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A word of caution concerning sensitive material presented in this report.

This report provides detailed information and recommendations concerning the rare features present in the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area. Locations of sensitive species have been included on the maps and the database printouts to assist park managers, planners, resource specialists, and naturalists with future management and educational decisions. Native species are increasingly in demand for personal collections, commercial restorations, and for consumption or trade. The destruction of snake dens and collection of snakes for the pet trade reduces the viability of resident populations. Ginseng is also threatened by potential over-harvesting. For these reasons, we ask that caution be exercised when distributing copies of this report or that detailed location information be removed from copies made available to the general public.

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# Important Points on Rare Plants and Native Plant Communities in the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area

- The Ecological Area (8,130 acres) is a highly dissected watershed with a major river and three large tributary streams fed by springs emerging from subterranean channels. In addition, there are several intermittent streams that are also fed by groundwater.
- The main park, which includes the historic town of Forestville, is a core natural area of nearly 2000 acres of high-quality, contiguous native plant communities. In addition, the Ecological Area has 1000 acres of fragmented communities outside of the park's statutory boundaries. This is highly significant for a natural area within a heavily developed region.
- The Ecological Area includes 88 Element Occurrence Records (EORs) of 24 species of rare plants: 17 species are state-listed plants with a total of 73 EORs; 7 species are currently non-listed<sup>1</sup> with 15 EORs. Of the total number of EORs for listed species within the Ecological Area: state endangered species have 4 EORs, state threatened species have 34 EORs, special concern species have 35 EORs.
- The park's statutory boundaries contains a majority of the plant EORs found within the Ecological Area (62% or 55 of 88 plant occurrences).
- Seventeen native plant community types are within the Ecological Area: dry bluff prairie, oak woodland-brushland, dry oak forest, dry-mesic oak forest, mesic oak forest, maple-basswood forest, white pine-hardwood forest, lowland hardwood forest, black ash swamp - seepage subtype, seepage meadow, northern hardwood-conifer forest, dry cliff, moist cliff, maderate cliff, talus slope, algific talus slope and river beach.
- MCBS established 24 permanent relevé vegetation plots for ecological monitoring. In addition, data were collected on 8 plots in communities too fragile for repeated monitoring.
- The Ecological Area is a mixture of species groups whose centers of distribution (species range) are outside of Southeast Minnesota. Populations of these species are either disjunct or isolated from their primary range of distribution or they are peripheral populations near the edge of their range. Their existence is attributed to the rugged terrain which provides refuges for species that would not otherwise survive under today's climate or in the absence of fire.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-listed species have no legal status. They are tracked by MN DNR because their abundance and distribution is uncertain or unknown.

- Cold-producing karst habitats have maintained relict populations of land snails and plants, more characteristic of the spruce-boreal forest of periglacial climates that have not been experienced within the Ecological Area for thousands of years. For example, balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*) was probably widespread in the postglacial spruce-boreal forest, now it is only found in association with algific talus slopes and maderate cliffs.
- The Ecological Area has 38 acres of algific talus slopes and 17 acres of maderate cliffs, nearly 30% of the State's total and more than any other area in Minnesota. However, there are only 8.8 acres of algific talus slopes and 3 acres of maderate cliffs within the park's statutory boundary. These are among the best and coldest habitats in Minnesota.
- The Ecological Area supports 4 of the 7 known Minnesota populations of the Stateendangered, Iowa golden saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium iowense*) - an ice-age relict on algific talus slopes more characteristic of the boreal regions in western Canada. There are no occurrences of Iowa golden saxifrage on public land within the Ecological Area; however, private land within the Ecological Area supports the largest known population of Iowa golden saxifrage in the Paleozoic Plateau.

The following species have disjunct or peripheral populations on cold karst habitats within the Ecological Area:

alder-leaved buckthorn	(Rhamnus alnifolia)	northern black curren	t (Ribes hudsonianum)
balsam fir	(Abies balsamea)	northern oak fern	
bunchberry	(Cornus canadensis)	(Gymnocarpium robertianum)	
high-bush cranberry	(Viburnum trilobum)	pink-flowered pyrola	(Pyrola asarifolia)
mountain ash	(Sorbus americana)	small enchanter's nightshade	
naked miterwort	(Mitella nuda)		(Circaea alpina)
		vellow birch (	Betula alleghaniensis)

The main park has three of the best and largest old growth forests in southeastern Minnesota including maple-basswood forest, mesic and dry-mesic oak forests and lowland hardwood forest. Analysis of Public Land Survey data and tree core data indicate that the oldest trees in these forests predate Euroamerican settlement of the area.

- Naturally occurring stands of white pine originated following Euroamerican settlement with oldest trees estimated to be approximately 120 years old. White pine stands are represented by all age classes suggesting a healthy and sustainable demographic profile.
- The main park at Forestville has nearly 300 acres of lowland hardwood forests which is a key a habitat for many rare species in the region. This area represents 8.5% of all lowland hardwood forests mapped by MCBS in the Paleozoic Plateau.

Groundwater seeps within the main park support over 20% of all the acreage of black ash swamps and mixed hardwood swamps mapped by MCBS in the Paleozoic Plateau.

#### Summary of Important Findings for Animals in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park

- MCBS surveys added 25 new or updated records of rare animals and animal aggregations for Northern myotis, Eastern pipistrelle, bat hibernacula, Acadian Flycatcher, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Cerulean Warbler.
- Mystery Cave supports the largest number of hibernating bats of any natural cave in the state and should be considered one of the most important hibernacula in the Upper Midwest.
- Southern red-backed voles, documented in the park, constitute a new county record, as well as the southernmost occurrence of this species in the state. This may represent a relict population that became isolated due to the expansion of the prairie during xeric post-glacial periods.
- The extensive areas of mature forest in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park provide important habitat for many birds, including several special concern and regionally rare species. The park is one of the few sites in southeastern Minnesota that supports this diversity of rare and uncommon forest birds.
- Although records of pre-settlement vegetation suggest that forested areas in the park were more open than the current condition, these closed canopy forests have increased available habitat to rare forest bird species that are in decline elsewhere throughout the Paleozoic Plateau due to forest fragmentation
- The park's significant forest communities represent one of western-most forested sites within the Blufflands Ecological Subsection. Accordingly, the park contains some of the western-most records for rare snakes within the subsection and the Root River drainage basin.
- An active Timber rattlesnake den was located directly west of the park boundary and was the only known active den in the vicinity of the park. Acquisition of this private tract and enhancement of the habitat around the historic den along the Sandbank Trail are strongly recommended.

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We also wish to thank Dr. Scott Lanyon, Director of the James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History, and museum curators, especially Dr. Anita Cholewa, Herbarium Curator, for allowing access to the research collections and for providing permanent storage of specimens collected by the Minnesota County Biological Survey. Dr. Cholewa also verified collections by Mr. Juhnke.

#### PREFACE

The Minnesota County Biological Survey (MCBS) was initiated in 1987 in recognition of the need to assess the status of the state's biological diversity and its rare natural resources. It is a systematic, county-by-county survey of Minnesota's rare biological features. MCBS identifies significant natural areas and collects and interprets data on the distribution and ecology of native plant communities, rare plants, and rare animals. The information gathered by MCBS serves as a foundation for the conservation of critical components of Minnesota's biological diversity.

Biological surveys were conducted in Fillmore County between 1994 and 1999. These coincided with the development of a new management plan for Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park. The new plan was the first since the Minnesota State Parks' interpretive services directive focused park planning efforts on issues of Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) and environmental education (MNDNR - Parks 1995). Through a cooperative agreement between MCBS and the Division of

Parks and Recreation, surveys of native plant communities and rare species were intensified in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park and adjacent lands outlined by the park management plan and referred to as the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area – henceforth known as the Ecological Area. MCBS inventories of native plant communities and rare plants were enhanced throughout the Ecological Area, not just within the park statutory boundaries as was done in past park inventories. The vegetation of the Ecological Area, including native plant communities and disturbed areas, was mapped and additional vegetation plot samples were established. Animal surveys were increased within the park, but the Ecological Area outside present park boundaries was sampled at an intensity comparable to other parts of the county. Preliminary findings from these surveys were incorporated into the park management plan.

During the interval between field surveys and completion of this report, the state list of species that are considered endangered, threatened, or of special concern was reviewed and modified. The new list took effect on July 1, 1996. This report includes information on rare species that were listed previously, as well as those species added to the new list. All references to state status in this report give the current status, unless otherwise noted.

Additional information about many of the rare features described in this report can be found in *Minnesota's endangered flora and fauna* (Coffin and Pfannmuller 1988) and on a map showing the results of the completed inventory of Fillmore County (MNDNR - MCBS 1997b). Additional information about natural resources in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park and Ecological Area, not included in the MCBS inventory, is stored in the Parks Resource Management database at the DNR Regional Office in Rochester.

The maps included within this report illustrate the dramatic results of the fragmentation and destruction of natural areas. These maps also point to the crucial role that parks play in protecting these diminishing habitats. The ecological importance of the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area cannot be overstated: it is one of the most significant natural areas in the state of Minnesota if not in the Midwestern United States. It is hoped that the findings of the MCBS survey will assist Parks in meeting their legislative mandate:

State parks shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of this subdivision to preserve, perpetuate, and interpret natural features that existed in the area of the park prior to settlement and other significant natural, scenic, scientific, or historic features that are present. Management shall seek to maintain a balance among the plant and animal life of the park and to reestablish desirable plants and animals that were formerly indigenous to the park area but are now missing. Programs to interpret the natural features of the park shall be provided. Outdoor recreation activities to utilize the natural features of the park that can be accommodated

without material disturbance of the natural features of the park or the introduction of undue artificiality into the natural scene may be permitted. Park use shall be primarily for aesthetic, cultural, and educational purposes, and shall not be designed to accommodate all forms or unlimited volumes of recreational use. Physical development shall be limited to those facilities necessary to complement the natural features and the values being preserved (Minnesota Legislation Code 86A.05 Subd. 2c).

#### **INTRODUCTION**

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#### **Project Area**

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park (FSP) is administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation (MNDNR Parks). The park is located in Fillmore County in southeastern Minnesota – approximately 45 miles south of the city of Rochester and about halfway between the towns of Spring Valley and Preston. The park includes two separate entities: the main park with the historic town of Forestville and Mystery Cave which has two entrances on separate parcels - Mystery Cave I and II. The main park is located on the South Branch of the Root River. Mystery Cave I and II are smaller parcels located approximately four miles upstream (west) of the main park. During the park planning process, an "ecological boundary" was delineated between the main park and Mystery Cave (MNDNR - Parks 1995). For purposes of field survey and data management, the Minnesota County Biological Survey (MCBS) has treated the "ecological boundary" as a macrosite and named it the Forestville/Mystery Cave I & II and other public and private lands along a ten-mile segment of the river valley.

The Ecological Area is approximately 8,100 acres. The statutory boundary of the park and caves includes approximately 3,000 acres. Included within the statutory boundary are about 286 acres of privately owned land. Outside the park there are approximately 80 acres of state lands managed by the MNDNR Division of Forestry. The remaining 5,100 acres are all in private ownership including a small preserve owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy.

The Ecological Area is near the western edge of the Paleozoic Plateau — a section of the Ecological Classification System (ECS) defined mainly by its geology<sup>1</sup>. It is a rugged landscape dominated by bedrock exposures of dolomitic limestone, sandstone and shale (Lively and Balaban 1995, Mossler 1995a, 1995b). These sedimentary rocks were deposited 600-430 million years ago by ancient seas during the Cambrian and Ordovician ages of the Paleozoic Era, hence the name. Portions of the Paleozoic Plateau in Minnesota and Iowa have been called the "driftless area" because they were once thought to be unglaciated during the Pleistocene or ice age; however, recent evidence suggests that the ECS section was repeatedly glaciated (Hallberg et al. 1984). After the glaciers receded, a dendritic network of waterways eroded steep valleys into the bedrock (Palmer and Palmer 1993a, 1993b); thus creating bluffs whose mesa-like crests rise up to 600 feet above the floodplain of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ECS is the science of delineating and describing meaningful units of the landscape for resource management and planning. It is a hierarchal system by which smaller units are nested within units of a larger scale. ECS units are defined by climate, geology, terrain, soils, vegetation, etc (Hargrave 1996, Albert 1994, Almendinger and Hanson 1998).

#### Mississippi River.

The Ecological Area is a well-developed watershed with deeply, entrenched valleys and ravines that expose sedimentary bedrock on the valley slopes. The surrounding plateau is a loess covered, karst plain with subterranean streams (Hobbs 1995a, 1995b, Alexander and Lively 1995). The tributaries of the Root River begin as prairie creeks on the level to rolling plains. As these creeks coalesce they form branches of the Root River whose valleys enter into bedrock just west of the park's Ecological Area. The South Branch flows past Mystery Cave and continues through a narrow, meandering gorge bounded by limestone cliffs. In between, a segment of the river sinks into a series of karst holes and flows underground to re-emerge within its valley about a mile away. The main park is at the confluence of the South Branch and two trout streams. Both trout streams emerge from their underground channels at the base of cliffs. These are Forestville Creek, which flows near the park office, and Canfield Creek, which emerges near the park's southern border. In addition, the main park includes portions of two intermittent-stream valleys that join the South Branch where its valley widens in the northeast portion of the main park.

#### **Vegetation Prior to Euroamerican Settlement**

During the last 12,000 years, the climate affecting the Ecological Area has fluctuated widely from cold periglacial conditions dominated by spruce boreal forest to warmer periods characterized by summer drought and reoccurring fires that promoted prairie (Table 1). The park has been unglaciated for over 500,000 years before present (YBP). At the time of glacial maximum, approximately 30,000 to 12,000 YBP, the Wisconsin glacier was about 45 miles west of the park. During this time until the glacier receded, the Ecological Area was tundra or spruce dominated taiga. As the climate gradually warmed, the region became dominated by open forests of mesic deciduous trees. Eventually summer rainfall and temperature changed drastically and the Ecological Area became entirely dominated by prairie for a couple of thousand years during the hypsithermal. This hot and dry period waned and increasingly, oaks returned to the area so that at the time of Euroamerican settlement the region was a mixture of prairie, oak savanna and woodlands with mesic forests in small isolated areas. At present, the park is at or near the ecological boundary between the eastern deciduous forest and the tall-grass prairie.

Data derived from the Public Land Survey (PLS) in the year 1853 indicates that tree densities within the main park were probably much less than what was observed by MCBS plant ecologists in 1994-95 (Tables 2 and 3). This is interpreted to mean that park forests had open canopies prior to widespread settlement by Euroamericans (see Cottam 1949, Ladd 1991). At that time, maplebasswood forests dominated lower slopes in the valley and there was a compositional change in species and tree density at higher elevations up the bluffs where oak forests, woodlands and oak savanna became increasingly less dense and more open. Prairie was also found within the Ecological Area, on the broad alluvial valley of the Root River around the town of Forestville and on the surrounding upland plateau. It is also concluded, based on PLS line notes and later reports, that upper slopes and narrow ridge crests within the main the park were covered with oak woodlands and broader ridges were covered with scattered groves of oak with many prairie openings. According to the line notes recorded by the surveyors, settlement was already occurring within the main park and prairie openings were being cultivated, pastured or invaded by brush.

The vegetation recorded by the PLS represents a snapshot of a brief transitional period in the natural history of the Ecological Area. Already, several centuries or even millennia had transpired under a climate which was becoming increasingly more favorable to woody vegetation (Tables 1 and 4). These were mainly oaks while species of mesic forests were restricted within the narrow valleys. However, prairies and open woodlands were more desirable to indigenous people, and they would use fire to arrest forest succession (Higgins 1986, Grimm 1984, 1985, Ladd 1991, Abrams 1992, Axelrod 1985). This promoted shade-intolerant oaks while hindering the establishment of shadeloving, fire-sensitive mesic species of elm, basswood and sugar maple (Buell et al. 1954, Wilhelm 1987). With the arrival of Euroamericans, the stabilizing effects of fire were eliminated from the area. Around the town of Forestville, human disturbances such as logging and livestock grazing may have maintained open forests for a while (MNDNR - Parks 1995). However, following the demise of the town, many of these disturbances no longer occurred and between the years 1865 and 1885, prairie lands became shrubby woodlands and woodlands became dense forests (Table 4). According to tree core data collected by MCBS, most of the mature forest within the main park became established after the demise of the town of Forestville (Table 5 and 6). However, trees in old growth forests were found to have germinated prior to Euroamerican settlement. These old growth forests represent some of the best maple basswood, lowland hardwood and mesic oak forests found in the Root River watershed (MNDNR - MCBS 1997c, MNDNR 1994, MNDNR - NHP 1989).

#### **RARE PLANT SURVEY**

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#### **Methods of Rare Plant Survey**

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Rare plant surveys focused on species officially listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, Public Law 93-205 or Minnesota Statute 84.0895. A revised state list was in effect July 1, 1996. Listed species include federal and state endangered and threatened species, as well as state special concern species (Coffin and Pfannmuller 1988). Endangered and threatened species are provided the highest level of legal protection under federal and state laws. In addition, the MNDNR tracks non-listed species that have no legal status. These are tracked because their abundance and distribution is uncertain or unknown. Another set of species were collected – but not tracked –

because their presence within the Ecological Area is considered biologically significant even though they may be common in other regions of Minnesota. Occurrences of these species within the Ecological Area represent either disjunct populations isolated from their primary range or peripheral populations near the edge of their range. Most have specific habitats with limited occurrences such as algific talus slopes or rich maple-basswood forests.

