



# Heritage Trust Project Proposal Form

NO. OF PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **I. PROJECT NAME: Crown Hill Woods**

### **II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:**

**55.5 total acres: 33 acres, High Quality Urban Forest (type: Till Plain Flatwoods with ephemeral wetlands); 22.5 acres, Regrowth Forest.**

The Crown Hill Woods is a relict woodland of complex stand structure characteristic of undisturbed, fully developed woodlands. An intact and species-rich native understory and mid-canopy, rich herbaceous layer of wildflowers, and numerous large standing snag and den trees provide niches for increased biological diversity and lend the site true “old-growth” character. The ephemeral wetlands that are found distributed throughout the grove again show the complex structure and microhabitats formed under natural processes over long expanses of time. This is a relict natural area, not a planting or “restoration,” but a true remnant of the once-vast hardwood forests of Indiana. T Swinford.

Project lies at the northern end of the historic Crown Hill Cemetery of 555 park-like acres, a site of significant cultural heritage value to the State of Indiana.

### **III. PROJECT TYPE:**

**A. PROJECT CATEGORIES: State Dedicated Nature Preserve**

**B. ACQUISITION TYPE: New acquisition**

### **C. PROPOSED PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT:**

**The site will be owned and managed by the Central Indiana Land Trust who will work closely with IDNR-DoNP staff to manage and restore the property.**

**D. COUNTY/COUNTIES: Marion, Washington Township**

**E. LOCATION(S):** 700 West 38th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

**F. PROPERTY ZONING AND ADJACENT LAND USE**

**G. LANDOWNERS: Crown Hill Cemetery**

The Crown Hill Board of Trustees and the Central Indiana Land Trust are in the process of negotiating a purchase contract. All substantive issues have been addressed and agreed upon. The two parties are expected to sign the agreement by the end of February or early March. While terms of the agreement are confidential at this time, CILTI will have to raise the funds or commitment of funds for the acquisition of the project, acquisition and transactions costs of which are expected to be approximately \$5.4 million dollars.

**H. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS, STUDIES, APPRAISALS, BOUNDARY SURVEYS OR EVALUATIONS OF THE PROPERTY:** (List or attach, if available)

**I. HAZARDS: NO**

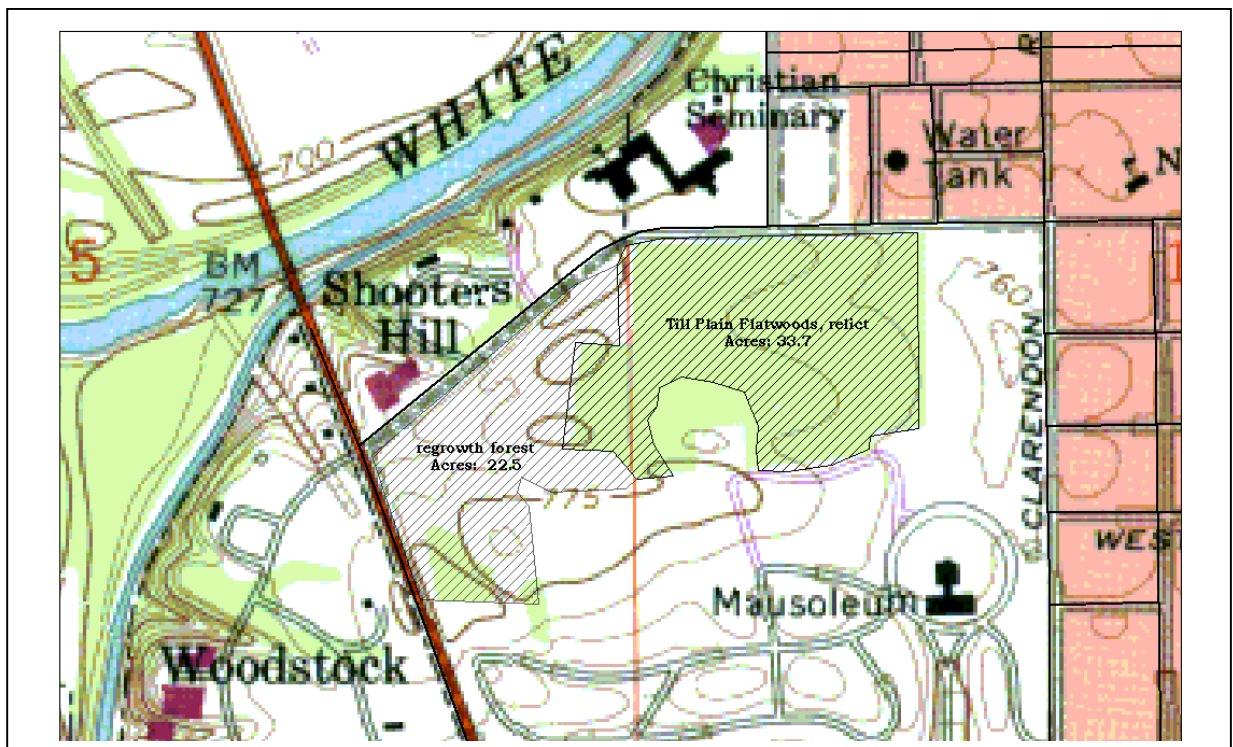
*a DNR HAZARDS INSPECTION form must be attached; contact Division Director in prep*

