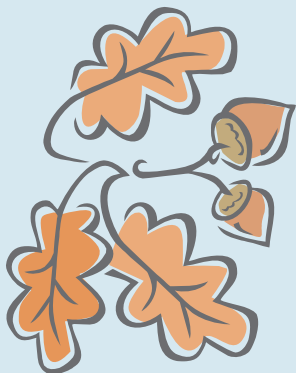


Imagine another time when buffalo roamed the plains and there were no jet planes overhead. The sky was bright blue, the grasses green, and animal life thrived everywhere.

The year is 1702 and two young teenagers from a local tribe are hunting in the savannah lands in what is now called Bloomingdale Township.



They creep along, hiding in the grasses and hoping to spot their prey before being scented.

The bubbling creek hides their soft whispers as they peer across the flowered plain and feel as one with the earth.

Today, in the era of cell phones, computers and electronic games, we can all use a break and leisurely go back 300 years and walk the same ground where the teenage boys once hunted for game.

Come visit our completely restored natural habitat and see for yourself. Listen to the birds warbling, the gentle breezes kissing the flowers, and imagine a time when beauty was everywhere you looked.

Visit this unique 3.5 acre parcel of land that was set aside by Bloomingdale Township to preserve our history and the beauty that once was.



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The Prairie State

In 2001, a group of community residents approached Bloomingdale Township with a concern about over development. Though financial constraints prevented the Township from taking immediate action, the idea took root. Eventually the Township was able to set aside some undeveloped land as a permanent open space and the Natural Habitat Area was born.



The concept was to restore the area to what it looked like when settlers first came to what is now Bloomingdale Township. The 3.5 acre habitat is now home to savannah, mesic prairie and wet prairie. Five series of trees, 5 species of shrubs,

25 species of flowering forbes and 14 types of grasses have been added. The result brings you back to the wild, rustic, natural beauty of Illinois in the 1700s.

Free and Open to the Public

The Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitat Area is located on the northwest corner of Lake Street and Rosedale Road. Ample parking is available across the street. There is no charge to visit the habitat and enjoy its beauty.

Educational Field Trips

Classroom field trips are encouraged for young students to view the site and learn about eco-systems & land preservation.

Support the Habitat

The initial work on the Habitat has been completed, but the second stage is just beginning. Enhancements to the path, gazebo, community programming and wetland maintenance make up the next stage of planned strategic development. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Any amount is gratefully accepted.



Sponsorships are always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

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| Oak Tree Sponsor | \$1,000 |
| Goldenrod Sponsor | \$750 |
| Sunflower Sponsor | \$500 |
| Aster Sponsor | \$250 |

Your sponsorship gift will be acknowledged on our website.

The Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitat Area Foundation is a qualified 501(c)3 organization. Your donation is completely tax deductible!

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