To: Jessica Miller

Pana School Unit Superintendent

14 E. Main St.

Pana, Illinois 62557

From: David Nance

Site Manager

Anderson Prairie Park

Pana, Illinois

Subject: Land and Water Reserve

Property Addition to the land and water reserve

Superintendent Miller:

I am notifying you that Anderson Prairie Park has, in recent days, received DNR funding of $20,000 for ecological management which will be used to removed invasive plants from the park. This will be a large- scale project that will greatly enhance the native vegetation in various sections of the park. During the summer of this year, $2000 of the endowment was used to clear exotic vegetation along the trail in section E. (See maps of Anderson Prairie Park.)

My focus in this letter is to make you aware of the current extent of the property under DNR management and the potential to increase the area of the site under management. In the original agreement with the city, the city deeded to the school unit 150 feet of the 200-foot width of the one-mile property except for easements for entrance roads along the length of the property including the Ameren substation corridor to the Paragon Lake development. The city retained possession of the remaining 50 feet of the east edge of the 200-foot property. This corridor was established by the city to allow for future maintenance of the sewer line that leads from the city sewer lines to the sewage plant south of town.

When the property lines for the land and water reserve were established, the east 50 feet owned by the school unit was not included at that time due the lower quality of the prairie that existed there. In my discussions with Byron Paulsen, who is my supervisor at the DNR, those areas have now become important areas that have an impact on the ecology of the

adjoining 100 feet to the west. The trees and exotic plants growing in sections B, D, F, H, J and L will need to be removed along the east 50 feet of the land and water property. These sections will need to be included in the land and water reserve in order to qualify for the moneys needed to accomplish the work. I am asking that the school unit approve adding these sections to the land and water reserve since this is property the school already owns. These additions will not change any financial obligations the school unit will incur. If the Pana School board approves the addition of these sections, the process of adding them to the land and water reserve will begin at the DNR. I will be available to answer questions you may have and regarding any aspects of this request. We are entering a new and exciting project that will greatly aid the essential ecological management of Anderson Prairie Park.

Sincerely,

David Nance, site manager

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