**J. STRUCTURES: None**

**K. DEEDS: to be prepared**

**L. OTHER: none**

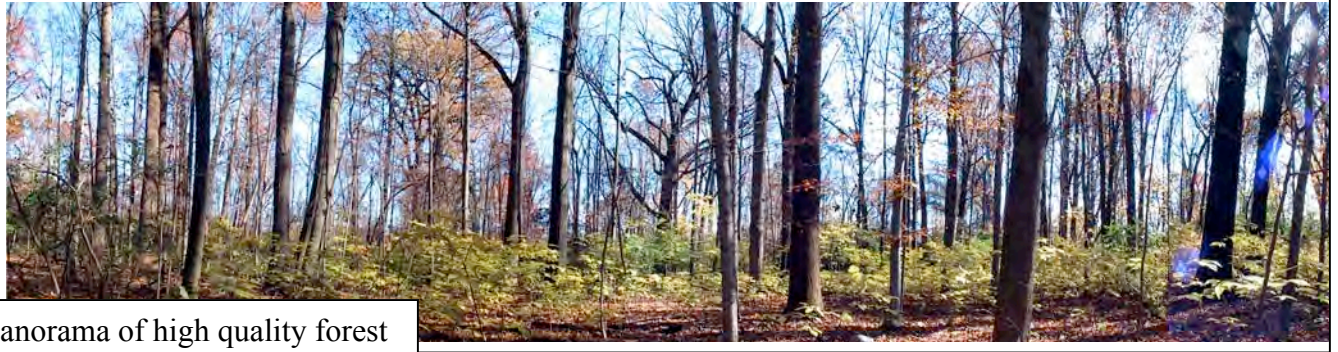
# IV. MAPS:





V. SLIDES:

Images of Crown Hill Woods



Panorama of high quality forest



Ephemeral wetlands, spring



Flatwoods, spring



## Images of Crown Hill Woods



Eastern Box Turtle present in Crown Hill Woods



Flatwoods with volunteer Nonie Krause

**VI. FUNDING/COST OF ACQUISITION:**

**A. INDIANA HERITAGE TRUST FUND SHARE:**

Nature Preserves Account.....	\$50,000
Discretionary Account .....	\$ 200,000
Subtotal IHT Fund	\$ 250,000

**B. NON-INDIANA HERITAGE TRUST MATCHING FUNDS OR VALUES:**

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Subtotal Non-IHT Funds      \$ TBD

**C. ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT PURCHASE COST: \$5.4 million**

**D. STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT: \$12,500**

Restoration to include invasive plants, forest enhancement, other.

**E. TOTAL IHT ACCOUNT: \$ 262,500**

**VII. ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES (INCLUDE COPY OF TAX STATEMENT):**

**VIII. CONTACTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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