#### **Field Survey**

Site visits were made by MCBS plant ecologists throughout the growing seasons of 1994 and 1995 with a few follow-up visits in 1996. All rare plants encountered during the native plant community survey were documented by the plant ecologist. Previous floristic studies were conducted by park staff and other DNR botanists (see Acknowledgments). In addition, several areas with high potential for rare species occurrences were searched more intensively with the help of the park resource specialist, park naturalists and occasionally other MCBS plant ecologists and botanists.

#### **Data Management**

All rare plant occurrences of listed and non-listed species were recorded in the Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS) - Rare Features Database as Element Occurrence Records (EORs)<sup>2</sup>. EORs summarize the abundance and distribution of each rare plant population. Lists of associate species are also included. EORs also provide specific details about the local habitat such as soils, slope position, percent canopy cover and dominants. Rare plant occurrences were located on USGS 7.5 minute topographical maps and then digitally mapped using ARC/INFO GIS and ARCVIEW 3.2. When populations were of adequate size, plant specimens were collected, labeled and deposited into the herbarium of the James Ford Bell Natural History Museum, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

#### **Results of Rare Plant Survey**

The locations of plant EORs are summarized by the type of native plant community where they were found and whether they occur on public or private lands (Tables 7 and 8). Twenty-four species of rare plants are documented within the Ecological Area with a combined number of eighty-eight EORs (Figures 4a-c, Appendix 1b, c). MCBS documented fifty-four EORs during the survey. Thirty-four EORs were collected prior to MCBS. Of the total number of rare plant EORs within the Ecological Area: seventeen species are state-listed plants with a total of seventy-three EORs; seven species are non-listed with fifteen EORs. There were forty-one EORs of state endangered or state threatened species within the Ecological Area. Most of these were nodding wild onion (*Allium cernuum*) and glade mallow (*Napaea dioica*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EOR and digital map data are available upon request by contacting: Endangered Species Environmental Review Coordinator, Division of Ecological Services, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, Box 25, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

Of all the rare plant locations within the Ecological Area: sixty-two percent (62%) were found on public land within the park's statutory boundaries (i.e., 55 of 88 plant occurrences). However, despite the relatively higher-quality of public lands, there are no records of four plant species on public land suggesting that privately owned habitats are a significant component of the overall biodiversity of the Ecological Area. Two of these species – Iowa golden saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium iowense*), state endangered, and moschatel (*Adoxa moschatelliana*), state special concern, are protected on property owned by The Nature Conservancy.

#### Native Plant Communities as Habitat Types

Each native plant community is considered to be a habitat for a particular set or association of plant species. Throughout the Ecological Area, native plant communities contain a substantial percentage of the total number of rare plant EORs (Table 8). While most plant EORs are within quality communities mapped by MCBS, a few EORs are within degraded communities such as grazed, lowland hardwood forests (Figures 1a-c, 2a-c). Sometimes a rare plant occurs within a small, unmapped community inside a larger type such as a wet meadow opening of a black ash swamp. Only a small percentage of EORs were found in non-native vegetation such as old fields dominated by Eurasian pasture grasses.

Rare plant EORs were mapped at the point of observation or collection. However, each EOR represents a sample of a rare plant population that may extend throughout the native plant community where they are located on the map. Refer to the specific EOR for documentation on the exact location and abundance of each rare plant occurrence. In addition, it is important to note that while species diversity and the total number of rare plants within a community type are indicators of the biological significance for that particular community; community types with fewer EORs may still contribute significantly to the park's overall biodiversity. For example, algific talus slopes are inhabited by species not found in any other community type. Preservation of the park's overall biodiversity depends upon maintaining or restoring the natural range of variation for all the community types within the Ecological Area.

#### **Disjunct and Peripheral Plant Populations**

The Ecological Area is one of most floristically diverse macrosites in southeastern Minnesota. This diversity is attributed to changes in distributions of plant species that followed climatic changes since the last glaciation (Table 1) and due to the rugged terrain which provides refuges for species that would not otherwise survive under today's climate or in the absence of fire (Wells 1965, 1970; Grimm 1983, 1984; Braun 1951; Gleason 1913). At present, the Paleozoic Plateau is at or near the interface of three major biomes whose distributions are primarily controlled by climate: northern coniferous forest, eastern deciduous forest and tallgrass prairie (Wendt and Coffin 1988). At one time, each of these biomes were more prevalent in the Paleozoic Plateau during past climatic regimes

(Baker et al. 1996, Baker et al. 1992, Chumbley et al. 1990). As climate changed, the ambient environment favored species of one biome while becoming hostile to others. Today, within the Ecological Area, remnants of these biomes are represented by species with unusual modern distributions. Some plant occurrences within the Ecological Area are disjunct populations isolated from their primary range, others are peripheral populations near the edge of their range (Smith 1988, Hartley 1966, Pusateri et al. 1993, Axelrod 1985). For example, within the Ecological area, the northern coniferous forest is represented by disjunct populations of balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*), bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*), northern black current (*Ribes hudsonianum*) and Iowa golden saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium iowense*); the eastern deciduous forest is represented by peripheral populations of squirrel corn (*Dicentra canadensis*), silvery spleenwort (*Athyrium thelypteroides*), Goldie's fern (*Dryopteris goldiana*) and twinleaf (*Jeffersonia diphylla*); and prairie is represented by a small, peripheral population of rattlesnake-master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*).

It is likely that species with northern and eastern distributions were widespread in the Midwest during past climatic regimes. As the climate changed and these species diminished, a few populations survived as relicts in refugia whose microclimate is maintained by the rugged terrain or unique ecological processes (Braun 1951; Nekola 1993,1999; Frest 1986a, 1987, 1991; Pusateri et al. 1993). Northern species are sustained on cold karst habitats whose microclimate is attributed to subterranean ice. Eastern deciduous forest species are sustained in cool, humid environments within rich maple-basswood forests near groundwater seeps, along spring-fed streams, within secluded ravines or along lower slopes of north-facing bluffs. And while the diminishment of prairie is primarily attributed to habitat loss since Euroamerican settlement, extant prairies within the Ecological Area have only survived in the absence of periodic fire on drought-prone habitats that restrict the invasion of trees and shrubs. Perhaps prairie remnants on valley bluffs may be considered refugia for populations that have existed for millennia in an increasingly hostile environment – one that is more favorable to woody vegetation.

Throughout the past, such refuges have always served as seed sources for expansion during periods of favorable climate. Grimm (1983, 1984, 1985) stated that the "big woods" – a large area of mesic deciduous forest in south-central Minnesota – probably had its origins from several small mesic populations that coalesced into one contiguous canopy. Gleason (1913) stated that, "under attack of prairie fires, the forests have been driven back or destroyed, except in those areas where the ... topography has enabled them to resist the encroachments of the prairie." Frest (1991) stated that "...some of the land snail species have persisted [on cold-producing habitats] through several glaciations, it is likely that similar refugia existed in other interglacials... All the relict elements likely had much more extensive ranges in the past, most recently peaking in the Late Wisconsonian, perhaps 18,000-12,000 YBP" (Frest 1991, p7).

Within the park, and throughout the Paleozoic Plateau, refuge habitats of cold karst communities, rich maple basswood forest and bluff prairie are "centers of diversity" where species populations may have endured several millennia of climatic changes and human disturbances. In order to accomplish the park's stated goal to "... preserve, perpetuate, and interpret natural features that existed in the area of the park prior to [Euroamerican] settlement..." then these centers of diversity should be valued, protected and managed for their continual existence.

#### NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITY SURVEY

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#### Methods of Native Plant Community Surveys

Native plant communities have no legal protection in Minnesota. However, the identification, protection, and management of native plant communities and ecosystems is considered a high priority within the MNDNR. Native plant communities are groups of native plants that interact with each other and the surrounding environment in ways not greatly altered by humans or by introduced plant or animal species. These groups of native plants form recognizable units, such as an oak forest, a prairie, or a marsh, that tend to repeat across the landscape and over time. A survey of community types of a particular area provides a more meaningful description of the natural landscape where rare plants and animals occur. A map of community types provides a general estimate of the habitat potentially available to species, especially plants. Vegetation within the Ecological Area was (MNDNR - NHP 1993). Forest communities in this classification are currently under revision. Preliminary data from analysis for this revision have been used to describe community types within the Ecological Area (Appendix 3).

#### **Remote Sensing, Field Survey and Mapping**

Native plant community types within the Ecological Area were initially delineated onto USGS 7.5 minute topographical maps using leaf-off, aerial photography<sup>3</sup>. Additional leaf-on aerial photography was used to adjust community boundaries, add cover types of disturbed areas and identify new roads and housing in adjacent private lands<sup>4</sup>. Other sources of information used to map and describe native plant communities include: Cooperative Stand Assessment (CSA) data from MNDNR, Division of Forestry; park management plan (MNDNR - Parks 1978, 1995); the Fillmore County soil survey (Farnharm 1954); the Minnesota soil atlas (University of Minnesota 1973); and the Geologic Atlas of Fillmore County (Mossler 1995a, Lively and Balaban 1995).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> National Aerial Photography Program, 17 April, 1991, scale 1:40,000 color infra-red (CIR).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> MNDNR Forest Resource Inventory, October 1992, scale 1:15,840, CIR).

In order to verify air-photo interpretation, site visits were made by MCBS plant ecologists throughout the growing seasons of 1994 and 1995 with a few follow-up visits in 1996. During field visits, native plant community boundaries were modified in order to accurately map their observed relationships to slope position, elevation and gradient. By doing this, the location and distribution of community types can be compared to soil types and specific layers of bedrock.

#### **Relevé Vegetation Plots**

Native plant communities were sampled by MCBS plant ecologists using the relevé method of vegetation sampling. The relevé method is a semi-quantitative method of recording data used in the classification and description of vegetation in a consistent manner (Almendinger 1987). The method is used statewide, therefore, individual plot data can be compared to data from other areas and the combined results used to gain further understanding of the vegetation of Minnesota. The goals of relevé sampling within the park's Ecological Area were to assist with mapping and describing native plant communities while establishing a baseline for monitoring long-term vegetation changes in selected areas.

Relevé plots were 400 square meters for forested communities and 100 square meters for prairies and meadows. Within each plot, the vegetation was described by estimating the percent cover of each species in each of the different height strata. In addition, tree tallies were made in many forested plots. In these tallies, the plant ecologists recorded the diameter at breast height (DBH) of each tree over 7.5 centimeters DBH and counted saplings with a range of DBH from 2.5 to 7.5 centimeters. Within relevé plots, a representative sample of trees from the oldest and typical size classes were selected and aged with an increment bore (MNDNR - Forest Resource Assessment Program 1983).

Plot locations were selected to represent each community type. Multiple plots were established in some native plant community types in an attempt to document variation within important native plant community types. Permanent relevé plots were established within areas of public ownership within the Park. Permanent plots were marked with an orange-painted post made from steel conduit driven into the ground in the upper right-hand corner of each plot (facing upslope). Each post was identified with a numbered tag. Compass bearings of the relevé boundaries are included on photocopies of the original data sheets. Temporary plots were sampled in community types that are too fragile to withstand repeated sampling even over long intervals (i.e., algific talus slopes). Temporary plots were also used on private land within the Ecological Area in order to provide additional data leading to a more complete understanding of native plant communities in the region.

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#### **Data Management**

Following site visits by the ecologist, community boundaries were corrected on the topographic maps. Initially, the final boundaries were digitally recorded using ARC/INFO Geographic Information System (GIS) and later converted to ARCVIEW 3.2. Locations and descriptions of each native plant community, were entered as Element Occurrence Records (EORs) into the Rare Features Database of the Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS). Appendix 1 contains EOR printouts that include information on native plant community type, percent canopy cover, major dominants, slope position or elevation, soil type, species associates, etc.

#### **Results of Native Plant Community Surveys**

While the park's Ecological Area was predominantly open forest or woodland prior to Euroamerican settlement, it is presently one of the largest areas of contiguous forest canopy in Southeast Minnesota and includes forests of the highest quality especially within the main park. The narrow valleys and adjacent bluffs of the Ecological Area are covered by deciduous forests of all age classes. Significant areas in the main park are dominated by old growth stands of maple-basswood, lowland hardwood, mesic red oak and dry-mesic oak forests. In addition, scattered stands of white pine, with some individual trees approaching 120 years old, are on shallow soils over several bench terraces cut into the bedrock cliffs at different elevations. Many remnants of wetland communities are present including spring-fed oxbow sloughs dominated by wild rice (Zizania palustris var. interior), seepage meadows and black ash swamps containing 200 year old trees. Lowland forest dominates large areas within valleys of small tributaries to the South Branch Root River such as Canfield Creek and Forestville Creek. Within the Ecological Area, bluff prairies are only found in small remnants on upper slopes and narrow ridge crests. These are significant because bedrock bluff prairies are uncommon west of the town of Lanesboro. The Ecological Area supports more cold-producing habitats of maderate cliffs and algific talus slopes than is found at any other site or macrosite in Minnesota. These cold-producing slopes and cliffs support disjunct populations of northern plants such as balsam fir (Abies balsamea) that are thought to be Pleistocene relicts that have survived since the last glaciation.

The main park is the best portion of the Ecological Area forming a core natural area with nearly 2,000 acres of native plant communities. Slightly over half of these communities are considered to be of exceptional ecological quality. As illustrated on the enclosed map (Figures 1a-c), there are less than 900 acres of native plant communities outside of the park. These are generally – but not always – low quality fragments separated by disturbed forests and developed land (Figures 2a-c). For example, Mystery Cave I and II are small parcels located about four miles upstream from the Park headquarters. These small tracts include only portions of mediocre forests that show signs of human disturbances such as poor floristic diversity associated with rills and gullies from past erosion. Yet,

from a landscape perspective, even the highly disturbed forests, managed forests and old fields contribute to the area's biological diversity by providing potential habitat for plants, migrating birds and other species of wildlife. However, despite the overall higher quality of the main park, many of the best algific talus slopes and maderate cliffs are not on public land – some are just outside the borders of the park. These are the best cold-producing habitats in Minnesota. One is protected by The Nature Conservancy, others are being grazed.

#### **Native Plant Community Types**

Descriptions of native plant community types observed within the Ecological Area are given in Appendix 3. Maps of these native plant comminutes are given in Figures 1a-c. There are a total of seventeen native plant community types recorded within the Ecological Area. These include dry prairie bedrock bluff subtype, oak woodland-brushland, dry oak forest, dry-mesic oak forest, mesic oak forest, maple-basswood forest, white pine-hardwood forest, lowland hardwood forest, black ash swamp - seepage subtype, seepage meadow and northern hardwood-conifer forest. Six important primary communities found in the area include moist cliff, moist cliff maderate subtype, dry cliff, talus slope, talus slope algific subtype and river beach.

Native plant communities within the Ecological Area are generally arranged by the elevation or slope position where these communities occur on the terrain (Tables 9 and 10). Similar patterns of species composition, species distributions and native plant communities along a topographic gradient have been described in the driftless area and surrounding regions (Braun 1950, Curtis 1959, Hartley 1966, Eilers 1971, 1974, Cahayla-Wynne and Glenn-Lewin 1978, Christiansen et al. 1980, Blewitt et al. 1983, Lammers 1983, Johnson-Groh 1985, Johnson-Groh et al. 1987, MNDNR - MCBS 1994, 1996). This vertical arrangement corresponds to the different layers of bedrock and soil types which appear to be the primary factors determining the distribution of vegetation within the park's Ecological Area. Each topographic position has a prevailing set of environmental conditions or ecological processes that most influences the vegetation best adapted to live there. For example, south-facing slopes have had a tendency in the past to burn more frequently especially on the upper slopes because they are hotter and drier. And even though these areas may not have burned for some time, the plants growing there are nonetheless adapted to fire prone habitats. Therefore, fire is part of a set of ecological processes that govern the type of vegetation and its structure found in these habitats. Another example of an ecological system is in mesic forests where competition for space, nutrients and light is the primary factor determining species presence. Within this system, various types of disturbances occur that create openings in forest canopies thereby allowing higher amounts of light to reach the forest floor. This helps to maintain sun-loving species within the community. Certain topographic positions and soil types have a higher tendency for disturbances such as wind damage, disease, lightning and even fire. Habitats where these events frequently occur are more likely to have

species requiring full light to reach maturity such as bur oaks and northern pin oaks.

#### **Relevé Vegetation Plots**

MCBS recorded data from thirty-three relevés within the Ecological Area (Figure 3, Tables 9 and 10). Of these, twenty-three relevé plots were permanently marked for future monitoring within the main park. Ten other relevés were sampled in unmarked plots because they were too fragile for repeated sampling or were on private land.

Permanent relevé plots were sampled in dry prairie - bedrock bluff subtype (relevés sampled: n = 1), oak forest - dry subtype (n = 1), dry-mesic oak forest (n = 6), mesic oak forest (n = 3), maple basswood forest (n = 3), lowland hardwood forest (n = 4), black ash swamps seepage subtype (n = 2), white pine - hardwood forest (n = 2) and seepage meadow (n = 1).

