Eubank
gift from Joseph Conrad
Patrick Ewing
Art Frederick
Ken Fritz
Jack and Eleanor Guthrie
Martin Hegerfeld
Kenneth Hensch
Robin Hire
Marilyn Hormann
Merrell House
Nicholas Hunkelutt
Steve Hutsell
Carolyn Juergens
Kara Keppel
Kody and Sara McClure
gift from Damon and Heather Barth
Sarah McSorley
Tom and Erika Meyer
Louise Miller
Angela Monteith
John Mueller
William Munger
Angela Myers
Cynthia Newton
Jay and Judy Niec
Nada O'Neal
Kenneth Peters
Jeff Rose
Jeff Rosswurm

Sajith and Aswathy Sasidharan
Deb Schmidt
John Schrock and Handy Yoder
gift from John and Joann Smith
Lorna Secunda
Frank Sickmiller
Ron Sides
Kathy Smith
Ross Staller
Patty and Terry Steffen
Karen Stow
Brad and Judith Truax
Adam Turner
Susan Verse
Norman Wade
Roger Wagoner
Rex Wells
Ken Wentland
Mary Wiegand
Vicki Woehner
Jean Wyss

Life Members

Lynn Lehman
Denis and Mary Arnold Schwartz

Corporate Member

WawaSee Area Conservancy
Foundation, Inc.

memorials

Jack Sunderman
from Jeanette Sunderman
Eugene Winicker
from Laura Dauscher
Jim Reifenberg
from Anonymous
John Carsten
from Leslie Robinson, Carolyn Aker, Randall
and Cheryl Allen, Robert and Cheryl Bailey,
Patrick and Margaret Blose, Ronald and Lynne
Bridge, Mary Jane Carsten, Ruth Copeland,
Patrick Cowger, Jeffrey and Jennifer King,
Sherman and Gayle Liechty, Patty and George
Liggett, Miller Ridge Community Association,
Ronald and Janet Penrod, Michael and
Barbara Roberts
Bob Weber
from Ethyle Bloch
David Platt
from Dolores Tomusk

John Dustin
from Ethyle Bloch
Charles Van Gilder
from Craig and Nancy Bobay and
Van Gilder and Trzyinka, PC
Arthur W. Parry, Jr.
from Mary Larson, Robert and Sandra Lemon,
Linda James, Zora and David Matson,
Dorothy Schleck, Willodean White and
Steve Murray and Friends at University School
Paul Sell
from Cardinal Chapter of IN Audubon Society
Ethyle Bloch
from Fred and Mary Anna Feitler,
Angie and Dan O'Neill, Karen Griggs,
Frannie Headings, and Janel Rogers
Jack Nichols
from Joanne Brooks-Weber

More than that, I think it's because I can tell from the condition of the land that they respected it. Large natural buffers would have remained in place.

2/12/14

Duane + Dana,

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I feel a real connection to your relatives—people I have never met. I'm sure it's in part because of what you've told me about them, and the fact that I can see their handiwork in the home's construction and maintenance. More than that, I think it's because I can tell from the condition of the land that they respected it. Large natural buffers were left around the stream, fencerows were allowed to remain in between the fields even though bulldozing them out would have been financially more productive, and wetlands were retained rather than drained.

During my last visit to the home, I could not help but sit and play a song on the antique piano. I felt even more connected to your family knowing that whoever played this piano had to compensate for the high E key that didn't work and the B flat that sticks. I loved that I had to adjust my playing in the exact same way they did to accommodate the piano's "character." What they experienced, I experienced. And now I get to play a small role in preserving their land—the same land they sweat on, made a living from, made memories on, played piano on, the land that was "home." Your history and their history with the land now become part of ACRES' history.

I always refer to ACRES as a family—I don't take that lightly. I wanted you to know how thankful I am that the two of you have shared with ACRES your family, your land, your home. I know you'll enjoy meeting other ACRES supporters who share your values. Welcome to the family.

