

Hitts Siding Nature Preserve

Wilmington, Illinois



Conservation Land Stewardship (CLS), in Coordination with Conservation Design Forum (CDF), was retained by the Corporation for OpenLands to implement native landscape restoration and monitoring strategies Hitts Siding, a 260 acre parcel owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Following initial site analysis and the development of an inclusive restoration management plan, CLS began site work in the winter of 2006. Restoration efforts on this site are ongoing, and to date include:

- Selective clearing of invasive woody species throughout 20 acres of oak woodland
- Invasive herbaceous species control of restored and remnant vegetative communities
- Prescribed burn management of more than 250 acres of restored landscape
- Site stewardship and monitoring

Client: Corporation for Openlands

Project team: Conservation Land Stewardship
Conservation Design Forum

Status: Initial restoration 2007
Ongoing Restoration,
Stewardship, and Monitoring

Project budget: \$175,000