Non-permanent relevé plots were sampled in dry prairie - bedrock bluff subtype (n = 1), dry-mesic oak forest (n = 1), seepage meadow (n = 1), algific talus slopes (n = 5) and northern hardwood - conifer forest (n = 2).

#### **Old Growth Forests**

A total of thirty-three trees were aged within the main park (Table 5). Based on tree core data, it can be concluded that most of the mature trees in the park were among the first generation of trees (cohort) since the arrival of Euroamericans. The average age of all species recorded was 130 years (trees with DBH = 14-28 inches; n = 33:). The average age of 16 trees of large red oaks cored in the park was about 120 years with one red oak being older than 174 years. This places the date of origin for most of these trees somewhere between 1860-1885 (Table 6). This coincides with the collapse of the town's major industries (MNDNR - Parks 1995). At that time, the Forestville store was barely making a profit, although it was still operated part-time until 1910. The grist mill closed down in 1880. The brick kiln closed in 1885. However, many large trees predate Euroamerican settlement of the area. In a demographic distribution of the <u>largest</u> oak trees – greater than 16" DBH – one tree out of six is older than 145 years of age.

MCBS did not conduct old growth evaluations as part of the survey within the park; however, MCBS plant ecologists did record data which indicated that three forested tracts met old growth criteria. At present, forests in three large areas of the park support a high density of large old trees (SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> section 18, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> section 13 and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> sect. 25) where the average age of the largest trees is about 133 years and several trees, especially the white oaks, are much older with some greater than 280 years (Tables 5 and 6). These are considered to be old growth oak, maple basswood and lowland hardwood forests (MNDNR - NHP 1989, MNDNR 1994, MNDNR - MCBS 1997c).

#### **Map of Native Plant Communities**

Included with this report is a cover map of native plant communities (Figures 1a-c). Native plant community types are described in Appendix 3. Colored polygons are classified according to the community type observed there. Each polygon is also labeled with an ecological rank that further describes the quality within the designated area (Figures 2a-c). Communities with high ecological quality show little if any evidence of human disturbance. High quality areas are often floristically diverse with few exotic weeds. Within these high-quality communities, plants exhibit their natural patterns of distribution over the landscape. High quality forests typically have trees of all age classes including an abundance of old trees, snags, downed trees and few stumps.

Communities were evaluated and given ecological quality ranks using a scale from "A to D", with "A" being the highest quality, or nearly pristine, and "D" the lowest, or most highly disturbed (MNDNR - NHP 1993). Areas ranked "A", "B", or the half-step "BC" are native plant communities of exceptional quality exhibiting characteristics of vegetation and soils that are above average. Areas ranked C are more disturbed, but are still considered to be intact native plant communities. Lower ranks of "CD" or "D", indicate highly disturbed areas, such as a prairie with few species and much woody invasion, or a forest that has been heavily grazed, eroded or logged. Gray depicts heavily disturbed plant communities that fall below standards. White depicts developed areas such as old fields, tree plantations and campgrounds. Printouts of element occurrence records for each native plant community is available upon request. EORs include quality ranks and descriptive information for each occurrence.

#### Native Plant Community Significance Tables

A major objective of this report is to describe the biological significance of the park's natural resources in relationship to other natural areas. Within the Paleozoic Plateau, all MCBS sites have been described and the number and the acreage of native plant communities has been determined. In Appendix 3, tables list the estimated total acreage of each native plant community found within the statutory boundaries of the park. These acreages are then compared to the total area of native plant communities within other larger geographic categories: the park's Ecological Area, Fillmore County and all counties inventoried by MCBS within the Paleozoic Plateau. Ecological quality is also addressed. Polygons of native plant communities were mapped within the park's Ecological Area according to the relative quality of the area. Area tables also show the acreage of native plant communities with exceptional ecological quality. For example, species occurring on cold-producing habitats can only be found in valleys with a specific type of bedrock and landform type. These landscape features can be recognized from topographic maps showing features of the slopes within valleys found entirely within Galena limestone. Not all such valleys have all the necessary conditions for producing ice-cooled habitats but it is believed that most areas have been located by

MCBS and previous surveys. There are 38 acres of algific talus slopes mapped within the park's Ecological Area. Most of these are of exceptional quality: 71% of the area's total. For comparison, there are 128 acres total for all algific talus slopes mapped by MCBS regardless of quality. The park's Ecological Area contains nearly 30% of the <u>total area</u> of algific talus slopes found in the state. However, only 8.8 acres are on public land within the park itself.

#### MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

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An ecological system is a broad unit of vegetation characterized by a unique set of environmental processes and conditions such as fire regimes, riparian flood regimes or by abiotic factors such as available nutrients. Within any particular ecological system there are groups - or associations - of plant species that share similar habitats and environmental gradients. These species associations are defined as native plant communities. Classifying native plant communities according to the ecological systems that most influence their habitats is a good way to begin discussion about the management of natural areas. Therefore, native plant communities within the park's Ecological Area have been organized according to six different systems given in Table 11.

The following considerations for native plant communities within the various systems should be viewed as ideal goals and not strict specifications. It is recognized that land managers must balance and prioritize multiple and often conflicting goals. Final action is often a pragmatic result of available time and resources. These guidelines should be considered attempts to mimic natural processes that historically occurred as part of the ecological systems (White 1979). Please see other sections of this report about management recommendations for animals. Managing park lands as part of a landscape team with other DNR divisions along with cooperating landowners may be the best approach to accomplishing the park's overall goals.

Protection of native plant communities within the Ecological Area depends upon local support. A combination of public ownership and private conservation action is necessary to maintain the natural quality of such a large macrosite. Specifically, it is recommended that state park statutory boundaries be expanded. It is also recommended that other portions of the Ecological Area be designated as Scientific and Natural Areas. It is hoped that private landowners and organizations will recognize the area's special qualities and voluntarily preserve the natural quality of their land. Private and public partnerships can be developed to protect natural areas and buffers where SNA status and park ownership is not an option (Allman 1996, 1997).

Buffers are needed above park lands with steep bluffs and cliffs. Agreements could be developed with surrounding landowners to ensure surface run-off and groundwater entering native plant communities are as non-erosive and unpolluted as possible. Conservation easements could be obtained to protect natural resources while maintaining private ownership of the land. Encouraging adjacent landowners to enroll into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on surrounding cropland would help minimize potential erosion and pollution by trapping sediments and slowing surface runoff. Such agreements should include the preservation of sinkholes that feed air and water to cold-producing habitats.

#### Management Considerations for the Fire Dependent System

Prior to modern wildfire suppression, fire was an important ecological factor influencing many of the native plant communities within the Paleozoic Plateau. Today, remnants of fire-dependent communities within the park's Ecological Area are only found on dry, drought-prone substrates where succession has been delayed. Native plant communities within the fire dependent system occur as a series of successional stages arranged along a gradient of decreasing light available to the herbaceous layer. In the absence of fire, woody plants become more abundant while sun-loving herbs of prairies and woodlands become scarce.

In general, the management of fire-dependent communities should favor plants adversely affected by shade or woody competition. Top priority should be given to the rarest and most vulnerable communities and species, which in the fire-dependent system would be prairie. Woody vegetation should be controlled by a combination of prescribed burns and mechanical removal. Periodic fire has additional benefits not achieved by cutting alone. Frequent, repeated treatments are necessary to control woody vegetation (Tester 1989, 1996; Agee 1996). Care should be taken to avoid excessive burning of the site, particularly spring burning, which is likely to promote smooth sumac and aspens. Annual burning lowers species richness and results in chronic soil nitrogen deficiency (Collins 1992). Treatments in late summer or early fall provide the best control of woody plants. Historically in the Midwest, woodland fires occurred most often in October (Higgins 1986, Ladd 1991). Hot intense fires resulting from large fuel loads of duff or brush could damage native grasses and forbs (Agee 1996). Minimize potential damage by scattering cut brush, removing large limbs and logs and conducting cool burns when there are large accumulations of duff. Monitoring should be conducted to assess burn management and should consider animal species such as ants, butterflies, small mammals and reptiles, as well as plants.

It is recommended that prairies be cleared of woody species characteristic of woodlands and forests such as gray dogwood, aspens and prickly ash. To maintain prairie vegetation on cliff edges or along bluff crests, conversion of woodlands into savannas might be accomplished by removing all the

understory trees and leaving only the largest and oldest oaks and a few replacements. Plant diversity of the prairie within the park could be augmented with the addition of seed and cultivated seedlings collected from other prairies within the Ecological Area. Care should taken to collect seed in an appropriate manner so that the viability of existing native populations is maintained.

It is recognized that burning woodlands throughout the park will be difficult to achieve. Division of the park's natural areas into subunits is encouraged so that each subunit can be given a priority for burn management that is compatible with the park's overall goals. Selecting BC-ranked forest and woodland communities for burn management could have best potential for ecological improvement. Ideally, dry-mesic and dry oak forests would best be maintained as woodlands with open canopies. If possible, dry oak forests on upper slopes of south-facing, rocky bluffs could be converted to open-canopied woodlands by removing all understory trees and most shrubs. The upper slopes of dry-mesic forests could be converted to woodlands leaving the largest and oldest trees and a few replacements. Lower slopes of dry-mesic forests could be allowed to succeed to mesic old growth forest so that the viability of other native populations is maintained.

Prairies on private land in the western portion of the park's Ecological Area are biologically significant. These lands could be protected either through a program of cooperative agreements with landowners, prairie tax credit, modification of park boundaries or acquisition by the Scientific and Natural Areas Program.

#### Trails

Vegetation on shallow soils over bedrock is vulnerable to concentrated activity such as foot traffic, bike and horse riding. Recreational areas such as trails or scenic overlooks need to be designed to focus activity in selected, well-defined areas to minimize the impact along scenic cliffs and bluffs where the narrow band of prairie is all that remains in the immediate vicinity. An alternative route for horse trails would be preferred to the one that cuts across the park's only prairie.

#### Erosion

Throughout southeastern Minnesota, bluff crests and upper slopes have been converted to agriculture or other human uses that affect drainage. Native plant communities on steep bluffs are greatly impacted where rainwater infiltration is reduced and surficial runoff is maximized. Communities are especially vulnerable on slopes below cultivated land not ameliorated by soil conservation practices or on grazed forests with compacted soils. Sheet erosion on middle to upper slopes may not be readily observed because it has a gradual and accumulative effect of removing decaying vegetation, top soil and dormant seeds. Erosive conditions favor opportunistic weeds that establish quickly while safe sites where native seeds geminate and take root are reduced. Erosion is first evident on footslopes and lower slopes where rills and gullies initially develop and begin to work upwards. If land-use patterns change upslope, then monitoring for erosion should occur. In order to protect the natural quality of public lands, adequate buffers are needed on and around steep valley bluffs. Within these buffers, soil conservation practices could be implemented or preferably these lands could be restored to native vegetation.

#### **Management References:**

Anderson 2000, Faber-Langendoen and Davis 1995, Jacobs and Wray 1992, Kilde 2000, MNDNR - Forestry 1993, Minnesota Forest Resources Council 1999.

#### Management Considerations for the Mesic Forest System

Mesic forest communities are subclimax and climax successional types where the subcanopy vegetation becomes increasingly shaded over time. Gradually as shade tolerant species become more abundant, there is a transformation of canopy dominants with corresponding changes in the subcanopy, shrub and herbaceous layers. As canopy trees age, forest structure becomes more varied as younger trees fill gaps created by snags, tip-ups and broken limbs. Changes in soil composition also occurs because nutrients and organic material tend to accumulate under maples, creating a richer soil with a higher capacity to hold moisture. Long-established mesic forests have a high number of obligate species specifically adapted to low light/high soil-moisture conditions. Consequently, the flora in rich maple-basswood forests is unique and represents a significant component of the region's biodiversity.

One management option is to allow mesic forests to succeed to old growth, climax forests. Since management to sustain red oak dominated stands in these habitats is not recommended, an assessment of the desired native plant communities in the park should be made to determine whether the maintenance of some other areas as oak-dominated communities is desirable. It is expected that the dominance of red oak in the canopy will diminish on mesic soils due to succession, but never entirely disappear because of gap phase replacement. Sustaining oak dominated forests, generation after generation, at any one location within the state park, may not be accomplished without very intensive management. Other lands outside the park within the Ecological Area, especially state forest lands, may offer better locations for regenerating oak while simultaneously protecting natural areas.

Other considerations for protecting rich maple-basswood forests would be to avoid trails and other developments along footslopes, within ravines and around margins of black ash seepage swamps. Loose colluvial soils accumulating at the base of super-steep bluffs are especially vulnerable to erosion and compaction resulting from hikers, climbers and horses. High deer populations could

have a deleterious effect on the mesic flora as many spring ephemerals such as trilliums and wild leeks are preferred food (Augustine and Frelich 1998). Monitoring should occur to check selected plant populations and browse of herbs, shrubs, seedlings and saplings should be noted.

Goals for dry-mesic forests are determined by their position on the slope. At present, dry-mesic forests on upper slopes are succeeding to mesic canopy species such as elms and hickories. These and other shade tolerant trees are becoming more prevalent. However, it is unlikely that the dry-mesic soils on upper slopes and crests will support plants of rich mesic forests found on footslopes and ravines where consistent moisture levels are assured. Therefore, when feasible, it is recommended that dry-mesic forests on upperslopes and bluff crests be managed as open woodlands. It is predicted that red oak would be sustained in woodlands where the total canopy cover is maintained between 50 and 75% and shrub cover is rare to interrupted (Cottam 1949, Jacobs and Wray 1992, Lorimer 1989, Crow 1988, Scholz 1948).

White pine populations are small and probably genetically isolated within the park's Ecological Area. White pine stands were included within the mesic system because the rugged terrain of the Ecological Area has enabled white pine to naturally regenerate above bedrock exposures. Steep slopes and shallow soils over bedrock have contributed to conditions similar to shelterwood silvicultural practices where the open canopy allows young pines to reach maturity. In addition, the rugged terrain probably protects seedlings and saplings by hindering access of browsers. White pine stands should be monitored to ensure that replacement is occurring and that all-age classes are present. Periodically, groups of small seedlings could be hand-planted to ensure canopy replacement in stands where only older trees remain. A local genetic source should be obtained. It may be prudent to introduce seedlings from other stands in the Paleozoic Plateau in order to increase genetic diversity. It is debatable whether or not white pine should be planted in bluff habitats other than on bedrock terraces.

#### Erosion

See comments on erosion in the management of fire-dependent communities.

#### **Exotic Species**

Exotic species were not observed to be a problem at the time of the survey. However, invasive species have over taken many woodlands in Fillmore county. In general, forest fragmentation and soil disturbance increase the potential for exotic species to colonize. The most problematic species to watch for are European alder-buckthorn (*Rhamnus frangula*), common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) and garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*).

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#### **Management References:**

Anderson 2000, Faber-Langendoen and Davis 1995, Jacobs and Wray 1992, Kilde 2000, MNDNR - Forestry 1993, Pearson 1998, Green 1995, Minnesota Forest Resources Council 1996, 1999.

#### Management Considerations for the Floodplain System

Floodplain communities within the Ecological Area vary in species composition, dominants and overall structure. These characteristics increase the ecological quality of the floodplain and greatly enhance the biodiversity of the region. The overall appearance of the vegetation is determined primarily by hydrology. Other disturbances such as wind, fire and human activity have affected floodplains as well. Floods within the park are usually brief because flood waters are quickly drained away. Yet perched water tables provide stable habitats for black ash swamps and wet meadows. Many of these are maintained by springs. Other ephemeral wetlands are important. The lowland forest near the park office is a high quality stand with several old trees and snags characteristic of old growth forest. Another outstanding lowland forest occurs along Forestville Creek on private land. It is suggested that management should emphasize the mixed age structure and species composition of the forest while simultaneously increase the abundance of large trees and snags, especially along the streambanks. Herbaceous meadows and grasslands have a significant role as well.

Forested, narrow-valley streams with natural meanders and rocky streambeds are rare in southern Minnesota. As the popularity of the park increases, demand for new trails, roads and facilities within the floodplain will potentially impact these stream corridors. Stream segments outlined in Figure 5 are among the best natural waterways in the blufflands. Whenever possible, development should be avoided within these focal areas of biodiversity.

#### **Management References**

Pearson 1998, Green 1995, Minnesota Forest Resources Council 1999.

#### Management Considerations for the Wet Forest / Wet Meadow Systems

Groundwater seeps and springs within the Ecological Area are fed by large aquifers. Water emerges at specific bedrock layers at various slope positions depending upon their position within the valley. Stable wetlands form where groundwater emerges from bluffs at the same elevation as bench terraces or alluvial plains. Succession probably proceeded from open meadow to forested swamps according to the increasing dominance of black ash – some of which are nearly 200 years old. Surrounding these spring-fed wetlands are rich maple-basswood forests and wet-mesic lowland hardwood forests inhabited by rare plants. The seepage meadows are the last refuge for herbaceous species that were formerly common in wet prairies, wet meadows and emergent marshes. In one location, spring water
fills old channels creating pools of standing water providing habitat for wild rice and other emergent plants.

