



## City Forest Credits Preservation Project Application

### 1. Project Name

*For example: Sandy Cross Forest*

*Jones Open Space Forest Preservation*

### 2. Project Operator

Organization/Entity: Central Indiana Land Trust, Inc.

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State: Indiana

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### 3. Project Location

*Project must be in or adjacent to one of the following. Describe which one of the criteria the project meets and provide the name of the city, town, or jurisdiction where project is located.*

The current address for the parcel is 1708 S. 700 W., New Palestine, IN 46163 and the Project Area is located in the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization. The property is in Hancock County. The parcel number for the site is 30-09-11-400-012.000-012.

### 4. Project Description

*Provide short narrative of the project goals, Project Area acreage, land ownership, forest characteristics, and land use/zoning.*

The property was left to the Central Indiana Land Trust in 2022 by the estate of Marjorie Jones. We are the owners of the property and our goal for the forest is to protect and steward the forest in perpetuity.

The entire property is 77.25 acres, of which 22.4 acres is forested habitat. In the forested habitat 10 acres is very mature forest with old growth oak and hickory. There is a 12.4-acre portion made up of maple, walnut, hackberry and sycamore needing invasive species control. The property is zoned R2.5 – single family residential. The property has development on all sides of it with a new housing development with houses currently being built at the south boundary.

**5. Project Impacts**

*Provide short narrative of the environmental, social, and health impacts this project will achieve. Examples include how the project addresses increased access to green spaces for under-resourced communities, flood control or watershed protection, benefits for human health and well-being, improved recreation opportunities, or protects bird and wildlife habitat.*

Our goal is to have a simple trail through the north part of the forested area that will be open to the public free of charge. This highly developed area has very little public recreation areas. Part of the forested area is riparian forest along Breier Creek. Breier Creek flows through the forested part of the property and its waters eventually flow into Sugar Creek which is home to important wildlife such as river otters and freshwater mussels. Additionally, because of the encroaching development surrounding this forest keeping the habitat protected will slow flood waters allowing it to slowly recharge the groundwater system while trapping sediment, improving water quality.

**6. Additional Information**

*Provide additional information about your project. If the Project Area is part of a larger program or preservation effort, include one sentence with more information. Examples include collaboration with other partners to preserve forestland or how this project fits into a regional initiative.*

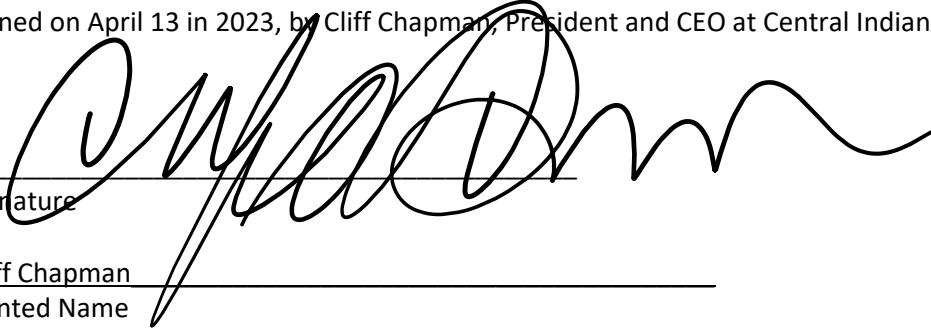
This property is under mile from Schramm Nature Preserve. This property is owned by the Hancock County Community Foundation and its stewardship is managed by the Central Indiana Land Trust. A possible connection of the properties is a long-term goal.

**7. Map**

See attached.

**PROJECT OPERATOR SIGNATURE**

Signed on April 13 in 2023, by Cliff Chapman, President and CEO at Central Indiana Land Trust, Inc..

  
Signature

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