

ILLINOIS HILL PRAIRIE STATE WILDLIFE GRANT PROJECT

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Abstract: Native prairie remnants are rare in Illinois. Prairies remaining on steep slopes of major river bluffs are important examples of our natural heritage but are under severe threat due to woody plant succession, nonnative species and lack of fire. A large State Wildlife Grant (SWG) has been secured to increase awareness and implement management efforts to prevent further loss of these hill prairies. This U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service SWG program cost shares with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources who in turn seek matching funds or services from willing partners. Both public and private landowners of hill prairies are encouraged to work in cooperation with this project to enhance and maintain their prairies.