Changes in hydrology since Euroamerican settlement have undoubtedly reduced the number of wetlands. Decreased infiltration rates of rain water on the uplands have lead to episodes of rapid intense flooding, deepened stream channels and lowered local water tables. As a result, the local hydrology changed and wetlands on the floodplain became dry. Such conversion facilitated grazing, cultivation and other human uses leading to nearly total elimination of all presettlement wetlands in the Paleozoic Plateau. Natural wetlands have been maintained on perched water tables that are very local and specific to certain segments in the watershed. The main park transects one of these landscapes and contains a significant proportion of the total area of these community types documented within the Paleozoic Plateau.

Management should protect and enhance the defining characteristics of these native plant communities. Brush in wet meadows should not be eliminated but managed to maintain dominance of sun-loving, herbaceous species. Black ash swamps and surrounding mesic forests should be allowed to mature to old growth forests. Trails should avoid seepage areas and surrounding mesic forests. The quality and flow of groundwater should be monitored periodically. Seeps and springs emerging in valleys within the park are connected to larger aquifers underlying the upland plateau. Because these wetlands are potentially impacted by activities outside the park boundaries, continued participation by park staff in regional groundwater management is encouraged.

# **Management Considerations for the Cliff System**

Please see discussion in management of Cold Karst Communities and sections on trails and erosion in management of fire dependent communities.

# Management Considerations for the Cold Karst System

Algific talus slopes and maderate cliffs are unique to the Midwest and Minnesota has some of the best examples. The Ecological Area – with its algific talus slopes and maderate cliffs – is one of four, very large cold-producing watersheds in Minnesota (Table 12). These ice-chilled habitats support an exceptional number of rare species which makes these communities a high priority for preservation. Because the loose talus is easily dislodged, traffic by livestock or people can be disastrous. Changes in surface runoff caused by roads, trails, houses and other developments – such as increased runoff due to logging or cultivation upslope – can quickly erode shallow organic soils. Fracture lines and fissures in the underlying bedrock can go back as far as 3/4 of mile to sink holes on the upland plateau (Ostlie 1989). These geologic features make the groundwater feeding the ice cavities, and ultimately the cliffs and talus, vulnerable to contamination. Sealing of the sink holes

(e.g., agriculture, roads, houses) can obstruct ventilation necessary for the production of subterranean ice. In addition, a reduction in deciduous tree canopy may result in a loss of potential food for land snails that feed upon tree leaf litter, especially paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*), yellow birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*), mountain maple (*Acer spicatum*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) and possibly basswood (*Tilia americana*) (Perkins 1988). Simultaneously, a decrease in shade may also adversely affect snail mortality due to increase ultraviolet radiation (Ostlie 1987 cited by Perkins 1988). Therefore, the adjacent uplands must be properly managed to protect the integrity of the cold habitats.

Generally, it is believed that many of the land snails are restricted to cold-producing karst habitats. Isolated populations possess little or no genetic variability because inbreeding is likely (Ostlie 1991). Because small, isolated populations are genetically uniform, all the genetic variability of a species is found between populations. It is therefore necessary that several cold-producing habitats are protected. Within valleys containing cold-producing bedrock, there is a gradient from cold to warm; and a second gradient from wet to dry. Species require some specific combination of the two factors: Cold-Wet or Cold-Dry. Many of the common snail species (succineids) are abundant around seepage areas (Frest 1991). Conservation action within the park and its Ecological area should attempt to protect the entire set of gradations present within the system.

The abundance of rare species within cold karst communities of the Ecological Area is reason alone for conservation action, however, the occurrence of these species in a natural landscape makes this one of the most important areas of biodiversity and a top priority for preservation. The Ecological Area is an excellent example of a catena of native plant communities as they would naturally occur on the southeast Minnesota landscape.

# ANIMAL SURVEYS IN FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK

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# Overview

The Minnesota County Biological Survey (MCBS) conducted surveys for small mammals, breedingseason birds, reptiles, and amphibians in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park from 1995 through 1996, with follow-up work in 1999. Although the discussion of native plant communities and rare plants in this report encompass the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area, animal surveys were concentrated within the statutory boundaries of the park and little work was conducted outside the park in the ecological area. Rare animal species were the focus of survey efforts, with targeted species being determined by historical records and the presence of appropriate habitat within the park (Table 13). These included species that were federally-listed as endangered or threatened, species that were state-listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern, rare but unlisted species that were tracked as elements by the Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS), and aggregations of animals, such as colonial waterbird nesting sites or bat hibernacula, that also were tracked by the NHIS Rare Features database.

During the same year that surveys were being conducted at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, the state's list of rare species was undergoing revision. From this revision, several species changed their level of endangerment, some were added to the list, and others were delisted (see Table 13). Thus, species added to the state list as a result of the revision were not specifically targeted for surveys in the park. Nevertheless, two bird species that were added, Acadian Flycatcher and Cerulean Warbler, were recorded while conducting bird surveys.

Prior to the MCBS surveys, the NHIS Rare Features database contained 14 records for eight rare animals and one animal aggregation within the statutory boundaries of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park. These included two bats – Northern myotis and Eastern pipistrelle, one bat hibernaculum -- Mystery Cave, no birds, two snakes -- Timber rattlesnake and Milksnake, one turtle -- Blanding's turtle, one fish -- American brook lamprey, and two landsnails – Minnesota Pleistocene ambersnail and Hubricht's vertigo. Following completion of MCBS animal surveys, 25 new or updated records were added for Northern myotis, Eastern pipistrelle, bat hibernacula, Acadian Flycatcher, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Cerulean Warbler (Figure 7, Appendix 1; note that rare animal records in the appendix also include those for the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area to complement the list of the native plant communities and rare plants).

This section on animals in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park is limited to those animal groups surveyed by MCBS – mammals, birds, and herpetofauna. However, information exists elsewhere for other animal groups found in the park. Surveys of fish were conducted in the park and portions the Root River in Mystery Cave (Schmidt 1990a, 1990b, 1992, 1993, 1994). Aquatic invertebrates were sampled from the Root River within Mystery Cave (Montz 1993). Surveys of rare landsnails were conducted in algific talus slopes within the park (Frest 1986b, 1991; refer to the description of algific talus slopes in the native plant community section for additional discussion of these snails).

#### Mammals

Six rare small mammals have been documented from the Paleozoic Plateau Ecological Section and another, the Eastern spotted skunk, has been reported, but not verified, from this region (Table 13). These rare species were the focus of MCBS mammal surveys at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park. In addition, surveys sampled a variety of habitats to document the small mammal fauna present in the park.

Most of the existing records of rare small mammals from the Paleozoic Plateau were grasslandassociated species. Thus, this habitat was of particular interest for surveys at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park. In 1948, several Western harvest mice, a non-listed but rare species, were collected along a fencerow in tall grass in "Forestville" (James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota, St. Paul). The specimen information, however, did not indicate whether it was the town or the township of Forestville where this species was taken. The Least shrew also has been taken from this type of habitat, however, this species is known from the Paleozoic Plateau by only a single 1914 record from Winona County. Another grassland species, the Prairie vole, has been recorded from several locations within the Paleozoic Plateau. Most were taken from large, open tracts of dry, native prairie. The grasslands at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park are not ideal for Prairie voles; the bluff prairies are relatively small and heavily over-grown and the larger grasslands tend to be mesic, highly disturbed, or have been restored to native plant species in the relatively recent past. Nevertheless, these areas were surveyed for rare small mammals (Figure 6, Table 14).

The only rare, terrestrial small mammal associated with forests in the Paleozoic Plateau is the Woodland vole. The two old records for this species were from apple orchards in Houston County, however, in Iowa, this species has been found in mature mesic forests similar to those present at the park. MCBS surveys at Beaver Creek Valley State Park and Whitewater Wildlife Management Area collected Woodland voles in lowland hardwood forests. Similar habitat along Canfield Creek in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park was surveyed for this species (Figure 6, Table 14).

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, as well as the greater ecological area, is known for the

numerous caves and other karst features which provide important over-wintering habitat for bats. The two rare bat species, Northern myotis and Eastern pipistrelle, have been previously recorded hibernating in Mystery Cave and nearby outliers, and Mystery Cave has been identified as an important regional bat hibernaculum (Nordquist 2000, Nordquist and Birney 1985, Appendix 1). However, little was known about the presence of bats in the park during the summer months. Thus, MCBS survey efforts focused on documenting these species in the park at this time.

The Eastern spotted skunk was not a focus of MCBS surveys at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park because, while the species has been reported in the county, no verified records were known. Documentation of this species requires a different technique than is typically used for small mammal surveys and MCBS surveys for Eastern spotted skunks elsewhere in the state suggest that the most productive strategy for documenting this species is to follow-up on sightings soon after they are reported. During the 1996 surveys, when MCBS animal surveys were being conducted in Fillmore County, no observations of this species were reported in the area.

Two other rare mammals, not included in Table 13 but reported from the area, are Mountain lion and Mule deer. Mule deer have been taken in this region during the hunting season, however, these individuals were thought to have been wanderers from the Dakotas and not part of a resident population. For that reason, this species was removed from the state list of endangered, threatened, and special concern species (Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 1995). Reports of Mountain lions continue to occur throughout the state, however, none have been undisputedly documented from the Paleozoic Plateau. Surveying for this large, special concern species was beyond the scope of MCBS animal surveys.

#### Survey methods

Survey methods employed at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park included small mammal trap grids, drift fences, foraging bat surveys, cave surveys, and incidental observations.

*Small mammal trap grids*: Small mammal trap grids were the main survey technique used by MCBS mammal surveys. Each trap grid consisted of a 4-by-10 or 2-by-20 station array with one trap per station. Traps included 16 Sherman live traps, 16 Museum Special snap traps, 4 cone pitfall traps, and 4 Victor rat traps. All traps, except the pitfall traps, were baited with a mixture of peanut butter and oatmeal. The grids were run for 4 days and checked twice a day for a total of 120 trapnights. During each check, live animals were processed in the field, marked with a permanent marker, and released. Data obtained from each capture included species identification, sex, reproductive condition, age, weight, and molt. Others captures were further processed to collect standard measurements, internal reproductive information, and prepared as voucher specimens. Voucher specimens were permanently stored at the James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History at the

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#### University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

Seven small mammal trap grids were set at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park and run from 9 to 12 July 1996. Locations of the grids were first approved by the DNR archaeologist to ensure that no cultural features would be disturbed. Two grids were set in old field habitats (south of the Amphitheater and north of Historic Forestville), one in the restored prairie at the Old Townsite, two in maple-basswood forests (the old-growth stand behind the Park Office and west of the Brickyard), one in oak-hickory forest near the Horse Camp, and one in lowland hardwood forest along Canfield Creek (refer to Figure 6 and Table 14 for locations).

*Drift fences*: Small mammals also were taken from the drift fences as part of the amphibian and reptile surveys. Refer to the amphibian and reptile methods section for a description of the habitats sampled and the drift fence technique. These captures were identified to species, sex, and age.

*Foraging bats -- mist nets:* Prior to the development of inexpensive ultrasonic bat detectors, documenting the presence of bats during the summer was accomplished largely by the use of mist nets that were stretched across areas where bats were expected to fly. The nets were set on nights when weather conditions were most optimal for foraging activity (i.e., little-to-no wind or rain, warm temperatures, and when flying insects were abundant). Nets were opened after sunset to avoid capturing birds and monitored continuously through the period of early foraging activity (sunset until approximately 24:00 hours). Bats captured in the nets were identified to species, sex, and age and released. Due to the generally low return per effort of this survey technique, only one mist net was set at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park , on 31 July 1996, across the South Branch Root River near the mouth of Canfield Creek.

*Foraging bats -- bat detectors*: Bat detectors transform the ultrasonic calls emitted by flying bats into a sound that is audible to humans. Bats are then identified by their call frequencies and call characteristics (Kunz 1988). During the 1996 MCBS animal surveys in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, a Skye ultrasonic bat detector was used. This model of bat detector allowed the operator to select the particular frequency that was picked up by the detector at any given moment. By tuning the detector so that incoming calls had the least amount of distortion, the frequency of that call was determined and the bat emitting the call identified. Most bats in the region were identifiable to species, with the exception of the Eastern pipistrelle, Northern myotis, and Little brown myotis, that were difficult to distinguish using this type of detector. The more recently-developed ANABAT bat detector system differs from the Skye recorder by producing a visual image of the bat call directly on a computer screen and by saving the image as a retrievable file (Corben and O'Farrell 1999). Under this system, the Eastern pipistrelle and the two myotis species could be reliably identified. Foraging bat surveys using bat detectors were conducted over the same time period and under the same

conditions as described under mist net methods. When using the Skye detector, information was manually recorded and included time of call stop, species (when possible), the clearest frequency of the call, characteristics of the call, and an estimate of the number of individuals present. Using the ANABAT system, time of call, call frequency, and characteristics were recorded automatically by the software. Call files were reviewed later and species identified. Estimates of number of individuals or notes on bat behavior were taken at the time the calls were recorded.

Foraging bat surveys using the Skye bat detector were conducted at 12 locations on the nights of 15 May, 10 June, and 31 July 1996. Surveys on 15 May and 10 June were conducted in conjunction with anuran call surveys, while 31 July bat surveys were conducted at other locations throughout the park (see Figure 6 and Table 14 for locations). Foraging bat surveys using the ANABAT bat detector were conducted on the nights of 20 and 21 August 1999 at five locations where previous surveys had indicated high bat activity. These included the bridge south of the Fisherman's Parking Lot, along the river in the Picnic Area, on the bridge and nearby open areas around Historic Forestville, at the mist net location near the mouth of Canfield Creek, and at the Group Camp.

*Cave surveys*: Previous surveys for hibernating bats have been made at Mystery Cave and other caves in the vicinity (Nordquist 2000, Nordquist and Birney 1985) and on-going winter bat counts have been conducted every three years in Mystery Cave since 1989 by DNR staff and members of the Minnesota Speleological Survey. Thus, no MCBS surveys were made of the caves in the park during winter. Portions of Mystery Cave were searched for bats during late summer/early fall, 1996 to document the timing of return by bats and changes in their distribution within the cave. Between 17 August and 19 October 1996, passages in Mystery Cave were checked periodically for roosting bats. Passages searched included the commercial passages of Mystery I and Mystery II, the wild section of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and portions of Mystery III from Dragon's Jaw Lake to the Fingers Area (refer to Figure 10 for delineation of count routes). Six trips were made during this interval, although passages in Mystery III were only searched twice, 17 August and 19 September, due to time constraints. In addition, passages in the Blue Lake area were searched on 19 October. All bats observed during searches were visually identified to species. During August and September, when it was likely that the bats would continue to forage outside, any banded bats within reach were identified to species and sex and band number recorded. During October, no bats were removed from their roost locations.

*Incidental observations*: Observations of medium-to-large mammals or mammal sign were recorded when encountered.

#### Survey results

Twenty-six mammal species were documented in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park during MCBS

surveys, including two special concern bat species, Northern myotis and Eastern pipistrelle (Table 15). None of the rare terrestrial small mammals were documented in the park. Another 15 species may occur in the park, but missed detection during MCBS surveys. Some of the species that almost certainly occur here include Hoary bat, Red fox, Ermine, Eastern fox squirrel, and Southern flying squirrel.

*Small mammal trap grids and drift fences:* Nine small mammal species were taken from the trap grids and drift fences (Table16). Although drift fences can be effective in capturing small mammals, those set at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park had very low capture rates. Previous MCBS records for the Woodland vole were obtained from drift fences, however, those set in similar habitat in the park did not capture this species. One possible factor for the low capture rate may be attributed to raccoons that were plentiful in the park. They disrupted several trap grids and could also have removed mammals and herpetofauna from the drift fence buckets.

Comparison of captures among trap grids showed that open habitats were dominated by Meadow voles, while White-footed mice occurred in every forested site and were the most numerous species in these habitats (Table 16). Species richness was not particularly great in any of the grids, however, this may be partly due to the fact that three of the seven grids were raided by raccoons, which opened live traps and drug off snap traps. One grid was vandalized by park visitors who sprung the traps and moved them around. The grid with the highest species richness was the maple-basswood/lowland hardwood forest near the Brickyard; four species were found here. The lowest species richness was from the oak-hickory forest near the Horse Camp, where only White-footed mice were captured. Southern red-backed voles were taken from the lowland hardwood forest along Canfield Creek. This is not only a county record but constitutes a southern extension of its range in Minnesota (Hazard 1982).

*Foraging bat surveys:* From the 12 foraging bat surveys conducted in 1996, three bat species were identified in the park, Little brown myotis, Big brown bat, and Red bat, and one call was tentatively identified as an Eastern pipistrelle. No Hoary bats were recorded in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, however, bat surveys conducted elsewhere in Fillmore County did identify this species and it mostly likely is present in the park, as well. Due to the limitations of the Skye bat detector, no Northern myotis could be identified. The mist net set near the mouth of Canfield Creek failed to capture any bats over the period it was open, although bats were observed flying up to the net. Four areas with high bat activity in 1996 were revisited in 1999, using the ANABAT detector (Table 17; note that the Group Camp site was not a location with previously high bat activity). Five species were documented. In addition to the four species identified in 1996, Northern myotis were found at every location, although never in high abundance (Table 17, see Figure 8 for sonographs of calls). Little brown myotis were typically the most numerous species at each location, however, Eastern

pipistrelles were the species encountered most frequently at the bridge site near the Fisherman's Parking Lot. Sites with the greatest bat activity were at Canfield Creek and the Picnic Area along South Branch Root River, with 3.7 and 2.5 calls/minute, respectively (Table 17). Many bats were observed at the sites with high bat activity, however, it should be noted that the number of calls per minute is only an index to the level of foraging activity. It is often difficult to determine if the recorded calls are from many bats flying within range of the detector or a couple bats making repeated passes.

