

LaPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNTY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2000/10

EXPRESSING THE COMMISSION'S OPPOSITION TO
THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF
THE KINGSBURY STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA
IN LaPORTE COUNTY

Whereas, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has recently obtained an option to purchase an additional 3,000 acres for the purpose of expanding the area of the Kingsbury State Fish and Wildlife Area in LaPorte County; and

Whereas, much of the land included in the tract which DNR proposes to purchase is currently developed as productive agricultural cropland and the LaPorte County Commission is committed to the preservation of the county's agricultural heritage; and

Whereas, developed cropland supports, and will continue to support, wildlife whether it is owned by DNR or remains in private ownership; and

Whereas, the acquisition of this tract by DNR will remove it from the property tax bases of LaPorte County, Washington Township and the LaPorte Community School Corporation thereby requiring other taxpayers in those taxing units to assume a greater share of the total property tax levy; and

Whereas, the expansion of the Kingsbury State Fish and Wildlife Area is not expected to produce any significant economic benefit for LaPorte County;

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the County Commission of LaPorte, County, Indiana That: LaPorte County, opposes the proposed expansion of the Kingsbury State Fish and Wildlife Area by the acquisition by DNR of the additional 3,000 acres on which they currently hold an option.

Be It Further Resolved That: the Auditor of LaPorte County, Indiana, be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of Indiana, the Lieutenant Governor of Indiana in his capacity as Commissioner of Agriculture, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, the Budget Director of the State of Indiana, and every member of the Indiana General Assembly who represents LaPorte County.

Adopted by the County Commission of LaPorte County, Indiana, meeting at
LaPorte, Indiana this 30th day of May, 2000.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LaPORTE, INDIANA.
DATE May 30, 2000

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