

FUNCTIONS OF WETLANDS

Water Quality

Wetlands act as filters of pollutants. By removing organic and inorganic nutrients and toxic materials before these enter our groundwater, they improve the health of our rivers and streams as well as the quality of our drinking water.



Wildlife Habitat

Wetlands provide crucial habitat for many species of birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Some, such as the Least Bittern, Blue-spotted Salamander, and Blanding's Turtle, are endangered or of special concern in Indiana. Our wetland properties provide for the needs of species that have depended on such habitats for millennia.



Flood Control

Wetlands absorb and store water from storm runoff and release it slowly, resulting in less flooding in other areas. Our wetlands help ease flooding problems in portions of Allen and Huntington Counties.



Recreation and Education

Wetlands provide many opportunities for nearby residents to enjoy and learn about nature. Students and researchers also use our preserves to study wetland ecology, flora, and fauna.



Visit our wetland preserves to enjoy hiking, birding, and wildlife photography. Learn more at www.lrwp.org

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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Little River Wetlands Project is to restore and protect wetlands in the Little River watershed southwest of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and to provide educational opportunities that encourage individuals to be good stewards of wetlands and other natural ecosystems.

Our project area encompasses 25,000 acres once known as the Great Marsh. We are working to restore wetlands and protect natural areas in this great and valuable ecosystem.



LRWP now protects or holds stewardship and responsibility for more than 1,100 acres in the Little River valley. We also assist landowners who wish to restore or preserve their natural land through conservation easements.

LRWP offers a variety of free nature programs for people of all ages. These include guided hikes, nature education events, and our annual Open House at Eagle Marsh. Please visit www.lrwp.org to learn more.



Our mission is carried out in partnership with our members, public and private environmental groups, foundations, and local businesses. We are especially grateful to the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, and the English, Bonter Mitchell Foundation, among other organizations.

RESTORATION PROJECTS AND PRESERVES



Eagle Marsh, at 705 acres, is the largest nature preserve in Allen County and one of the largest wetlands ever restored in Indiana. Located at 6801 Engle Road in southwest Fort Wayne, Eagle Marsh offers eight miles of nature trails through shallow water wetlands, prairies, a sedge meadow, and a 30-acre woods. Please visit this magnificent preserve—trail map at www.lrwp.org.



Arrowhead Marsh and Arrowhead Prairie, totaling 255 acres near Aboite, Indiana, have been restored to wetland and prairie (67 acres still under restoration). A one-and-a-half mile loop trail at Arrowhead Marsh winds through prairie, marsh, and woods. More trails will be built at Arrowhead Prairie soon.

MEMBERSHIP/DONATION

A donation of \$20 or more brings you a year-long membership in LRWP and our informative newsletter. Those who contribute \$500 or more also receive invitations to special nature events.

Please give as generously as you can--every dollar helps us help nature more.

_____ Whooping Crane	\$10,000
_____ Osprey	\$5,000
_____ Eagle	\$1,000
_____ Merganser	\$500
_____ Harrier	\$200
_____ Peregrine	\$100
_____ Bluebird	\$50
_____ Heron	\$20
_____ Other	(Basic Membership)

I am interested in volunteer opportunities

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