PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION IN ILLINOIS

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



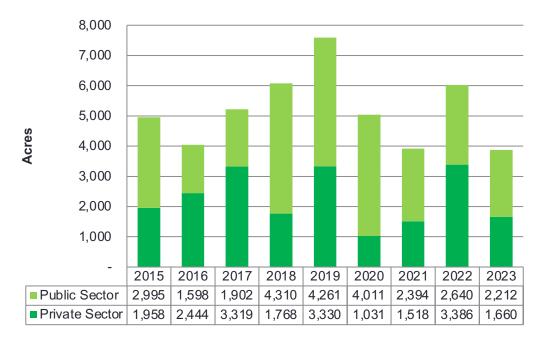


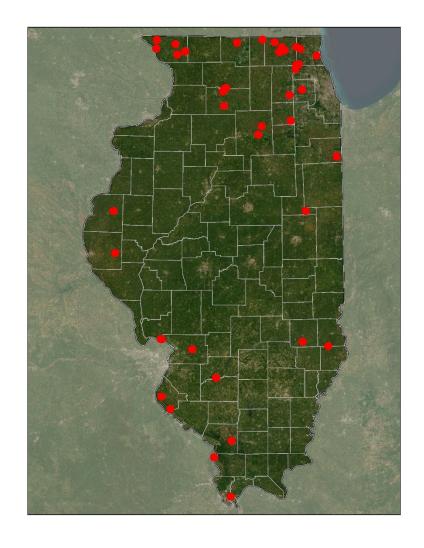


Land Protection Projects - 2023

Projects by Size

< 10 acres: 22 10-50 acres: 17 50-100 acres: 10 100-150 acres: 7 150+ acres: 4

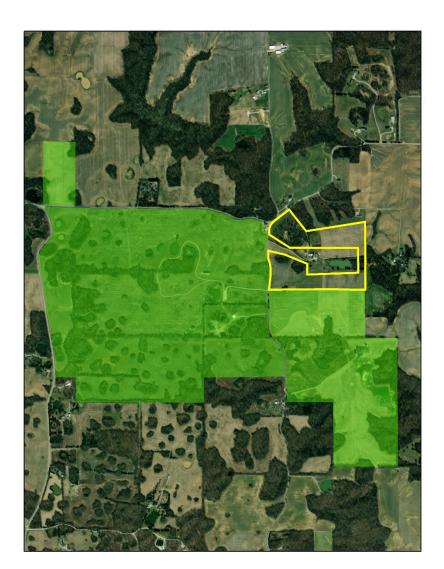




Alfred & Joanna Anesi Wildlife Sanctuary

- Illinois Audubon Society
- Monroe County
- 43.7 acres







- Protects Fogelpole Cave largest karst cave in the state
 - Joins land owned by Clifftop and IDNR
- Overlies the cave's recharge area - i.e. the entire ecosystem
- Public/private tag team

Knoll Family Wildlife Refuge

- Heartlands Conservancy
- Madison County
- 41.3 acres





- Chorus frog!
 - On the cusp of being added to E&T list
 - Focus of original state
 Wildlife Action Plan
- Half mile north of existing protected chorus frog habitat
- Contains both sand prairie and sand savanna
- Bargain sale
- Lots and lots of partners

Trieber Forest Preserve

- Forest Preserve District of Kane County
- (I trust you can guess) County
- 6.7 acres