Sincerely,

Jason

To Whom It May Concern:

This summer we had a lemonade stand to raise money for three charitable organizations. Acres Land Trust was one of the organizations we chose. We want to help you get more land for more animals and more waterfalls. We like to go hiking as a family. Enclosed is a check for the \$5.75 that we raised through the lemonade stand as well as an additional gift from our parents.

Thank you for the work you do.

Sincerely,

Felicity

Kieran



Felicity Kieran

Felicity and Kieran,

Thank you so much for sharing a portion of your lemonade stand earnings with ACRES! We really appreciate your donation. We will use the money to buy more land and preserve it for all the plants and animals that live there - and for all the people who visit.

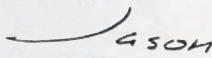
I am very pleased that you chose ACRES as one of three non-profits you wanted to support. I am very proud of the work ACRES does - and now, you can be proud too. Your money will help preserve land forever. That is a wonderful thing to support. I'll be sure to keep my eye out for waterfalls as we look for land to preserve with your money.

I have enclosed the ACRES Quarterly and made you members of ACRES - you will receive the Quarterly in the mail throughout 2014. Be sure to watch the summer Quarterly for the "Creek Stomp" event - we walk down a creek in Wabash County and get to stand under the waterfalls - it's a lot of fun, I hope you can join us.

Have you ever seen a frozen waterfall? If not, you should try to find some this winter at Kokiwanee or Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run. I took the picture on the right at Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run - you can even walk behind the frozen waterfall, it's really cool!

Thank you again for the generous donation to ACRES - we will put your money to very good use.

Sincerely,


Jason A. Kissel
Executive Director



1/11/14

Dear Shane,

Jason brought in Snickers bars for everyone at the office. Shane's Snickers was left uneaten for weeks, prompting the note below.

I am tired of being ignored and overlooked. Until I am sure you will actually appreciate me, I have decided to leave. I hope my absence will be temporary.

With regret - but also hope,



Dear talking candy bar,

I am deeply saddened that it has come to this - I was looking forward to getting to know you better.

I can only hope that you will find it deep within your chocolaty soul to give me another chance.

I miss you so much, and go nuts just thinking about you, please come back to me.

SHANE '13

The Snickers bar accepted Shane's apology and the two were reunited the following day.

Thank you for all you do!
Jena

Dear Volunteer,

Thank you... "a polite expression of one's gratitude" (Merriam-Webster dictionary)
Saying thank you comes easily for me, and you make it that much easier to express my gratitude for a job well done, a task completed—a joyous end to a task.

You help ACRES in so many ways: delivering *Quarterlies*, plowing the office driveway, clearing trails on the preserves, serving on the board and its committees, putting away supplies at the office, recording memberships, changing light bulbs, building boardwalks, pulling invasives, editing our writing, forging trails, leading hikes... and on and on.

Everything you do is so much more than just the physical act of volunteering. It comes from the heart and shows up in the smile we see when you willingly take on another task, or when you share your stories that make us laugh. When you stay late or come early to make sure your task is completed. When you ask "what else can I do?" and really mean it. When you stop by a preserve to take a walk and clear trails "just because." When you share the ACRES story with family and friends, and that new contact turns into our next member, or volunteer, or even preserve. When you truly care about what we do and become our friends. When you remind us we're only human, and even if the task we perform seems small, that's okay—it's still a job well done. Nature preserves are created through many "small" tasks well done.

You make my job easier because the tasks you perform would have to be completed by me. But more importantly, many of you have touched me with your personal stories, and we've become friends. Your dedication and loyalty to ACRES warms my heart, and I'm proud to serve next to you. So when I say, "Thank you for all you do!", I truly mean "all" that you do."

Jena Ruiz

I've made the acquaintance of many personalities within the ACRES community fabric, and I enjoy the personal conversations that are interwoven. I see the benefits that ACRES offers to you, to me, and to nature. Your ownership of ACRES' nature preserves is cause for celebration—a celebration of ACRES' ever-expanding accomplishments.

