

# Red-tail Land Conservancy Bioblitz

## 10th and 11th June 2017

Hello Everyone,

This year the Indiana Academy of Science through the Biodiversity and Natural Areas Committee is helping to sponsor our annual two-day bioblitz in east-central Indiana on **Saturday and Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**. The event will occur on two separate properties, located approximately 15 miles apart (see figure at the end of this document). The Red-tail Land Conservancy, which oversees both properties, invited us. The primary aim of the bioblitz is to gather baseline information concerning the flora and fauna at the sites to aid future management.

Site 1, **White River Woods**, is a 117 acre nature preserve in Delaware County. The site lies southeast of Muncie, Indiana and just north of Prairie Creek Reservoir. White River Woods, which borders the White River for one-half mile, is composed of riparian woodland, upland forest, and old fields.



Site 2: **McVey Memorial Forest** is a 249 acre forest located in Randolph County. This site lies on State Road 1 approximately seven miles north of Farmland, Indiana. Edna McVey established this nature park in her will so that generations to come would enjoy it. McVey Memorial Forest is a wonderful example of upland forest, river bottom, prairie, and wetlands, as well as a 30 year restoration project. Bush Creek meanders through the woods to the Mississinewa River (which borders the forest on the north). The McVey Memorial Forest is adjacent to hundreds of acres of DNR forest, making this area one of the largest wildlife corridors in east-central Indiana.



McVey Memorial Forest, Randolph County. The site lies east of SR 1 and between W 700N and W 825 N. It includes only the woodland along SR 1, i.e., not the open fields.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to participate in the bioblitz. You have been contacted because you have participated in similar events in the past and/or are a member of the Academy. This year I will organize the bioblitz participants with the assistance of our local coordinators Micayla Jones and Barry Banks.

Details of the event are currently being worked out but it will be similar to past bioblitz events.

**If you plan to attend the event, please send me [Don] the following information:**

1. Name
2. Names of other people in your group, if appropriate
3. Email address[es]
4. Taxonomic group of your expertise or want to work with

Please consider joining the bioblitz team for an enjoyable 24+ hour event!

Contact (best by email):

**Don Ruch, PhD, Bioblitz Participant Coordinator**

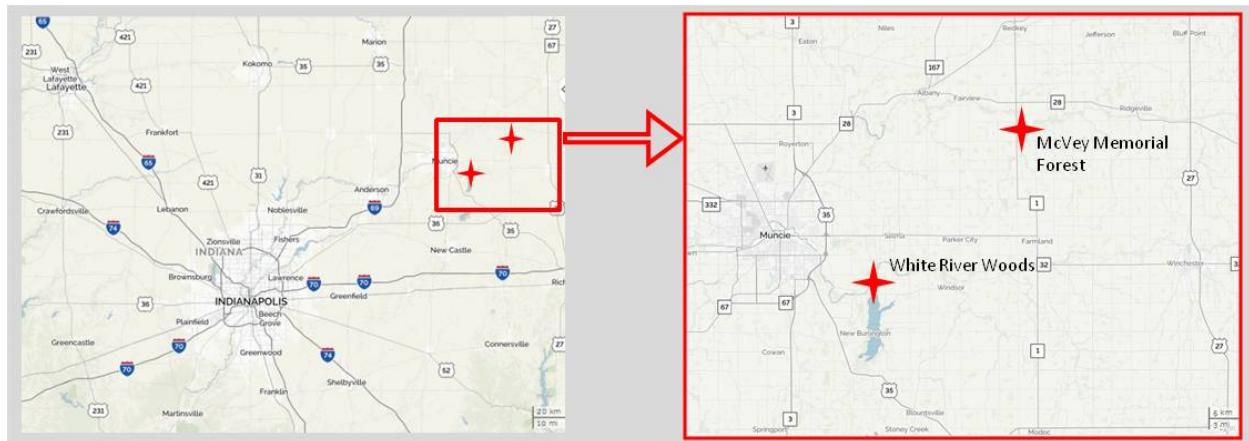
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Sincerely,

***Don***



Location of the 2017 IAS Bioblitz. McVey Memorial Forest in Randolph County and the White River Woods in Delaware County.