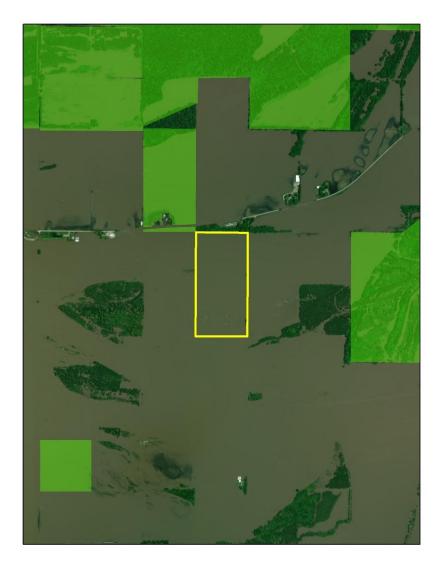


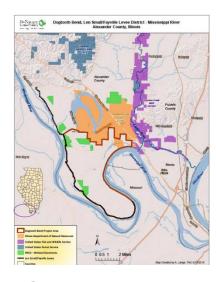
- Remnant old growth oak woodland
- Located at intersection of Gilberts and Elgin
 - Prime developable land
- Donated to the public

Dogtooth Bend

- Illinois Audubon Society
- Alexander County
- 80.4 acres







- Part of >14k acre project area
- Recurrent massive floods.
- NRCS purchases easements
- TNC to restore to bottomland habitat
- Potential future addition to USFWS Refuge