Casey Jones

(Casey Jones)

January 14, 2014

Ethyle,

So sorry to hear you broke your wrist—hope you are well into your recovery.

As we were filing end-of-year financial records, we came across the first checks written for Allen County Reserves and ACRES.

I've enclosed a copy of them, thought you'd get a kick out of seeing them again!

Happy Healing,

Jason



Ethyle and Jane Dustin,
c. 1960

January 16, 2014

Hi Jason,

Am slowly healing, but am not going out in this snow. You must be cleaning house! The old checks are funny. The Quarterly is good as usual.

Just an old ACRES friend,

E



Jason Kissel and Ethyle, 2011

On February 15, 2014, Ethyle Bloch passed away. Ethyle was a founding member of ACRES, its first treasurer and lifelong supporter of the organization. We are collecting stories of Ethyle for the Summer Quarterly. Please share your favorite memory of Ethyle with the ACRES office.

Ethyle Bloch, 1920 – 2014

Ethyle 



This issue shows a sampling of letters from the past three months only. However, the signatures below are a reminder that ACRES has sent and received meaningful letters since 1960. The people and letters change, but ACRES' values do not.

Cordially,

Ted

Best Regards

Thomas E. Barrett

Best Wishes,

Edna W. Spurgeon

Thank you,

Art

Sincerely,

Larry

Sincerely,

James M. Barrett III
JAMES M. BARRETT III

Sincerely Yours,

Carolyn M. Nagyn

Cordially,

Florence S. Klotz

Best Wishes,

Robert Weber

Yours Truly,

Arthur H. Hammer

Your Friend,

Jane Barrett

Sincerely,

Pat - Jim too.

Many Thanks,

John Ellenwood



Dear Ted & Tali, William, Sam & Janet, Pat, Janet, Art, Edward, Lynn, and Eva,

You've seen it all. You've been with ACRES from nearly the beginning. You might have heard by word-of-mouth about this new group of individuals concerned about land conservation. Or maybe you read a letter to the editor in the newspaper and were moved to take action and join them in the quest to preserve natural areas. Or perhaps your spouse or good friend was a founder. Regardless of how or why, you made the decision to get involved as a member of Allen County REServes (ACRES).

Membership in ACRES was made a priority at the group's second meeting, held January 6, 1960, at the home of John and Florence Klotz. Our founders realized from the organization's infancy that getting others involved was critical to our success. You were those first supporters. You joined them in advocating for land conservation, promoting the organization, volunteering your time and expertise, and investing by paying dues for your membership. You helped launch ACRES, and you continue to be the very backbone of our success today.

I made the decision to become part of the ACRES family in June 2013 because I saw a level of members' dedication unmatched anywhere else. I was truly moved knowing that so many people had invested in ACRES before I was even born! The legacy you created continues to inspire me every day. The groundwork you've been laying these past 54 years is still relevant and has ensured that our mission has never wavered. Our membership history continues to be woven into the story of ACRES today, and I look forward to celebrating the involvement of people like you 50 years from now.

It's no secret that land is at the heart of our mission. But we wouldn't be 5,300 acres protected and 88 nature preserves strong if it weren't for people like you getting involved. This is why membership with ACRES is just as critical today as it was when you joined so many years ago. From the bottom of our hearts, ACRES thanks you for your continued commitment to preserving natural areas—forever.

Ted and Tali Lanham – 1960

William McNagny – 1960

Sam and Janet Schwartz – 1960

Pat Barrett – 1961

Janet Weber – 1961

Art Eberhardt – 1962

Edward Eberhardt – 1962

Lynn Klopfenstein – 1962

Eva Yentes – 1963

Best Regards,

Heather

Heather Barth

1802 Chapman Road, Hunter

MR. MRS.
Arthur Eberhardt (Marion)
514 S. Washington St
Angola, Indiana 46703

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Reg. \$2.00
4/14/62

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Renewal 10/28/76 \$4.00	Renewal 9/27/72 \$4.00	Renewal 11/10/69 \$4.00	Renewal 5/8/65 \$4.00
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	Renewal 8/25/74 \$4.00	Renewal 6/16/71 \$2.00	

ACRES Land Trust

programs & EVENTS

ACRES programs are held rain or shine.

