The Big Rock Creek
Land Conservation Planning Project

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Voluntary Land Conservation Planning Project
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“To encourage individual and community-based preservation and protection of the highest quality natural areas along the main stem of the Big Rock Creek through voluntary actions.”
WHY PROTECT BIG ROCK CREEK?

- Beauty
- Water quality
- Wildlife
- Natural areas
- Open space

WHAT NOW?

Now that the plan is finished, we are committed to making sure it does more than collect dust. Here is how we hope the plan will be used:

- Owners of the 29 properties identified as priorities for protection will be contacted and encouraged to seek voluntary preservation options.
- The plan will enhance grant funding opportunities for townships, municipalities and counties within the watershed.
- Ultimately we hope for some level of protection on as many of the identified properties as possible. They are the natural treasures of the Big Rock Creek watershed.

THE PROJECT

The voluntary Big Rock Creek Land Conservation Planning Project concentrates on land areas along the main stem of the Big Rock Creek in Kane and Kendall Counties. The BRC watershed is one of the largest tributaries to the Lower Fox River and its Conservation Opportunity Area (COA), an area identified as having important conservation value by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The plan, which was completed October 31, 2015:

- Is strictly voluntary.
- Was developed by a diverse group of local stakeholders in Kendall and Kane Counties, including private landowners, local municipalities, counties, agencies and other groups, with facilitation by The Conservation Foundation.
- Helps stakeholders to determine priorities regarding natural resource protection.
- May raise the likelihood of obtaining funding for projects by complying with the local and state plans.

The overall goal of the project is to develop a recognized plan for local entities and individuals to use in land preservation efforts in the Big Rock Creek main stem basin for the protection of water quality, natural resources and open space. The planning process was funded through a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to The Conservation Foundation.

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