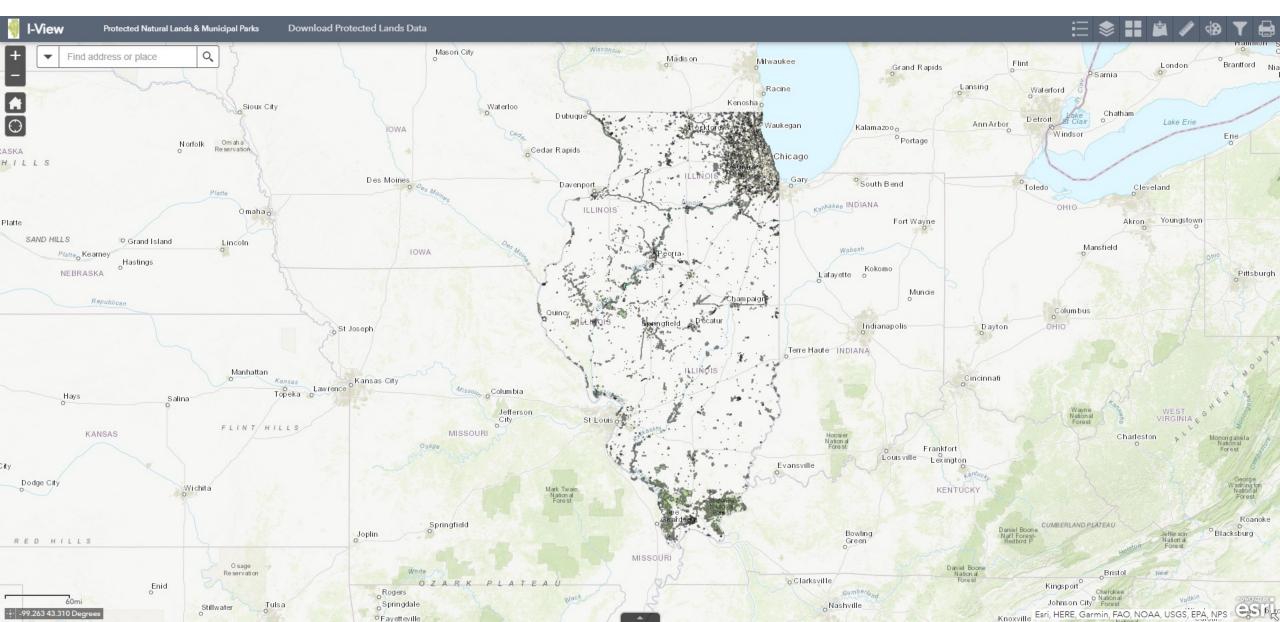
Illinois Beach State Park

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Lake County
- 128.3 acres



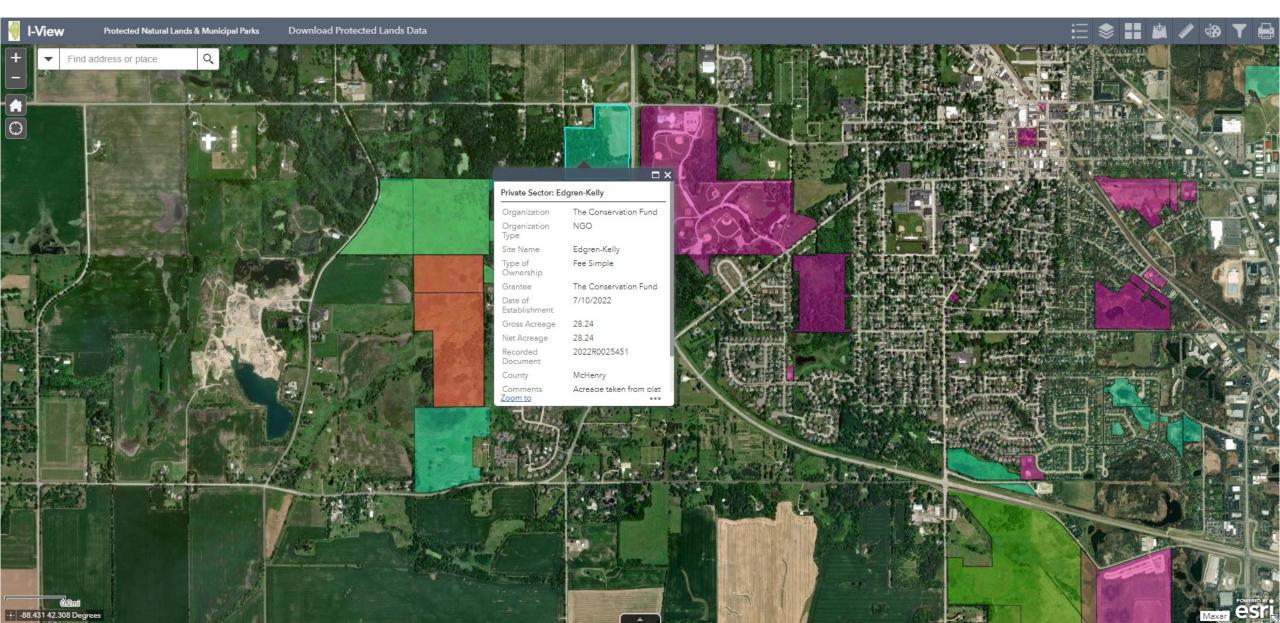