TIMBERDOODLE SKY DANCE

April 6-12

Presented by: Jennifer and Casey

Join Wildwood caretakers every evening at dusk as we take our camp chairs out to the Lost Acres and await the "peent" of the American Woodcock.

WHERE: Wildwood, Kosciusko County
409 E. SR 14, Silver Lake, IN 46982

25TH ANNUAL ADOPT-A-TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 19, 10 am - 3 pm

Presented by: Art Eberhardt, Laurie Eberhardt and Peter Martin, Jim Shearer, David Syler, John Eddy, David and Bonnie Snyder, Paul Nailor and Lee Sauer

Enjoy a variety of events for children and adults: make a bluebird house or suet feeder, look at pond water under a microscope, and adopt an American plum, black gum, chestnut oak and white pine. Entertainment will be fiddle and dulcimer music and caricature drawings.

WHERE: Wing Haven, Steuben County
180 W. 400 N, Angola, IN 46703



Adopt-A-Tree by Shane Perfect

ACRES' WISH LIST PARTY

Saturday, April 26, 1 pm

Hosted by: Allyson Ellis, ACRES member

In recognition of ACRES' 54th year, Allyson and her friends are hosting a party for ACRES and they'd like you to join in the celebration. The ACRES staff has put together a wish list. Choose an item from the list (see page 17) and bring it to the party. No gift is too big or too small. Join us for refreshments, door prizes and a good time. To avoid duplicate gifts, please contact Allyson Ellis at **260-466-5202** or aellis@kconline.com to register your gift.

WHERE: Tom and Jane Dustin Nature Preserve, Allen County
1802 Chapman Road, Hometown, IN 46748

WILDFLOWER HIKES

Saturday, April 26, 3 pm

Presented by: John Smith and INPAWS North Chapter

WHERE: Dygert Nature Preserve, Whitley County
4245 N. 50 W, Columbia City, IN 46725

Saturday, May 3, 10 am

Presented by: Dr. Dave Hicks and Tippecanoe Audubon Society

WHERE: Kokiwanee, Wabash County
5825 E. 50 S, Lagro, IN 46941

Saturday, May 24, 3 pm

Presented by: Tony Fleming and INPAWS North Chapter

WHERE: Bender Memorial Forest, Noble County
1891 N River Road West, Albion, IN 46701
*Register by contacting Tony at lonesswantony@cs.com by May 20.
Knee boots recommended.*

ACRES' nature preserves host a growing number of events and activities—so many that we've decided to list only larger events in the *Quarterly*. You can read the full list of activities on ACRES' website where events are updated weekly, so check the website often at www.acreslandtrust.org/events

A LONGER HIKE

Saturday, May 3, 1 pm

Presented by: Jason Kissel

Do most trails end before your desire to stop walking does? This trip may be just what you are looking for. We will begin hiking within Kokiwanee and extend the trip into the neighboring Salamonie State Forest before returning to Kokiwanee. You can choose to take the 5-mile trip or continue on for a 10-mile adventure. Come prepared to carry all the food, drink and any other supplies you will need.

WHERE: Kokiwanee, Wabash County
5825 E. 50 S, Lagro, IN 46941

BIG DAY IN MAY

Saturday, May 10, All day

Presented by: Tippecanoe Audubon Society

Join forces with the Tippecanoe Audubon Society for their 38th year participating in this bird count. The group will cover all of Kosciusko County to document the spring migration. We invite ACRES members to visit Kosciusko County Nature Preserves and document your species there. Typically, our group observes over 125 species in this count. If you are interested in participating, please contact Casey Jones at cjones@acreslandtrust.org or **260-637-2273 ext. 6**.