Cave surveys: Surveys of the caves in the vicinity of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park have shown that bats utilize several of these as winter hibernacula (Nordquist 2000, Nordquist and Birney 1985. Appendix 1). All four species known to hibernate in the state, Little brown myotis, Northern myotis, Big brown bat, and Eastern pipistrelle, have been recorded from one or more of these caves. Although bats may be found roosting in Mystery Cave throughout the year, numbers increase as winter approaches. Return of bats to a cave in western Wisconsin showed that bat numbers increased slowly in August and the over-wintering population was present at the cave by mid-November (Nordquist unpublished data). During counts at Mystery Cave in late August 1996, the number of bats was quite low, but made a five-fold increase by the first week in September along the Mystery I and II count routes (Figure 9). Over the subsequent three counts, spaced approximately two weeks apart, the numbers increased by 70%, 100%, and 40% up to a maximum number of 442 over the two count routes. The mid-winter count conducted in 1998 along these count routes totaled 965 bats (20 in Mystery I and 945 in Mystery II). Thus, by mid-October, 46% of the over-wintering bats had returned to Mystery Cave (85% and 45% of the mid-winter numbers found in Mystery I and II, respectively). The overwhelming majority of the bats counted in October were Little brown myotis, with a few Northern myotis and Eastern pipistrelles. No Big brown bats were found.

Bats were banded in Mystery Cave from 1979 through 1988. No banded bats were observed during August counts, but some appeared beginning in September. Seven banded bats were examined and their band numbers checked against previous survey data (Table 18). The banded bats represented individuals banded from the range of years that banding took place in Mystery Cave. The most recently-banded bat was at least 8 years old and two bats, banded in 1979, were at least 16 years old. It is interesting to note that one of the oldest bats (band # 090) was found in Mystery III, very close to the original banding station. She was subsequently found roosting in the same area during the 1998 winter bat count, suggesting strong site and within-site fidelity in the choice of hibernating location.

Despite the apparent fidelity to a particular part of the cave, the distribution of bats along the passages of Mystery Cave during the fall counts revealed considerable shifting of positions (refer to Figures 10a - f). During the August counts (Figures 10a, b) bats were widely spaced along the count routes, however, during the September 5 and subsequent counts, relatively large numbers of bats

were seen along passages close to the entrance to Mystery II, particularly in the Carousel Area and Garden of the Gods. By mid-winter there are relatively few bats in these areas, suggesting that these passages serve as a staging area for bats before they distribute throughout the cave. Perhaps these bats are still leaving the cave to forage at night. During the September 19 count (Figure 10d), bats were clearly accumulating in the Fingers Area of Mystery III, an area that traditionally has high numbers of hibernating bats in mid-winter. Bats in Mystery I also showed evidence of shifting between counts. Eastern pipistrelles were not observed in this portion of the cave until mid-September, but by the last count had become the most numerous bat species here. Mid-winter counts support the fact that most Eastern pipistrelles are found in Mystery I.

### Discussion of rare mammals and significant areas in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park

Rare terrestrial mammals: Although no rare terrestrial small mammals were documented from Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, the occurrence of Southern red-backed voles was a very unusual find. This species is a common component of northern forests, but is extremely rare south of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. The presence of this species along Canfield Creek is not only a county record for Fillmore County, but is the southernmost record for this species in the state. According to Hazard (1982), the nearest records for this species are from Goodhue County to the north and Steele County to the west. A few records of this species have been taken from a restricted area in the extreme north-central part of Iowa. It is hypothesized that this population and others in south-central Minnesota constitute relict populations that became isolated when their once widespread post-glacial distribution was separated by expansion of the prairie during xeric periods from 8,000 to 3,000 B.P. (Bowles 1975). Apparently, the cool, moist conditions of Canfield Creek provide suitable habitat for this species. Although the post-glacial history of the Woodland vole is quite different from the Southern red-backed vole, the forest type along Canfield Creek is similar to areas where MCBS has collected Woodland voles elsewhere in the Paleozoic Plateau. Additional surveys along Canfield Creek are merited to better understand the local distribution of Southern redbacked voles and, possibly, to document the presence of Woodland voles.

*Bats -- summer*: Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park is an extremely important area to state bat species. All four resident bat species, including the state-listed Northern myotis and Eastern pipistrelle, are found here year-round and migratory species, such as the Eastern red bat, also forage along the forested river and streams. Mystery Cave has long been known as an important bat hibernaculum, however, the value of the park as a summer foraging and rearing area for bats has been underappreciated. Although, no maternity colonies were located in the park during MCBS mammal surveys, summer bat surveys conducted in 1983, located maternity colonies in the attic of the park manager's house and in the barn of an adjacent landowner (Nordquist and Birney 1985). Buildings in Historic Forestville and adjacent farms should be examined for maternity colonies.

Placement of bat boxes at select locations in the park, particularly the larger designs preferred by pregnant females, would likely be occupied quickly by bats. Much like a bat box, the sign board outside the Ticket Office has provided summer roosting habitat for bats, as well as an opportunity for visitors to learn more about bats at the park. In addition to man-made roosting structures, the mature forests found in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park provide natural roosting sites. Large, hollow trees and dead snags with loose bark provide ideal roosting conditions for larger maternity colonies, as well as solitary roosting bats. The high foraging bat activity along Canfield Creek suggests that this may be an important roosting area during the day. The large trees and snags along the creek should be examined for the presence of roosting bats and maternity colonies.

Mystery Cave, an important over-wintering site for bats, also serves as a summer day roost site and as a refuge from excessive heat. Park staff reported that during a particularly hot period during summer, 1994, approximately 30 Big brown bats appeared briefly in Devil's Kitchen in Mystery I. A few bats, mostly males and a few non-pregnant females, are present in the cave during summer, where they enter torpor for one or more days as a means of conserving energy between foraging bouts.

*Bats – winter*: Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park is rich in subterranean cavities. Over 40 caves and karst features have been identified within the park and many more are present in the ecological area (from files of the Minnesota Speleological Survey). A number of these caves provide suitable conditions for hibernating bats, including Old Mystery and Old Still caves. However, the most important cave for hibernating bats is undisputedly Mystery Cave, that supports all four bat species that hibernate in Minnesota. The 1998 cave-wide bat count recorded 2,123 bats in Mystery Cave in mid-winter. When this count is compared with estimated hibernating populations at two sand mines in western Wisconsin and at Soudan Underground Mine State Park in northern Minnesota, the number of bats overwintering in Mystery Cave comprises only 0.01% of the total (Nordquist 2000). Nevertheless, Mystery Cave supports the largest number of hibernating bats of any natural cave in the state and should be considered one of the most important hibernacula in the Upper Midwest.

Mystery Cave is subdivided into three sections, Mystery I, II, and III, based on areas of passage that are largely separated from others in the cave. Although all three sections are connected and bats may travel freely between them, they exhibit notable differences in the number of hibernating bats and the relative abundance of bat species (see Appendix 1). Based on 1998 winter counts, the majority of hibernating bats were found in Mystery II (74%), with Mystery III and Mystery I having 16% and 10%, respectively. However, just the reverse trend is observed in the distribution of Eastern pipistrelles within the cave. Mystery I had the largest number of this species (59%), followed by Mystery II (31%) and Mystery III (9%). Northern myotis were found in all sections of the cave in low numbers. Big brown bats have only been recorded from Mystery II during the winter and are

usually restricted to the colder areas of the stairway entrance to the cave. Internal cave conditions are generally thought to be quite stable, yet the bats are clearly selecting particular areas and passages within the cave.

Two banding projects (David Tallman and members of the Minnesota Speleological Survey, 1979-1983; and Elmer Birney and Gerda Nordquist, 1984-1989) banded a total of 1,179 bats in Mystery Cave and an additional 34 bats in and near the park during summer. Band recoveries have shown that bats have returned to hibernate in Mystery Cave year after year and that a number of individuals select the same areas within the cave. The recovery, in 1996, of two bats banded from the first year of banding (1979), underscores the importance of Mystery Cave to hibernating bats. Current management practices that limit winter recreational activity in portions of the cave with high numbers of bats further ensures the long-term protection of this valuable resource.

# **Breeding-season Birds**

Five rare bird species were targeted for surveys in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park (Table 13). Two additional species, the Acadian Flycatcher and Cerulean Warbler, were added to the state list after the 1996 revision. Although not specifically targeted for surveys, both species were documented during MCBS surveys in the park. Surveys of breeding-season birds were conducted from late May through mid-July, 1996. For early breeding species, such as Red-shouldered Hawk and Louisiana Waterthrush, surveys began in early April.

### Survey methods

*Point counts*: Point counts were the primary method used by the MCBS to survey breeding birds. At each point within a given habitat, all birds heard or seen during a five-minute interval were identified, and evidence of breeding behavior or nesting was recorded. The number of individual birds within a 50-meter radius was counted. Birds detected outside the 50-meter radius, but within the habitat being surveyed, were recorded but not enumerated. Birds flying over a point were counted if they were potentially using the habitat (e.g., aerial foragers). Species detected outside the habitat being surveyed were also recorded in generating species lists for a site or area. Point counts were spaced a minimum of 300 meters apart and at least 150 meters from the edge of the habitat. Point counts were conducted from approximately 15 minutes before sunrise to about 4 hours after sunrise, during suitable weather conditions (i.e., wind less than 10 mph, precipitation no greater than a light rain). Locations of points were recorded on USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle maps. Supplemental record forms, detailing notes on habitat and behavior, were filled out for all state-listed species or other species of interest, when encountered. A total of 36 point counts were conducted in the park between 26 May and 6 June, 1996. Thirty-four point counts were located in deciduous forest and two points were in forest-edge habitat (refer to Figure 6 for a map and Table14 for a list of

survey locations and habitats). Additional surveys were conducted for Louisiana Waterthrushes by walking along the Root River and Canfield Creek, listening for this species' loud, distinctive song.

*Playback*: Playbacks of taped calls were used to elicit responses from Red-shouldered Hawks, which are known to react strongly to this technique. Taped Red-shouldered Hawk calls were played using a cassette tape player connected to an amplifier speaker. Birds reacting to the call were recorded and their behavior noted. Playback surveys for Red-shouldered Hawks were conducted at eight locations in the park (Figure 6).

# Survey results

MCBS bird surveys resulted in the detection of 74 species in the Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park during the breeding season (Table 19). Three special concern species, Acadian Flycatcher, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Cerulean Warbler, were found in the park. An additional 22 species were not detected during MCBS surveys, but are likely to occur in the park based on the presence of suitable habitat in the park and the species' summer ranges in Minnesota (Janssen 1987, Table 19). An additional eighteen bird species were observed in the park during spring migration in May (Table 20). Two of these species, Blue-winged Teal and Broad-winged Hawk, may nest in the park.

Most birds found at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park were forest species, occurring in deciduous forest, fragmented forest, and forest-edge habitats. The park's avifauna was similar to that of other good-quality forested sites surveyed in the Paleozoic Plateau Ecological Section. The frequency of occurrence of forest birds among state parks in the Paleozoic Plateau are summarized in Table 21. Bird species that occurred commonly in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park included many neotropical migrants, such as Eastern Wood-pewee, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Wood Thrush, Ovenbird, and Scarlet Tanager. Unfortunately, Brown-headed Cowbirds also were relatively common in the park. This nest parasite, which is more common in open or fragmented habitats than in extensive, closed-canopy forests, is a factor in the decline of many forest songbird species. No Red-shouldered Hawks were found in the park. Habitat for this species in the park was marginal due to the lack of necessary wetland openings within the forest.

Two singing male Louisiana Waterthrushes were found in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park during MCBS surveys, both along Canfield Creek. An additional singing male was documented along Canfield Creek as part of graduate research (Stucker 2000). Although the locations of defended territories change from year to year, the park probably supports up to three pairs of Louisiana Waterthrushes along the creek in a typical year.

Grasslands and developed areas in the park, such as those in the old Forestville townsite, provide habitat for several open country and edge species not typically found in extensive deciduous forests.

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Species detected included Willow Flycatcher, Barn Swallow, Blue-winged Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Field Sparrow, and Bobolink (observed just outside the park boundaries). Many of these species are better able to adapt to human disturbances (e.g., urbanization, farming, and forest fragmentation) than forest species and are common and widespread throughout much of the state.

Discussion of rare birds and significant areas in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park

*Rare birds*: Historically, a limited amount of grassland and oak savanna habitat occurred within the statutory boundary of Forestville/Mystery State Park. Many bird species typical of grasslands require relatively large tracts of open habitat. Grasslands of sufficient size to support breeding populations of species, such as Sedge Wren, Grasshopper Sparrow, and Eastern Meadowlark, may have never been present in the park. Several common grassland bird species nest near, but not in, the park in cultivated fields and pastures (Table 19).

Ideal habitat for the Louisiana Waterthrush consists of clear, swiftly-flowing streams with a closed canopy of mature forest. In Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park such habitat is largely restricted to Canfield Creek. This species nests in root masses and crevices of cut-banks along streams and forages at the water's edge. The surrounding forest canopy is critical to the nesting habitat of this species -- a narrow corridor of trees along a stream is not sufficient. Many valleys in southeastern Minnesota with permanently flowing water have been grazed and are converted to pasture or have insufficient canopy cover to support Louisiana Waterthrushes.

Cerulean Warblers were found at five locations in the park, despite the fact that the species was not a state-listed species at the time of MCBS surveys. Cerulean Warblers have been associated with mature deciduous forests, including upland forest communities, such as oak and maple-basswood forests, as well as lowland hardwood or floodplain forests. This species spends most of its time in the upper portions of the canopy in forests comprised of tall, mature trees.

Three records for Acadian Flycatchers were documented in Forestville/Mystery State Park. Similar to the habitat characteristics of the Louisiana Waterthrush, Acadian Flycatchers are found in mature, closed-canopy deciduous forests, usually near streams.

Four regionally rare species, Least Flycatcher, Winter Wren, Veery, and Mourning Warbler, were documented in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park. These species are common in the forested portions of northern and central Minnesota, but are rare south of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. In southeastern Minnesota, they are usually associated with lowland hardwood or floodplain forests. Winter Wrens are primarily a coniferous forest species in northern Minnesota. Perhaps the presence of white pine, and rarely balsam fir, is a factor in the presence of this species in the park and elsewhere in southeastern Minnesota. In the center of its breeding range, Winter Wrens

are associated with lowland conifer swamps and do not typically use white pine forests. Elsewhere in southeastern Minnesota, this wren is not closely associated with conifers.

Significant areas for birds: Three areas in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park are of particular importance to forest birds, including three special concern species and several regionally rare birds (Figure 11). These are discussed individually, below. The extensive forest communities adjoining forested stream valleys in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park provide a relatively unbroken tract of mature forest that serves as important habitat for many forest bird species, including several species particularly sensitive to disturbance and fragmentation. Forest fragmentation is of great concern for many bird species that are negatively impacted by the loss of forest canopy cover. Besides the obvious effect of habitat degradation, forest fragmentation results in lower reproductive success due to increased brood parasitism by Brown-headed Cowbirds and increased predation by both mammalian and avian species (Rosenberg et al. 1999). In addition, some species may simply not be present in forest tracts below a certain size or at sites too isolated from the nearest suitable forest.

From the standpoint of forest bird species, any fragmentation of mature forest habitats is detrimental to birds requiring large tracts of unfragmented forest. Records of pre-settlement vegetation in the park suggest that forested areas were more open than the current condition. Nevertheless, allowing the pre-settlement oak woodlands and other deciduous forest communities to mature into closed canopy forests has increased available habitat to rare forest bird species that are in decline elsewhere throughout the Paleozoic Plateau due to forest fragmentation. In areas which historically were not forested, management or restoration of the open character of these habitats would negatively impact forest interior birds.

*Canfield* Creek: The extensive, mature, closed-canopy forest along Canfield Creek provides critical habitat for many rare birds documented in the park (Figure 11). The stream and adjoining forest provide the only suitable breeding habitat in the park for the Louisiana Waterthrush. Cerulean Warblers, Acadian Flycatchers, and several regionally rare species, such as Winter Wren and Mourning Warbler, also were found here, further emphasizing the importance of this area to rare birds. Degradation of stream valleys elsewhere in the Paleozoic Plateau has greatly reduced the amount of suitable habitat in this region. The forested slopes adjacent to the stream are an essential habitat component to the bird species that utilize the valley floors. Alteration or removal of these microhabitat components may have detrimental effects on habitat suitability for Louisiana Waterthrushes in the park (Stucker 2000). Any reduction in water quality due to pollution or siltation from adjacent lands could also negatively impact Louisiana Waterthrushes.

*Forested areas north and west of the old Forestville town site*: The most important area of this forest tract is centered on the west-east trending intermittent stream and associated slopes (Figure 11). One Cerulean Warbler and an Acadian Flycatcher were found immediately adjacent to the stream. Two

more Cerulean Warblers were present along the south-facing slope just north and west of the Picnic Area. Several singing males of the regionally rare Veery were also found in this tract. Horse trails in this area are negatively impacting seepage areas on slopes adjoining the intermittent stream, as well as the stream itself at the crossing point in the upper reaches of the stream.