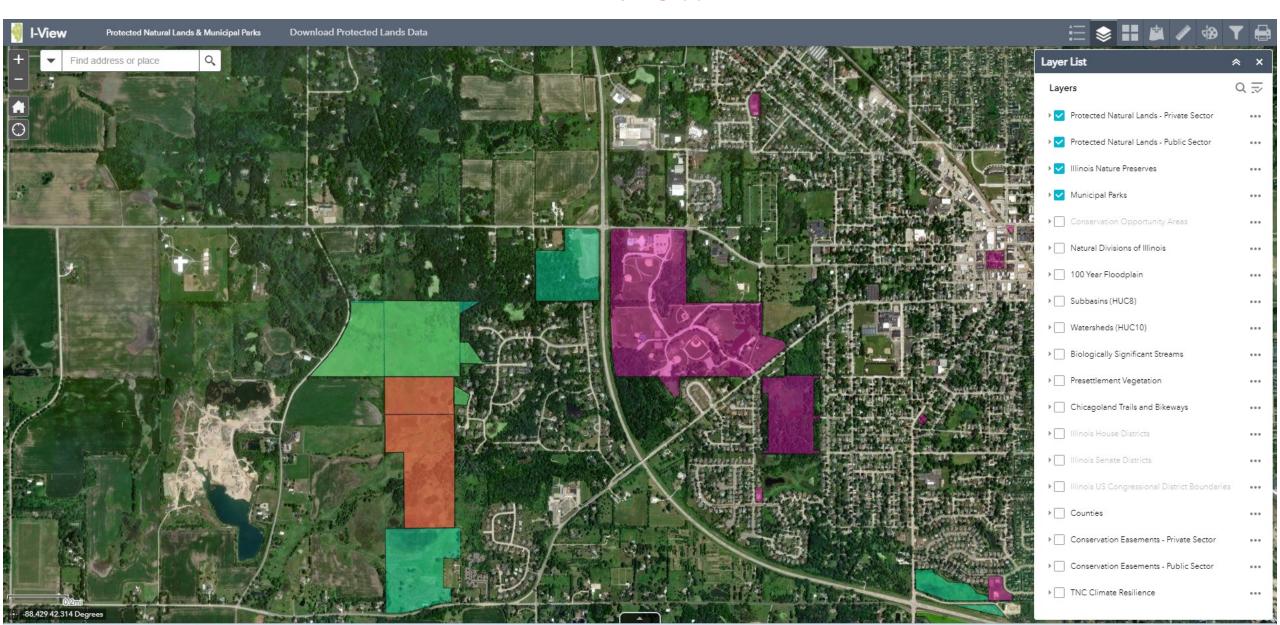
- Multi-decade effort
 - Over 1,000 parcels
- Cuts through dedicated
 Illinois Nature Preserve
- Proposed site of water infrastructure snaking through the Park