WHERE:

Wildwood, Kosciusko County
409 E. SR 14
Silver Lake, IN 46982

Bock, Kosciusko County
11630 S. SR 14
Akron, IN 46910

Glennwood, Kosciusko County
7008 W. 650 N
Etna Green, IN 46524

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE

Saturday, June 7, 10 am - Noon

Presented by: ACRES Land Trust

Join ACRES for docent-led hiking tours through Blue Cast Springs. Enjoy vistas of the Maumee River and explore the ravines that run through the upland forest to feed the river. Blue Cast is the site of a natural spring once thought to have healthful properties. Guided hikes begin at 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 or you may explore on your own. No registration is necessary. For more information, please contact Debbie Branfield at **260-704-3240** or gobucks04@msn.com

WHERE: Blue Cast Springs, Allen County
21412 Bluecast Road, Woodburn, IN 46797.



Blue Cast Springs, Allen County

November

8

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL DINNER at *University of St. Francis*

Guest Speaker Joel Greenberg, author of
A Feathered River Across the Sky

programs & EVENTS

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IDENTIFYING SEDGES

Saturday, June 14, 10:30 am
Presented by: Dr. Paul Rothrock

Dr. Paul Rothrock has studied sedges and other plants at Fogwell Forest and Wildwood Nature Preserves. He found the rare plant *Carex seorsa* and a distinct species, *Carex echinaodes*. Dr. Rothrock will lead a hike at Wildwood and teach us how to identify the different sedges that are sometimes easily overlooked but provide great and diverse value to the natural landscape.

WHERE: Wildwood, Kosciusko County
409 E. SR 14, Silver Lake, IN 46982

BIRDWATCHING (NOT JUST) FOR CHILDREN

Saturday, June 21, 9:30 am
Presented by: Alex Forsythe

Prepare to be astonished by Indiana Young Birders Club Youth Advisor and 2013 Indiana Young Birder of the Year, Alex Forsythe. She will share her knowledge and contagious enthusiasm about birds. Alex will present some of the materials that she has created to aid in promoting bird conservation to children. We will take a hike through Wildwood and document all the species we see and hear. Crafts and snacks to follow the hike. Bring binoculars, if you have them. If you don't have 'nocs, a few pairs will be available.

WHERE: Wildwood, Kosciusko County
409 E. SR 14, Silver Lake, IN 46982



Alex Forsythe

PRESERVE HISTORY

Oops! In the Winter *Quarterly*, we incorrectly identified the people in the photo on page 14. Here are the correct names.



~~Sam & Adeline Ropchan~~

Sam Ropchan & Helen Skelton



Adeline & Sam Ropchan



at the



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

☞ Tickets go on sale June 2 ☞

acreslandtrust.org/BJG2014

ACRES' WISH LIST PARTY

OFFICE NEEDS

Copier paper (24 pound)
"Forever" postage stamps
Rubber bands
Desk organizers
Buckets for cleaning
Collapsible easels
Birdseed
Sharp kitchen knives
Cutting boards
Vacuum cleaner
Digital camera for events

STAFF/VOLUNTEER FUEL

Coffee
M&Ms
Homemade cookies
Bottled water
Any gummy snack or treat

FINANCIAL NEEDS

Shares of stock
Donations
Prepaid cards (Visa/gas)

COMPUTER NEEDS

External hard drives, 500 GB and up
Flash drives 1 GB and up
Compact SD cards
21" computer monitor
Laptop docking stations
Computer chairs

PRESERVE NEEDS

ACRES benches (plans provided)
Craftsman 19.2 volt batteries
Stihl chainsaw
Battery operated field tools
6' x 8' or 6' x 10' trailer for land management
Kobalt tools and toolbox
Stihl or Husqvarna bar oil
Stihl or Husqvarna 2-cycle oil
Small air compressor with tank
Trail camera—7+ megapixels, HD video, 30+ LEDs, infrared flash, 70 ft. range, camouflage casing
6-tool Makita 18-volt Lithium-ion combo kit, Model #LXT601
International Commercial Backpack Sprayer YT-189
International Hand-held Sprayer YT-10
Available at Agro-Chem (Wabash), Kaman Industrial Technologies (Fort Wayne) or forestry-suppliers.com

Visit the ACRES website for a more comprehensive list.



