



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**

# Calumet Prairie & Ivanhoe South, IN

**Great Lakes & Fishery Ecosystem Restoration**

**Habitat Focus Area**

**Project Location:** The Calumet Prairie and Ivanhoe South are located in northwest Indiana in Lake County in the Grand Calumet River Watershed one of the Great Lakes Areas of concern. The Calumet Prairie rests just south of the I-90 toll way and just west of Highway 51. Ivanhoe South is located southwest of the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Colfax Street.

**Project Description:** Calumet Prairie and Ivanhoe South are situated within a few miles of the Lake Michigan coastline with a total 198 acres and are part of a globally, nationally and regionally significant coastal ecosystem that contains high quality remnant natural communities, providing habitat for several endangered, threatened, and rare species, and serve as important resting and foraging habitat for migratory and breeding passerine birds. The project will restore wet sand prairie through the clearance of woodlands comprised of non-native and opportunistic trees and shrubs, removal of invasive species, recovery of native seed banks, and conducting prescribed burns.

**Nonfederal Partner:** Indiana Department of Natural Resources

**Project Benefits:** Short term benefits include the elimination of invasive species seed sources and significant increase in the acres of wet sand prairie. The project would help restore natural hydrology and nutrient cycling through the clearance of opportunistic species. Restoration beneficiaries include the Federally listed Karner Blue Butterfly and numerous state-listed threatened and endangered species such as the spotted turtle and slender glass lizard, The 160 known species of migratory birds that use the area for resting and feeding will benefit from the project along with the known 60 resident species that nest or forage in the two sites including the American bittern, black-crowned night heron, red-tailed hawk and American woodcock.

**Project Status:** Construction initiated in fall 2011 with prescribed burns followed by tree and canopy clearing in the winter. Construction will last for five years, followed by five years of monitoring. The project is expected to generate over 11 jobs in the private industry.



Tree clearing

Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	\$1,709,500
Nonfederal	\$920,500
Total	\$2,630,000

Project Milestones	
Award construction contract	Sep 2011
Award contract option	Jul 2013
Complete construction	Sep 2016

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