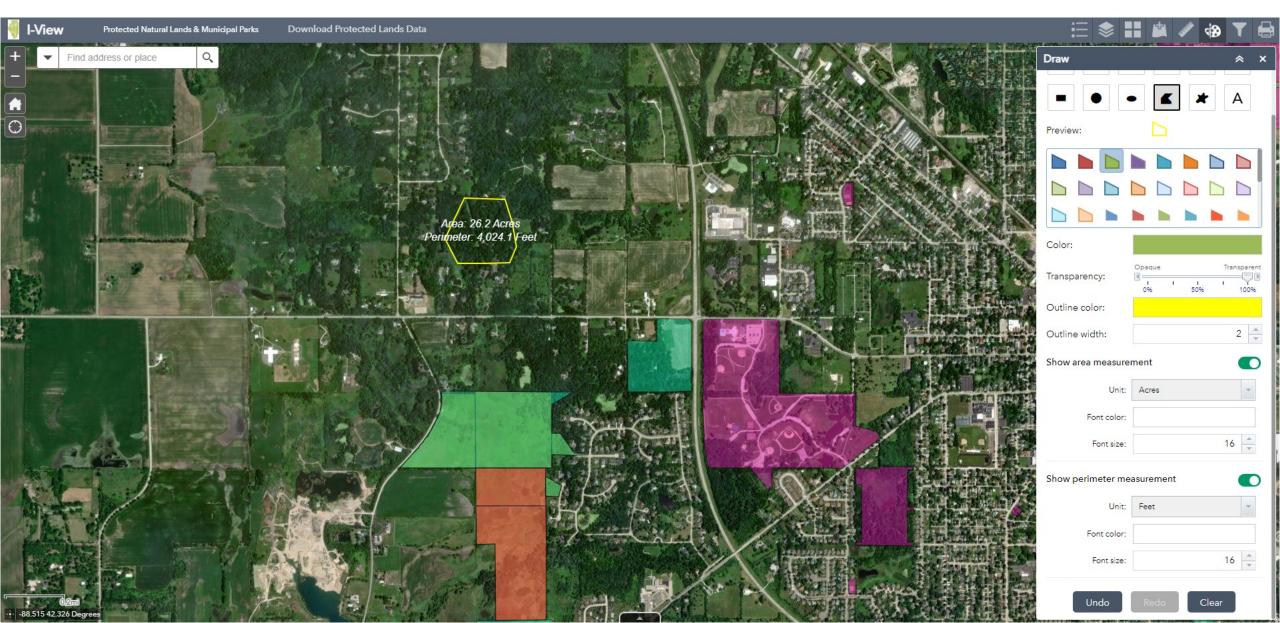


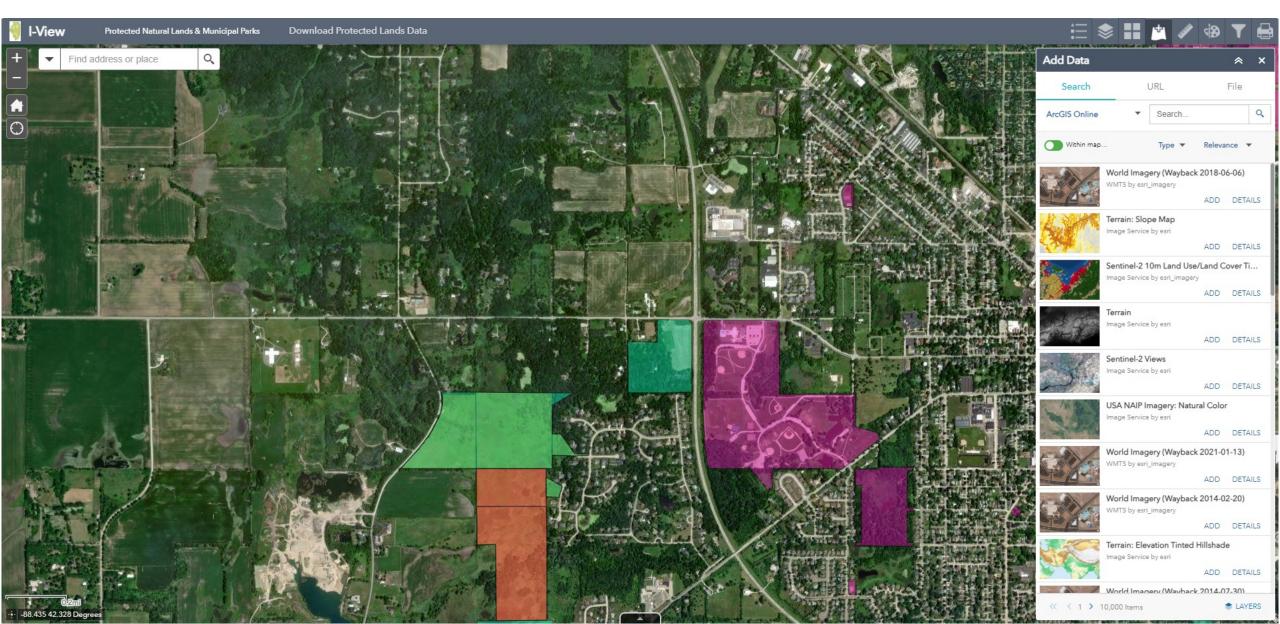


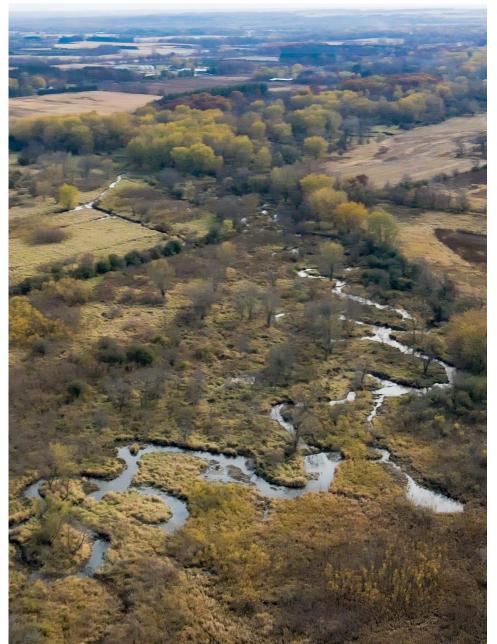
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