Green Heron by Dave Fox

17th Annual Spring Birdathon to Benefit Wing Haven

Spring marks a special time of year – the return of countless bird species to our area. They come looking for nesting sites, ready to raise their soon-to-hatch young, and fatten up on fresh food sources.

This year's Birdathon will be May 17. This is the 17th year of the Birdathon, which to date has raised \$27,000 for ACRES Land Trust. You can pledge per bird or make a flat contribution—every dollar counts! Challenge Fred Wooley and the ACRES Avocets to tally your favorite bird or give them a special-challenge bird to find! Fill out the enclosed form and return it to ACRES Land Trust by May 16, or register your pledge online at www.acreslandtrust.org/birdathon

As always, your contribution is tax deductible as allowed by law. Please call Heather Barth at (260) 637-2273 with questions. Thank you!



Still not a Member?

Scan this QR code with your smart phone to join today!

SPECIAL thanks

Mary Campbell and Angie O'Neill
donating bird food
Bill Smith
donating bird food, copier paper, convertible hand
truck and coordinating the maple syrup breakfast
Ralph and Mary Campbell, Elder Chambers,
Elder McFarland, Louise Pomeroy, Angie O'Neill
and Jennifer Saxinger
collating the Quarterly
Carol Roberts and Faith Van Gilder
editing the Quarterly
Our Quarterly distributors and photographers
Daryl (Bill) Novak
shoveling the walkway at the office
Jim Haddock and Angie O'Neill
working in booth at the Farm Show
Ken Till
repairing the office furnace
Sunny Schick Camera
digitizing historic ACRES photos
Matt and Dan Metzger
plowing drifts in the Wildwood driveway
Brad Greenlee
GIS mapping work
Lincoln Printing
donating printing services
Neil Laymon
releasing owl trapped in building at Kokuwanee
Louise Pomeroy
helping in the office
Faith Van Gilder
baking cookies for the office staff

Maple Syrup Breakfast Volunteers:

Pam George	Heather, Kody and
Sue Walkup	Ameerah Baker
Russ Voorhees	Mike and Carol Sreeton
Dave Boylan	Jack Hollaway
Heather and Emma Barth	Ann Higgins
Steve and Savannah Vaughn	

Home and Garden Show Volunteers:

Dave Brumm	Donna Streeter
Bill Smith	Bob Streeter
Ellsworth Smith	Doug Rogers
Deanna Vazquez	Kathy Rogers
Heather Baker	Neil Case
Colleen Mayberry	Al Diefenbach
Renee Sinacola	Sue Diefenbach
Elma Chapman	Katia Cook
Hope Wilson	Tedra Hemingway
John Smith	Ted Hemingway
Joann Smith	Warren Mead
Pam George	Craig Bobay
Heather Barth	Sue Walkup
Laura Colpitts	

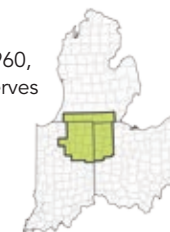


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Dedicated to preserving natural areas since 1960, ACRES manages and protects 88 nature preserves totaling 5,296 acres.



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Little flowers
at the foot of the oak:
their lavender petals
fade to white at the tips;
their hairy stem, yellow
stamens; their leaves like
threefold lecterns in threefold lecterns -
do I need to know the name
that someone else has given to them?
Can I put that piece of information
in my pocket and say I
own the secrets of the flower?
I am more inclined than ever
to accept their being as mystery;
to let the wind shuffle
the cards of leaves as it may,
and leave them for others
to quantify.

Matthew Brown