
Southern Indiana Collaborative Groups

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Southern Indiana

- Extensive forest resources
 - Different topography
 - Different land uses than northern Indiana
 - Mix of private and public ownership
 - Strong ties to land
 - Fragmentation from urbanization pressure
 - Less experience with government and university aid than northern Indiana
 - Great potential for new collaborative management
 - Several groups with long history (30+ years) collaborative land management
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Intentional Communities

- Variety of different legal structures
 - Mix of private and community held land
 - Most communities organized around social beliefs
 - Communities take a lot of investment
 - Difficult to maintain, especially with new generations
 - Several communities in existence since 1970s
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Property Owners' Associations

- Common in small scale
 - Used extensively throughout country-people familiar with structure
 - Mostly developer created
 - Landowners may be unaware of possibility of creating their own POA
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Land Trusts

- Variety of local, regional, and national trusts in area
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Sycamore Land Trust
 - Need resources to buy easements
 - Landowners may not want to tie up land in perpetuity
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Conservancy Districts

- Used for a variety of purposes including some forest management
 - Lake Lemon
 - Difficulty in governing conservancy districts if landowners uninterested
 - Watershed main focus
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Resources to Collaboratively Manage

- Internal leadership
 - Trust
 - Salient issue to landowners
 - Special place
 - Forest resource
 - External support
 - Information about legal structures
 - Aid in conflict resolution
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New Directions

- Groups of southern Indiana landowners starting to go through vision process with Purdue University aid
 - New groups focusing on collaborative management
 - Collaborative management occurred in the past, although was not focus
 - Potential to conserve valuable southern Indiana forest resources on private lands
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