*Forested areas north and east of the Horse Camp*: Key portions of this area include the forested west-facing slopes above the Root River, the forest along and adjoining the small stream near the eastern boundary of the park, and the intervening oak forest on the slopes and ridge tops between these areas. One Acadian Flycatcher and a Cerulean Warbler were found on the northwest facing slope above the Root River, and another Acadian Flycatcher was present in an area of mature sugar maple and red oak along the stream near the eastern edge of the park. This stream has potential habitat for Louisiana Waterthrushes, although it may be too small or intermittent to be optimal. Two regionally rare species, Least Flycatcher and Veery, were found at several locations in this tract.

# **Conclusions**

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park has extensive areas of mature forest which provide important habitat for many birds, including several special concern and regionally rare species. The presence of these extensive blocks of mature upland forest adjoining forested stream valleys make the park of particular importance to birds in the Paleozoic Plateau Ecological Section. Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park is one of the few sites in southeastern Minnesota that supports this diversity of rare and uncommon forest birds.

### **Amphibians and Reptiles**

Prior to the animal surveys conducted in 1995 and 1996 by the MCBS, the NHIS Rare Features database had a total of five locations for three rare herpetofauna documented within Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park. These species consisted of Blanding's turtle, Milk snake, and Timber rattlesnake. Within the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area two additional Timber rattlesnake records have been added to the database since 1995 (Appendix 1).

Thirteen species of herpetofauna were targeted at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park – three frogs, two turtles, one lizard, and seven snakes (Table 13). Site selection for herpetofaunal surveys was based on the species of interest and their preferred habitats (see Figure 6 for a map and Table 14 for a list showing locations and habitats of survey sites). Prior surveys targeting herpetofauna of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park consisted of an inventory of the park's herpetofauna by the Minnesota Herpetological Society (Moriarty, 1985) and a survey targeting Timber rattlesnakes (Keyler and Oldfield, 1992).

### Survey methods

*Anuran surveys*: Anuran surveys documented breeding frogs and toads and were conducted at night after dusk during chorusing periods from April through July, 1996. Wetland locations were surveyed for three minutes, where all species calling were identified and the intensity of calls (an index of the number of calling individuals) was recorded. Survey sites typically consisted of backwaters of the Root River or its tributaries. Anuran surveys were conducted during the breeding season on 30 April, 15, 30 May, 10 June, and 17 July 1996.

*Artificial cover* or *cover-boards*: Cover-boards were used as a means of sampling secretive herp species. Pieces of plywood, corrugated sheet metal, or roofer's felt, approximately two-by-four feet in size, were placed on the ground within selected habitats. The use of both wood and metal materials created a wide range of temperature and moisture conditions attracting both amphibians and reptiles. This technique was not constrained by time limitations and was more effective the longer the cover-boards were in place. Cover-boards were placed at 11 locations in the park, with 1-4 boards at each location. The boards were set in place during the summer of 1995 and checked periodically throughout the summer and early fall, between August 1995 and September 1996. Boards were checked for herpetofauna basking on top of the boards or sheltering beneath.

*Drift fences*: Three drift fences were installed to capture more secretive herpetofauna, such as salamanders. Drift fences consisted of 50-foot rolls of aluminum flashing with eight 5-gallon buckets buried flush with the ground on either side of the flashing. The DNR archaeologist reviewed the planned locations of drift fences to ensure that no cultural features were disturbed. All drift fences were placed in deciduous forest habitat near or in lowland hardwoods. The buckets were checked two to three times per week and all herpetofauna and small mammals were removed and identified. Drift fences were open from late April through early June, for a total of 1,128 trap nights.

*Terrestrial searches*: Terrestrial herp searches involved actively searching an area, lifting rocks and woody debris, and hand-capturing herpetofauna. Basking surfaces and rock crevices were also examined. This technique, effective for documenting snakes and lizards, was used to target Timber rattlesnakes at historic and potential den sites. Searches were conducted on 21 June 1995 and 22, 28 May, and 28 August 1996, targeting bluff prairie and rock outcrop habitats within mixed deciduous forest. Time spent searching consisted of a total of 17 hours, 7.75 of these hours were spent searching sites outside of the statutory boundaries of the park, but within the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area.

*Turtle trapping:* Baited hoop traps were used to survey Blanding's turtles. Two traps were set in an emergent marsh/seepage meadow along an oxbow of the South Branch Root River. The traps were set on 16 July 1996 and pulled on 18 July, for a total of 4 trap-nights.

Incidental records of herpetofauna were also recorded when encountered. Voucher specimens were collected and preserved for permanent storage at the James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

# Survey results

Five species of amphibians and four species of reptiles were documented in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park during MCBS herp surveys. Within the ecological area, two additional species of amphibians and three species of reptiles were documented by MCBS. Previous herpetofaunal surveys conducted in the park contributed to the cumulative list of herpetofauna (Moriarty 1985; Keyler and Oldfield 1992). Additionally, park staff and visitors reported sightings of herpetofauna, creating a combined total of eight species of amphibians and nine species of reptiles potentially occurring within Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park (Table 22).

Anuran surveys: Six species of frogs and toads were documented in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park during anuran surveys and one additional species was recorded directly east of the park. Different species were observed based on calling periods and water levels. The Spring peeper was the only species heard during early spring surveys, although the Northern leopard frog was observed with egg masses. Spring peepers and American toads were present at four of the five sites visited during late spring surveys, and were the most frequently documented species. Green frogs were present at two sites surveyed in the park during mid-summer surveys when sites with intermittent streams and vernal pools were dry. Breeding Green frogs require permanent water bodies such as river backwaters and oxbows. The backwaters of the South Branch Root River, in the vicinity of historic Forestville, had the most anuran diversity with four species recorded. However, the presence of fish in this system may reduce anuran recruitment. This site consisted of a stagnant body of water associated with a flowing, permanent water source. The Cope's gray treefrog was unexpectedly heard at the sinkhole site on the eastern boundary of the park. This species is associated with grassland habitats and is near the edge of its range in Fillmore County. It may occupy grassland habitat east of the park where breeding ponds are scarce. A Cope's gray treefrog specimen was collected by MCBS, 6 miles southwest of the park within the Canfield Creek drainage. Chorus frogs were present in the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area, but were not recorded within the park boundaries. Gray treefrogs were heard east of the park and outside the ecological area. Both of these latter species should be present within the park boundaries.

*Cover-boards*: The Eastern garter snake and Redbelly snake were documented using cover-boards. Redbelly snakes were most frequently observed and were present at 5 of the 11 sites. Preferred habitat for this species consisted of open grassland or forest edge. Nearly half of the total observations of this species (23 of 49 records) consisted of young of the year. Eastern garter snakes were found at three sites. Juveniles represented approximately 1/3 of the total observations (4 of 11). Few individuals of either species were observed using coverboards in forested habitat.

*Drift fences*: Two species of herpetofauna were captured in the drift fence buckets, the American toad and Redbelly snake. The low diversity of herps captured in the drift fences was comparable to results at other forested drift fence sites in southeastern Minnesota. Species with toepads, such as Spring peepers and Gray treefrogs, have the ability to adhere to the walls of drift fence buckets and therefore may be under-represented with this type of sampling technique. Drift fences also captured small mammals; these results are discussed in the mammal section.

*Terrestrial searches*: During searches within Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, Redbelly snakes were located under rocks and woody debris along forest edge habitat. Three Timber rattlesnakes were located during a terrestrial search on private land on 28 August 1996. The tract is within the ecological area, directly west of a forested tract of the park. The rattlesnakes were located among rock outcrops within openings of a forested south-facing ridge. This site appears to be the closest active den to the park. The lower portion of this privately owned tract is used as a hay field. Adjacent landowners to the north of the site were familiar with the presence of the rattlesnakes on the tract. Additional searches on bluff prairie habitat within the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area were not successful in recording any herpetofauna.

*Turtle trapping*: Four Painted turtles and one Snapping turtle were captured in baited hoop traps. Although wetland habitat was suitable for Blanding's turtles, it appeared to be too limited for a significant population.

*Incidental record:* A Northern water snake was collected on 17 July 1996. It was found dead on County Road 5 near the South Branch Root River within the ecological area.

Discussion of rare herpetofauna and significant areas in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park *Rare herpetofauna*: The rare reptiles found in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park are primarily representatives of forest communities. Timber rattlesnakes, Fox snakes, and Milk snakes emerge from dens in the spring and may disperse up to four miles into surrounding forest and forest-edge habitat. The park contains some of the most significant forest communities in the county and represents one of western-most forested sites within the Blufflands Ecological Subsection. Accordingly, the park contains some of the western-most records for these species within the subsection and the Root River drainage basin.

*Timber rattlesnakes*: Timber rattlesnake populations were severely reduced during the 1900's due to bounty hunting, persecution, and habitat loss. Sightings of rattlesnakes during the early to mid-1900's were not uncommon near historic Forestville. Clyde Larson, previously employed by the

park, stated that 50 or more snakes were destroyed in a quarry blast at Rifle Hill Spring quarry during summer in the early 1960's. This was most likely a rookery (or birthing) site comprised of female Timber rattlesnakes and their offspring. Landowners who lived in the vicinity of the Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park prior to its establishment have stated that dens had previously existed along the Sandbank Trail and east of the South Branch Root River near Mystery Cave. These sites, along with a potential den near the Group Camp, have become overgrown with brush and would require habitat management efforts to enhance the sites as dens or rookeries. Habitat restoration, consisting of prescribed burning or brush removal, is recommended and should be done during periods of snake dormancy (late-October through mid-April). Single isolated shrubs, such as red cedar, are often used by snakes for shade and concealment and should be left near selected rock crevices.

Park staff and volunteers have initiated restoration along the Sandbank Trail near the historic den site and overlook. Mark White (personal communication) described patterns found in the age structure of the trees that suggest that the vegetation was formerly oak savanna. Numerous red oaks, 80 - 120 years of age, are being removed from the area to open the site for the much older, scattered bur oaks that are 250 years old. Restoration of this site may provide suitable rookery habitat adjacent to the historic den. Consideration should be given to rerouting trails in the vicinity of this historic den to discourage snake-human interactions. This historic den lies within ½ mile of the site where three Timber rattlesnakes were found in 1996, increasing the likelihood that the restored den could become active and possibly serve as an alternate den site. Acquisition of the private tract is strongly recommended for the protection of the park's Timber rattlesnake population. Due to continued interest in collecting, active dens should be patrolled during spring emergence and during the birthing period later in the summer.

Although no active dens are currently known to exist Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, an active den was located directly west of the park where three rattlesnakes were observed in August, 1996 (see fig.10). Within the park, Timber rattlesnakes are occasionally observed by park staff, visitors, and adjacent landowners. Sightings have occurred near the Visitor's Center, Campground, Group Camp, and along the South Branch Root River near Canfield Creek. Confirmation of sightings would be helpful to ensure that Fox snakes, which also occur in the area, are not misidentified as Timber rattlesnakes. The installation of signs along trails or in campgrounds where rattlesnakes have been sighted may be beneficial if designed to be educational and not alarming to visitors. Additional surveys should be conducted on south-facing bluff prairies, particularly in the Big Spring area, to locate additional den sites.

During summer months, male and non-gravid female rattlesnakes may move an average of 2.5 miles from an overwintering den, utilizing forested habitat where they feed on small mammals and bask in

forest openings (Brown 1993). Forest habitat utilized by male and nongravid females in New Jersey consisted of canopy closure greater than 50%, thick surface vegetation and few fallen logs (Reinert and Zappalorti 1988). In New York, Brown and Greenberg (1992) found snakes in mixed deciduous or coniferous forests with canopy closure averaging 67%. Over half of the locations had greater than 75% canopy closure. In addition there was little surface vegetation and few rocks or fallen logs. Sites used by gravid females are sparsely forested with approximately 25% canopy closure, frequent fallen logs, and warmer climatic conditions (Reinert and Zappalorti 1988).

Taking steps to protect Timber rattlesnake habitat through acquisition or conservation easements is an important conservation strategy for Timber rattlesnakes protection. Brown (1993) recommends that a distance of 1.5 miles from a den is critical for the protection of Timber rattlesnakes in most denning populations (see Figure 12). Additionally, he states that each specific area should be studied in detail to determine movement patterns of migrating rattlesnakes. While rattlesnake movement patterns are not known at the Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, any development planned for the park, including additional campsites and trails, should be minimized in the vicinity of potential den sites. Brown (1993) recommends that timber harvest be prohibited or minimized within 2.5 miles of an active den. Any thinning should be done during winter months to reduce impacts on snakes. Keyler (personal communication) has expressed concern about the impacts of multiple management efforts taking place in the vicinity of a den (i.e., burning at den site and thinning of forest) and recommends spacing out such activities over time. Within the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area, reforestation of selected agricultural tracts along the ridge could link the park to other large forested tracts creating travel corridors for rattlesnake dispersal.

*Blanding's turtle*: The Blanding's turtle is not typically associated with forested communities, however, it is an adaptable species that utilizes a variety of aquatic habitats and is known to use streams and rivers to travel between wetlands or backwaters. This species is known to travel greater than ½ mile overland to reach nesting sites in well-drained, sparsely vegetated soils. The single individual located in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park was a male found in early September 1991, approximately 1/4 mile from the South Branch Root River. Approximately 7 miles west of the park, in the Goethite WMA, a Blanding's turtle, observed in June 1995, was most likely a gravid female in search of a nest site. The WMA consists of numerous wetlands associated with an abandoned strip mine and is just north of the South Branch Root River. Two other Blanding's turtle records exist in Fillmore County; both are associated with the Root River drainage basin. Blanding's turtles within the park are possibly transient individuals moving between or dispersing from emergent marsh habitats along the South Branch Root River.

*Northern cricket frog*: The Northern cricket frog is a state endangered species which utilizes river and stream habitats where it feeds on lightly vegetated mudflats and gravel bars and breeds in

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adjacent wetlands. During the past two decades, this species has drastically declined throughout the northern portion of its range. The cause of its decline is unknown, but may be related to low recruitment and a short life span (Burkett 1984). Historically, Northern cricket frogs were present in the vicinity of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park. They were reported south of Spring Valley by W. Breckenridge in 1939, and R. Berthel and G. Rysgaard in 1941. Although extensive surveys have been conducted throughout southeastern Minnesota during the 1990's (including park and its vicinity), no populations have been documented.

# Herpetofaunal management issues in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park

*Trail management*: Maintaining large forested tracts is critical in the protection of Timber rattlesnakes. The park represents one of largest, western-most forested sites within the Blufflands Ecological Subsection and provides important habitat for this species on the far edge of its range. Forest trails should be designed to reduce snake-human encounters and may need to be closed during dispersal periods in the spring. Wide trails and paved surfaces may attract snakes for basking and should be minimized, especially in areas where snakes are known to frequent or where habitat enhancement has been undertaken. See the discussion of rare herpetofauna for details on Timber rattlesnake conservation.

*Rattlesnake habitat enhancement*: Bluff prairies and associated rock outcrops provide critical overwintering sites for a variety of snakes and lizards. While male and non-gravid female Timber rattlesnakes disperse from den sites in the spring, gravid females remain on exposed bluff prairies or "rookeries" throughout the summer. The historic den along the Sandbank Trail is the most likely site to be revisited by Timber rattlesnakes due to its close proximity to the potential den identified outside the park in 1996. Reforestation of agricultural lands within the 1.5 mile buffer should be considered. See the discussion of rare herpetofauna for details on Timber rattlesnake conservation.

Wetland protection: Aquatic features identified in Figure 12 are considered important amphibian breeding areas. In the steep, forested terrain of southeastern Minnesota prime breeding habitat for anurans (i.e., fishless, shallow wetlands) is very limited and often occurs in riparian corridors. Plugged sinkholes, such as the one along the park's eastern border, provide important breeding sites for species that utilize ephemeral wetlands and should be protected from becoming filled or having the surrounding forest habitat logged. River oxbows and backwaters provide additional sources of breeding habitat for frogs and toads and should be protected from siltation. Drought refuges such as backwaters and oxbows may be important sources of amphibian recruitment during dry periods.

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Figures

# Legend for Figures 1a, 1b, and 1c. Locations of native plant communities and rare features

#### **Native Plant Community Types:**



# Figure 1a. Locations of native plant communities and rare features in Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area, eastern section.



Source: MN County Biological Survey, 2001

# Figure 1b. Locations of native plant communities and rare features in Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area, central section.



Source: MN County Biological Survey, 2001




## Legend for Figures 2a, 2b, and 2c. Quality ranks of native plant communities

#### **Native Plant Communities:**

A

AB

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BC

с Ссб.: Ссб.:

#### **Other Mapped Features:**

Old Growth Forest

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Native Plant Communities with Quality Ranks



Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park -Statutory Boundary

Highways and Local Roads

/ Rivers, Streams, Ditches

Disturbed Land, Developed Areas, or Native Plant Communities Below Minimum Standards







# Legend for Figure 3. Releve' site locations

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Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park - Statutory Boundary

- **Releve'** Site Locations
- Native Plant Communities with Quality Ranks

Disturbed Land, Developed Areas, or Native Plant Communities Below Minimum Standards



# Legend for Figures 4a, 4b, and 4c. Rare plant species occurrences

#### **Rare Plant Species Occurrences:\***

**Other Mapped Features:** 

- Rare Plant Location (1970 present) and map number
- Rare Plant Locations (pre-1970) and map number

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park - Statutory Boumlar;

Mighways and Local Roads

Rivers, Streams, Ditches

\* Refer to list following maps for species associated with the map numbers.







Map ID and No.	MN Status	Occur #	Scientific Name	Common Name
1 - 4b 4c	SPC	19	ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA MOSCHATEL	
2 - 4a 4b	SPC	40	ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA	MOSCHATEL
3 - 4a 4b	SPC	41	ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA	MOSCHATEL
4 - 4a	SPC	49	ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA	MOSCHATEL
5 - 4b	SPC	99	ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA	MOSCHATEL
6 - 4a	THR	27	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
7 - 4a	THR	49	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
8 - 4a	THR	51	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
9 - 4a 4b	THR	28	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
10 - 4a	THR	52	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
11 - 4a	THR	50	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
12 - 4b	THR	48	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
13 - 4a	THR	47	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
14 - 4b	THR	61	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
15 - 4a	THR	26	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
16 - 4c	THR	29	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
17 - 4a	THR	62	ALLIUM CERNUUM	NODDING WILD ONION
18 - 4c	NON	3	ARABIS LAEVIGATA	SMOOTH ROCK-CRESS
19 - 4a	NON	23	ARABIS LAEVIGATA	SMOOTH ROCK-CRESS
20 - 4c	NON	30	ARISAEMA DRACONTIUM	GREEN DRAGON
21 - 4a	NON	4	ASTER PILOSUS	WHITE HEATH ASTER
22 - 4a	NON	34	ATHYRIUM THELYPTERIOIDES	SILVERY SPLEENWORT
23 - 4c	NON	6	CACALIA MUEHLENBERGII	GREAT INDIAN-PLANTAIN
24 - 4c	NON	7	CACALIA MUEHLENBERGII	GREAT INDIAN-PLANTAIN
25 - 4b	NON	8	CACALIA MUEHLENBERGII	GREAT INDIAN-PLANTAIN
26 - 4b	NON	9	CACALIA MUEHLENBERGII	GREAT INDIAN-PLANTAIN
27 - 4a 4b	NON	5	CACALIA MUEHLENBERGII	GREAT INDIAN-PLANTAIN
28 - 4a	THR	8	CAREX JAMESII JAMES' SEDGE	
29 - 4a	THR	2	CAREX JAMESII	JAMES' SEDGE
30 - 4a	THR	10	CAREX JAMESII	JAMES' SEDGE
31 - 4a	THR	23	CAREX LAEVIVAGINATA	SMOOTH-SHEATHED SEDGE

Species list for Figures 4a, 4b, and 4c. Rare plant species occurrences in Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area.

Species list for Figures 4a, 4b, and 4c. Rare plant species occurrences in Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area.

Map ID and No.	MN Status	Occur #	Scientific Name	Common Name	
32 - 4a	THR	16	CAREX LAEVIVAGINATA	SMOOTH-SHEATHED SEDGE	
33 - 4a 4b	THR	17	CAREX LAEVIVAGINATA	SMOOTH-SHEATHED SEDGE	
34 - 4a	THR	10	CAREX LAEVIVAGINATA	SMOOTH-SHEATHED SEDGE	
35 - 4a	THR	12	CAREX LAEVIVAGINATA	SMOOTH-SHEATHED SEDGE	
36 - 4a	SPC	55	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
37 - 4c	SPC	20	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
38 - 4a	SPC	34	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
39 - 4b	SPC	54	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
40 - 4a	SPC	36	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
41 - 4a	SPC	37	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
42 - 4a	SPC	31	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
43 - 4c	SPC	15	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
44 - 4a	SPC	32	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
45 - 4c	SPC	30	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
46 - 4a	SPC	33	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
47 - 4a	SPC	35	CAREX WOODII	WOOD'S SEDGE	
48 - 4b	END	7	CHRYSOSPLENIUM IOWENSE	IOWA GOLDEN SAXIFRAGE	
49 - 4a 4b	END	5	CHRYSOSPLENIUM IOWENSE	IOWA GOLDEN SAXIFRAGE	
50 - 4b 4c	END	3	CHRYSOSPLENIUM IOWENSE	IOWA GOLDEN SAXIFRAGE	
51 - 4a 4b	END	4	CHRYSOSPLENIUM IOWENSE	IOWA GOLDEN SAXIFRAGE	
52 - 4a	SPC	15	DESMODIUM CUSPIDATUM VAR. LONGIFOLIUM	BIG TICK-TREFOIL	
53 - 4a	SPC	14	DESMODIUM CUSPIDATUM VAR. LONGIFOLIUM	BIG TICK-TREFOIL	
54 - 4a	SPC	16	DESMODIUM CUSPIDATUM VAR. LONGIFOLIUM	BIG TICK-TREFOIL <sup>´</sup>	
55 - 4a	SPC	13	DESMODIUM CUSPIDATUM VAR. LONGIFOLIUM	BIG TICK-TREFOIL	
56 - 4a	SPC	41	DICENTRA CANADENSIS	SQUIRREL-CORN	
57 - 4a	SPC	47	DRYOPTERIS GOLDIANA	GOLDIE'S FERN	
58 - 4a	SPC	46	DRYOPTERIS GOLDIANA	GOLDIE'S FERN	
59 - 4a	SPC	37	DRYOPTERIS GOLDIANA	GOLDIE'S FERN	
60 - 4a	SPC	65	ERYNGIUM YUCCIFOLIUM	RATTLESNAKE-MASTER	
61 - 4a	SPC	49	ERYNGIUM YUCCIFOLIUM	RATTLESNAKE-MASTER	
62 - 4c	NON	5	GEUM LACINIATUM VAR. TRICHOCARPUM	ROUGH AVENS	
63 - 4a	NON	8	GEUM LACINIATUM VAR. TRICHOCARPUM	ROUGH AVENS	
64 - 4a	SPC	33	JEFFERSONIA DIPHYLLA	TWINLEAF	

Map ID and No.	MN Status	Occur #	Scientific Name	Common Name
65 40	тир	12		
65 - 4a	IHK	13		GLADE MALLOW
66 - 4c	THR	10	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
67 - 4c	THR	11	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
68 - 4a	THR	12	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
69 - 4c	THR	39	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
70 - 4c	THR	5	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
71 - 4a 4b	THR	36	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
72 - 4a	THR	74	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
73 - 4c	THR	48	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
74 - 4c	THR	88	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
75 - 4c	THR	40	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
76 - 4b	THR	38	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
77 - 4b	THR	37	NAPAEA DIOICA	GLADE MALLOW
78 - 4c	SPC	8	OROBANCHE UNIFLORA	ONE-FLOWERED BROOMRAPE
79 - 4a 4b	SPC	35	PANAX QUINQUEFOLIUS	AMERICAN GINSENG
80 - 4b	SPC	160	PANAX QUINQUEFOLIUS	AMERICAN GINSENG
81 - 4a	SPC	238	PANAX QUINQUEFOLIUS	AMERICAN GINSENG
82 - 4a 4b	SPC	177	PANAX QUINQUEFOLIUS	AMERICAN GINSENG
83 - 4b	SPC	12	POA WOLFII	WOLF'S BLUEGRASS
84 - 4a	SPC	40	SANICULA TRIFOLIATA	BEAKED SNAKEROOT
85 - 4a	THR	12	SILENE NIVEA	SNOWY CAMPION
86 - 4a	NON	29	TAENIDIA INTEGERRIMA	YELLOW PIMPERNEL
87 - 4b	NON	24	TAENIDIA INTEGERRIMA	YELLOW PIMPERNEL
88 - 4a	NON	25	TAENIDIA INTEGERRIMA	YELLOW PIMPERNEL

Species list for Figures 4a, 4b, and 4c. Rare plant species occurrences in Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area.

<sup>1</sup> Occurrence number identifies the element record in the Natural Heritage Information System (see Appendix 1 for additional information on particular rare plant occurrences).

## Legend for Figure 5. Focal areas for ecological management of native plant community complexes



Focal area for ecological management of native plant community complexes

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park - Statutory Boundary

Native Plant Communities with Quality Ranks



Disturbed Land, Developed Areas, or Native Plant Communities Below Minimum Standards



## Legend for Figure 6. Locations of animal survey sites

#### **Animal Survey Sites Other Mapped Features:** Herp Survey Data **Bird Survey Data** Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park - Statutory Boundar ľ ۲ **Bird Point Count** $\checkmark$ Highways and Local Roads Turtle Traps Bird Playback Location • Herp Searches Rivers, Streams, Ditches $\mathbf{\Delta}$ **Drift Fence Mammal Survey Data** Cover Board Mammal Trap Grids $\oplus$ Anuran Survey 0 Bat Survey



### Legend for Figures 7a, 7b, and 7c. Locations of rare animal species and animal aggregations



\* Refer to list following maps for species associated with the map numbers.









Map ID and No.	MN Status	Occur #	Scientific Name	Common Name
BIRDS				
1 - 7a	SPC	17	DENDROICA CERULEA	CERULEAN WARBLER
2 - 7a	SPC	18	DENDROICA CERULEA	CERULEAN WARBLER
3 - 7a	SPC	16	DENDROICA CERULEA	CERULEAN WARBLER
4 - 7a	SPC	15	DENDROICA CERULEA	CERULEAN WARBLER
5 - 7a	SPC	12	DENDROICA CERULEA	CERULEAN WARBLER
6 - 7a	SPC	15	EMPIDONAX VIRESCENS	ACADIAN FLYCATCHER
7 - 7a	SPC	14	EMPIDONAX VIRESCENS	ACADIAN FLYCATCHER
8 - 7a	SPC	16	EMPIDONAX VIRESCENS	ACADIAN FLYCATCHER
9 - 7a	SPC	60	EMPIDONAX VIRESCENS	ACADIAN FLYCATCHER
10 - 7c	THR	146	LANIUS LUDOVICIANUS	LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE
11 - 7c	THR	154	LANIUS LUDOVICIANUS	LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE
12 - 7a	SPC	62	SEIURUS MOTACILLA	LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH
13 - 7a	SPC	63	SEIURUS MOTACILLA	LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH
FIGH				
14 - 7b	NON	69	I AMPETRA APPENDIY	AMERICAN BROOK I AMPREY
14 - 70	NON	37	LAMI ETRA A PPENDIX	AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY
15 - 7a	NON	38	LAMPETRA APPENDIX	AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY
17 - 7a	NON	52	LAMPETRA APPENDIX	AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY
17 7a 7b	NON	54	LAMPETRA APPENDIX	AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY
19 - 7b	NON	63	LAMPETRA APPENDIX	AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY
MAMMAL	s			
20 - 7a	~ SPC	19	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS
21 - 7c	SPC	16	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS
22 - 7c	SPC	15	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS
23 - 7c	SPC	18	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS

Species list for Figures 7a, 7b, and 7c. Rare animal species and animal aggregations in Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area.

Map ID and No.	MN Status	Occur <sup>1</sup> #	Scientific Name	Common Name	
24 - 7a	SPC	22	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS	
25 - 7a	SPC	21	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS	
26 - 7a	SPC	20	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS	
27 - 7a	SPC	23	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS	
28 - 7c	SPC	17	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS	
29 - 7c	SPC	6	MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS	NORTHERN MYOTIS	
30 - 7c	SPC	29	PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS	EASTERN PIPISTRELLE	
31 - 7a	SPC	33	PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS	EASTERN PIPISTRELLE	
32 - 7c	SPC	17	PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS	EASTERN PIPISTRELLE	
33 - 7c	SPC	31	PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS	EASTERN PIPISTRELLE	
34 - 7c	SPC	15	PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS	EASTERN PIPISTRELLE	
35 - 7c	SPC	30	PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS	EASTERN PIPISTRELLE	
36 - 7a	SPC	32	PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS	EASTERN PIPISTRELLE	
37 - 7a	NON	15	REITHRODONTOMYS MEGALOTIS	WESTERN HARVEST MOUSE	
REPTILES					
38 - 7a	THR	133	CROTALUS HORRIDUS	TIMBER RATTLESNAKE	
39 - 7a	THR	22	CROTALUS HORRIDUS	TIMBER RATTLESNAKE	
40 - 7a 7b	THR	114	CROTALUS HORRIDUS	TIMBER RATTLESNAKE	
41 - 7a	THR	101	CROTALUS HORRIDUS	TIMBER RATTLESNAKE	
42 - 7a	THR	604	EMYDOIDEA BLANDINGII	BLANDING'S TURTLE	
43 - 7a	NON	9	LAMPROPELTIS TRIANGULUM	MILK SNAKE	
44 - 7a	NON	1	LAMPROPELTIS TRIANGULUM	MILK SNAKE	
MOLLUSK	S				
45 - 7a 7b	THR	5	NOVASUCCINEA N. SP. MINNESOTA A	MINNESOTA PLEISTOCENE AMBERSNAII	
46 - 7a	THR	6	NOVASUCCINEA N. SP. MINNESOTA A	MINNESOTA PLEISTOCENE AMBERSNAII	
47 - 7a	END	3	NOVASUCCINEA N. SP. MINNESOTA B	IOWA PLEISTOCENE AMBERSNAIL	
48 - 7a	NON	5	VERTIGO HUBRICHTI	HUBRICHT'S VERTIGO	

Species list for Figures 7a, 7b, and 7c. Rare animal species and animal aggregations in Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area.

MIDWEST PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO

VERTIGO HUBRICHTI HUBRICHTI

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END

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Map ID and No.	MN Status	Occur #	Scientific Name	Common Name
50 - 7a 7b	END	1	VERTIGO HUBRICHTI HUBRICHTI	MIDWEST PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO
51 - 7a	THR	6	VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP.	VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO
52 - 7a 7b	THR	2	VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP.	VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO
53 - 7a 7b	THR	1	VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP.	VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO
54 - 7b 7c	THR	5	VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP.	VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO
55 - 7a	THR	3	VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP.	VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO
56 - 7a	THR	4	VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP.	VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO

Species list for Figures 7a, 7b, and 7c. Rare animal species and animal aggregations in Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area.

ANIMAL AGGREGATIONS

57 - 7c	19	BAT CONCENTRATION	BAT CONCENTRATION
58 - 7c	27	BAT CONCENTRATION	BAT CONCENTRATION
59 - 7c	23	BAT CONCENTRATION	BAT CONCENTRATION
60 - 7c	5	BAT CONCENTRATION	BAT CONCENTRATION
61 - 7c	2	BAT CONCENTRATION	BAT CONCENTRATION
62 - 7c	202	COLONIAL WATERBIRD NESTING SITE	COLONIAL WATERBIRD NESTING SITE

<sup>1</sup>Occurrence number identifies the element record in the Natural Heritage Information System (see Appendix 1 for additional information on particular rare animal occurrences).

Figure 8. Representative call sequences of foraging bats at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park (Little brown myotis, Northern myotis, Eastern pipistrelle, and Eastern red bat).



Fig. 8. Continued.





Figure 9. Arrival of bats to Mystery Cave during fall, 1996. (Numbers taken from count routes in Mystery I and II.)

Date	Little brown myotis	Northern myotis	Eastern pipistrelle	Total
17-Aug-1996	12	0	0	12
28-Aug-1998	18	0	0	18
5-Sep-1996	89	2	0	91
19-Sep-1996	145	5	4	154
3-Oct-1996	303	0	6	309
19-Oct-1996	431	4	7	442

Figure 10a. Locations of roosting bats in Mystery Cave, 17 August 1996.



Map of Mystery Cave based on surveys by the Minnesota Speleological Survey.

Source: MN County Biological Survey, 2001

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Figure 10b. Locations of roosting bats in Mystery Cave, 28 August 1996.



Map of Mystery Cave based on surveys by the Minnesota Speleological Survey.





Map of Mystery Cave based on surveys by the Minnesota Speleological Survey.

Figure 10e. Locations of roosting bats in Mystery Cave, 3 October 1996.



Map of Mystery Cave based on surveys by the Minnesota Speleological Survey.

Source: MN County Biological Survey, 2001

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Figure 10f. Locations of roosting bats in Mystery Cave, 19 October 1996.



Map of Mystery Cave based on surveys by the Minnesota Speleological Survey.

### Legend for Figure 11. Areas of importance to forest birds



Areas of importance to forest birds

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park - Statutory Boundary

Native Plant Communities with Quality Ranks

Disturbed Land, Developed Areas, or Native Plant Communities Below Minimum Standards


Figure 11. Areas of importance to forest birds in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

Source: MN County Biological Survey, 2001

### Legend for Figure 12. Important habitat features for herpetofauna

### Important habitat features for herpetofauna

+	Active Timber rattlesnake den
	Recommended buffer around rattlesnake den (1.5 miles)
•	Historic or potential Timber rattlesnake den site
	Aquatic habitat: important amphibian breeding sites
Other mappe	d features
	Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park - Statutory Boundary
	Native Plant Communities with Quality Ranks

Disturbed Land, Developed Areas, or

Native Plant Communities Below Minimum Standards

Source: MN County Biological Survey, 2001



Figure 12. Important habitat features for herpetofauna in Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area.

Source: MN County Biological Survey, 2001

Tables

Table 1.Chronological sequence of natural and human events affecting vegetation in the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area<br/>prior to Euroamerican settlement (Delcourt & Delcourt 1993, Baker et al. 1996, Baker et al. 1992, Chumbley et al. 1990, Grimm 1983,<br/>Winkler et al. 1986, McAndrews 1966, Brouillet and Whetstone 1993, Pewe 1983, Watts 1983, Webb et al.1983, Wright 1972, 1976, Cushing 1965,<br/>Gleason 19-).

Years Before Present	Major Event	Vegetation
30,000 -12,000	Maximum extent of Wisconsin Glacier followed by its rapid retreat away from southeast Minnesota. Periglacial climate with intense freeze-thaw upheavals promotes mechanical weathering of bedrock. Expanding ice in bedrock creates karst structures which store subterranean ice through summer. Super-steep slopes develop in river valleys following stream entrenchment from glacial meltwater.	Glacial margin with non-continuous permafrost covered by tundra or taiga. Cold-producing habitats develop creating refuge habitats for species of plants and land snails which are widespread in the Paleozoic Plateau at the time.
12,000 - 9,000	Very cool climate.	Vegetation dominated by spruce - tamarack - black ash.
9,000 - 5,500	Cool and moist climate	Mesic deciduous forest similar to maple-basswood forest except more open and less dense (Chumbley et al 1990). Prairie develops in the Midwest with prairie-forest border west of Paleozoic Plateau.
5,500 - 3,000	Warm and dry climate with doughty spring and summers.	Prairie expanding to maximum range. Mesic forests retreat from region, however remnants survive around groundwater seeps in deep, narrow limestone valleys. Glacial relicts persist on cold-producing habitats. Along sand terraces of Root River Valley, jack pine and dry ericaceous species, such as blueberries, expand outward from true "driftless area" in Wisconsin.
3,000 - 150	Slightly cooler climate with increasing summer precipitation.	Prairie retreats from maximum range to form the "prairie peninsula" as defined by Transeau (1935). Oak savanna develops as oaks become increasingly more abundant within the Paleozoic Plateau. Mesic woody and herbaceous plants expand along floodplains from fire-protected refuges in deep valleys with ground water seeps.
Circa 1853 A.D.	Public Land Survey of western Fillmore County. Euroamericans settle the area replacing Native Americans: periodic prairie fires cease; elk populations were extirpated by 1830; deer populations begin to decline eventually to local extirpation by 1900.	Government Land Surveyors record mesic deciduous forest on lower and mid-slopes; dry-mesic oak forest/woodland on upper slopes and narrow ridges; oak woodland-brushland with prairie openings on broad ridges within park; oak savanna and oak groves on surrounding upland plateau; mesic prairie or lowland savanna on broad floodplain of Root River Valley; glacial relicts persist on cold-producing habitats.

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Table 2.Summaries of PLS bearing tree data for section and quarter-section corners surveyed at various topographic positions within<br/>Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park (main park) (United States Surveyor General 1853-1855).

Topographic position of survey corner.	Characteristic Line Notes	Tree Species recorded at section	Mean Azimuthal Distance to Bearing tree.	Minimum - Maximum Range of Bearing Tree Diameters with Mean.	Number of survey corners; Total number of bearing trees recorded	
vegetation type at time of t ES.		corners	Range			
Lower and middle slopes	No specifics mentioned. Perhaps "timber 1 <sup>st</sup> rate"	White oak red oak	27.7 ft (42 links)	6 - (11.4) - 18 inches	6 corners 11 bearing trees	
Maple-basswood, mesic oak		basswood butternut	4.0 - 70.0 II			
Upper slopes and narrow ridge crests	"timber [was] bur oak, black oak, and white	white oak bur oak	57.3 ft (87 links)	6 - (10.5) - 18 inches	8 corners 19 bearing trees	
Dry oak forest or woodland	oak; very scattering & only fit for fuel"	red oak	7.9 - 184 ft			
Upland plateau and broad ridge crests	"soil 1 <sup>st</sup> rate prairie"; "upland grass - stool grubs, scrub oak & hazel	rate prairie"; white oak l grass - stool bur oak	170.3 ft (258 links)	5 - (12.7) - 20 inches	5 corners 12 bearing trees	
Oak woodland-brushland or overgrown prairie/savanna	brush"; "heavy oak brush"; oak, hazel & very thick"		54.1 - 331.3 ft			
Wide bottomlands	"upland grass and	red oak	172.5 ft (261 links)	5 - (7.3) - 8 inches	5 corners	
Savanna or mesic prairie	oak"	bur oak	45.5 - 300.9 ft		8 bearing trees	
Narrow bottomlands Lowland forest	"No bottom worth noting current swift & bed rocky"; " bur oak, black oak, w. oak, r. oak, walnut, ash, sugar, elm"					

\* mostly taken from the South Branch of the Root River or near the mouth of its tributaries.

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Table 3.	Modern native plant communities observed by MCBS at various topographic positions within Forestville/Mystery Cave State
	Park (main park).

Topographic position of survey corner.	Average Tree Tally (n) Per Relevé Percent Total Tally by Species	Calculated Estimate of Modern Bearing	Minimum - Maximum Range of Bearing Tree	Total Number of Relevés Sampled and Relevé	
Modern Vegetation		Mean Range	Mean Range	Number.	
Lower and middle slopes	n = 30 sugar maple 34%, white oak 13%, basswood 13%, ironwood 9%, american elm 8%, bitternut 6%, red	6.8 feet	10.3 inches	<b>6 relevés:</b> 4971, 4976, 4967, 4960, 4961, 4973	
Maple-basswood, mesic oak	oak 6%, red elm 4%, butternut 2%, white ash 2%, blue beech 1%, bur oak 0.5 %.	6.3 - 8.3 ft	3.9 - 34.4 in.		
Upper slopes	<b>24</b> red elm 21%, red oak 16%, basswood 11% american elm 9%				
Mesic and dry-mesic oak forest	white oak 8%, ironwood 7%, Juneberry 6%, bur oak 6%, white ash	7.6 ft. 6.6 - 9.0 ft.	10.2 in	<b>4 relevés:</b> 4974, 4975, 4977, 4978	
Upland plateau and broad ridge crests	4%, hackberry 4%, black ash 3%, sugar maple 2%, black maple 1%, bitternut 1%		3.9 - 33.2 in.		
Dry-mesic oak forest	olack maple 176, olacinat 176.				
Wide bottomlands	No modern plant comminutes				
Developed or heavily disturbed	observed.				
Narrow bottomlands	31-box elder 20%, hackberry 12%, black ash 12%, american elm 10%, bur oak 10% re elm 7% tilia 7%	6.6  ft.	9.3 in 3 9 - 35 5 in	<b>4 relevés:</b> 4962, 4963, 4968, 4965	
Lowland forest	sugar maple 6%, rock elm 6%, black maple 4%, black walnut 4%, black cherry 1%.	0.0 - 7.1 11.	5.7 - 55.5 m.	1700, 1703	

<sup>1</sup> This estimate of the distance to potential bearing trees if they were recorded in modern times using the same standards as the original public land survey (PLS) was determined by dividing the area of the relevé plot by the total number of trees tallied within. The estimated bearing tree distance equals the radius of the total area per tree assuming that the trees tallied within the relevé were evenly spaced. These distances include trees not favored by PLS surveyors (Almendinger 1996); however when small trees and species not favored by PLS surveyors were removed total distances were between 11-16 feet on average.

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## Table 4. Chronological sequence of natural and human events affecting vegetation in the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area since Euroamerican settlement.

Time Years Before Present	Major Event	Vegetation
years 1850-1885	The town of Forestville booms and busts. Local industries depend heavily upon nearby forests for fuel and construction materials.	Sugar or hard maple highly preferred for industrial fuel and completely removed in Spring Valley. Winchell and Upham (1884) note that white pines were all cut for lumber (oldest extant pines originated during this period). Logging of many oak forests and woodlands of surrounding area. Maughan family protects some forests as preserves.
year 1882	Geologic Survey of Fillmore County	Winchell and Upham (1884) note that native timber is steadily increasing. Much of the area is succeeding to brushland after prairie fires are suppressed.
year 1924	Fish habitat survey of Root River Watershed.	Surber (1924) reports heavy forest and dense undergrowth along river bottoms where large trees overhang "placid waters" and "forest canopy covers valley from crest to crest forming almost absolute wilderness".
year 1954	Fillmore County Soil Survey.	Farnharm (1954) reports that no mesic tall-grass prairie was observed in the county.
year 1995	Minnesota County Biological Survey	MCBS plant ecologists observe that the narrow valleys and adjacent bluffs of the Ecological Area are covered by a nearly contiguous canopy of deciduous forests of all age classes with significant areas in the main park dominated by old growth stands of maple-basswood, lowland hardwood, mesic red oak and dry-mesic oak forests. Scattered stands of white pine, with some individual trees approaching 120 years old, are on thin soils over several bench terraces cut into the bedrock cliffs at different elevations. Many remnants of wetland communities are present including spring-fed oxbow sloughs dominated by wild rice (Zizania palustris var. interior), seepage meadows and black ash swamps containing 200 year old trees. Lowland forest dominates large areas within small tributaries to the Root River such as the valley of Canfield Creek. Bedrock bluff prairies are nearly absent west of the town of Lanesburo; within the Ecological Area bluff prairies are only found in small remnants on upper slopes and narrow ridge crests. The Ecological Area supports more cold- producing habitats of maderate cliffs and algific talus slopes than is found at any other site or macrosite in Minnesota. Cold-producing slopes and cliffs support disjunct populations of northern plants such as balsam fir ( <i>Abies balsamea</i> ). These are thought to be Pleistocene relicts which have survived since the last glaciation.

Species	DBH cm (in)	Age in Years <sup>1</sup>	Relevé #	Location	Date
Fraxinus nigra	46 (17.9)	116		T102N-R12W os12	5/16/94
Fraxinus nigra	56 (21.8)	193		T102N-R11W swswnw18	5/26/94
Fraxinus nigra	56 (21.8)	201			5/26/94
Pinus strobus	62 (24.2)	122			6/15/94
Quercus alba	44 (17.2)	111		T102N-R11W ne18	6/2/94
Quercus alba	53 (20.7)	130	4813	T102N-R12W nwnw25	9/08/94
Quercus alba	54 (21.1)	>147	4978	T102N-R12W nwnw25	8/16/95
Quercus alba	55 (21.4)	232			6/15/94
Quercus alba	67 (26.1)	>280			6/14/94
Quercus macrocarpa	36 (14.0)	104			5/27/94
Quercus macrocarpa	44 (17.2)	120	4962	T102N-R12W nesw13	5/16/95
Quercus macrocarpa	44 (17.2)	126	4962	T102N-R12W nesw13	5/16/95
Quercus rubra	42 (16.4)	103	4975	T102N-R12W nwnwne13	7/06/95
Quercus rubra	45 (17.6)	106	4976	T102N-R11W swsesw07	8/15/95
Quercus rubra	47 (18.3)	111			6/2/94
Quercus rubra	54 (21.1)	121	4813	T102N-R12W nwnw25	9/08/94
Quercus rubra	55 (21.4)	>137	4978	T102N-R12W nwnw25	8/16/95
Quercus rubra	56 (21.8)	118	4814	T102N-R12W nesw24	9/15/94
Quercus rubra	56 (21.8)	94		T102N-R12W nene12	
Quercus rubra	57 (22.2)	118	4967	T102N-R12W swswsw13	5/18/95
Quercus rubra	59 (23.0)	100		T102N-R12W se13, ne24	5/17/94
Quercus rubra	59 (23.0)	128		T102N-R12W se13, ne24	5/17/94
Quercus rubra	59 (23.0)	>175		T102N-R12W swsw13	5/27/94

 Table 5. Ages of large trees within the main park of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

Species	DBH cm (in)	Age inYears <sup>1</sup>	Relevé #	Location	Date
Quercus rubra	61 (23.8)	127	4961	T102N-R12W swsw13	5/15/95
Quercus rubra	63 (24.6)	>123		T102N-R11W nw18	5/26/94
Quercus rubra	63 (24.6)	125			5/26/94
Quercus rubra	67 (26.1)	141		T102N-R12W os12	5/16/94
Quercus rubra	71 (27.7)	92			6/22/94
Tilia americana	28 (10.9)	54		T102N-R11W ne18	6/2/94
Tilia americana	45 (17.6)	89	4961	T102N-R12W swsw13	5/15/95
Tilia americana	46 (17.9)	104	T	T102N-R11W nw18	5/26/94
Tilia americana	46 (17.9)	121			5/26/94
Ulmus americana	21 (8.2)	26	4968	T102N-R12W nenesw13	5/18/95

Table 5. Ages of large trees within the main park of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

<sup>1</sup> tree age determined by adding the average number of years for species to reach breast height by site index (MN DNR - Forest Inventory Unit 1983 p. 15).

## Table 6. Average age of large sized trees within the main park of Forestville\Mystery Cave State Park<sup>1</sup>.

Category	Mean Age	Approximate Year of Origin
Quercus rubra (only)	120	1875
All Species	130	1865
All Species in Old Growth Stands:	122	
1102N-R12W nw25	133	1862
T102N-R12W sw13	133	

<sup>1</sup> CSA Type Size Class 6 & 7: DBH @ 15-24.9" (MN DNR Forest Inventory Unit 1983).

Table 7.	State listed	species of p	lants occurri	i <b>ng within t</b> l	he Forestville	Mystery Cav	ve Ecological
A	rea (see Ap	pendix 1 for	complete rec	ords).			

SPECIES (common name) EOR Ratio (Park Land - Privately Owned Land)		State Listing	Native Plant Community Code <sup>1</sup> (Number of EORs)
Adoxa moschatelliana (moschatel)	(0-5)	SPC - 5	TL (5)
Allium cernuum (nodding wild onion)	(10-2)	THR - 12	MB (6); LH (3); TL (1); NH (1); BA (1)
Arabis laevigata (smooth rock-cress)	(1-1)	NON - 2	MC (1); TA (1)
Arisaema dracontium (green dragon)	(1-0)	NON - 1	LH/MB <sup>2</sup> (1)
Aster pilosus (white heath aster)	(1-0)	NON - 1	OF (1)
Athyrium thelypterioides (silvery spleenwort)	(1-0)	NON - 1	MB (1)
Cacalia muhlenbergii (great indian-plantain)	(0-5)	NON -5	LH (5)
Carex jamesii (James' sedge)	(3-0)	THR - 3	MB (3)
Carex laevivaginata (smooth-sheathed sedge)	(4-1)	THR - 5	SM (5)
Carex woodii (wood's sedge)	(8-4)	SPC - 12	MB (9); LH (2); BA (1)
Chrysosplenium iowense (Iowa golden saxifrage)	(0-4)	END - 4	TL (4)
Desmodium cuspidatum var. longifolium (big tick-trefoil)	(4-0)	SPC - 4	OA (4)
Dicentra canadensis (squirrel-corn)	(1-0)	SPC - 1	LH (1)
Dryopteris goldiana (Goldie's fem)	(3-0)	SPC -3	TL (1); MB (2)
Eryngium yuccifolium (rattlesnake-master)	(2-0)	SPC - 2	OF <sup>3</sup> (2)
Geum laciniatum var. trichocarpum (rough avens)	(1-1)	NON - 2	LH <sup>4</sup> (1); SM (1)
Jeffersonia diphylla (twinleaf)	(1-0)	SPC - 1	MB (1)
Napaea dioica (glade mallow)	(6-7)	THR - 13	LH (13)
Orobanche uniflora (one-flowered broomrape)	(0-1)	SPC - 1	OA (1)
Panax quinquefolius (American ginseng)	(3-1)	SPC - 4	NH (1); OA (1); MB (1); TA (1)
Poa wolfii (Wolf's bluegrass)	(0-1)	SPC - 1	MC (1)
Sanicula trifoliata (beaked snakeroot)	(1-0)	SPC - 1	MB (1)
Silene nivea (snowy campion)	(1-0)	THR - 1	OF (1)
Taenidia integerrima (yellow pimpernel)	(2-1)	NON - 3	OD (3)
24 SPECIES (55 Park Occurrences - 33 Private Occurrences)		END 4 THR 34 SPC 35 NON <u>15</u> 88	LH (26); MB (24); TL (11); SM (6); OA (6); OF <sup>3</sup> (4); OD (3); TA (2); MC (2); BA (2); NH (2).

<sup>1</sup> See Table 8 for the names of native plant communities. <sup>2</sup> Occurs at the ecotone of maple basswood forest with lowland hardwood forest. <sup>3</sup> May contain small remnants of various natural communities. <sup>4</sup> Occurs within an unmapped wet meadow inside lowland hardwood forest.

### Table 8. Rare plant occurrences within native plant communities in the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area

Natural Community Type (o n = Total EORs : % Tot	code) <sup>1</sup> tal	Rare Plant Occurrences within Native Plant Community Types (n = EORs)
Lowland hardwood forest n =	(LH) 26:30%.	Napaea dioica (13); Cacalia muhlenbergii (5); Allium cernuum (3); Carex woodii (2); Arisaema dracontium <sup>2</sup> (1); Dicentra canadensis (1); Geum laciniatum <sup>3</sup> (1).
Maple basswood Forest	(MB) 24 : 27%	Carex woodii (9); Allium cernuum (6); Carex jamesii (3); Dryopteris goldiana (2); Athyrium thelypterioides (1); Jeffersonia diphylla <sup>4</sup> (1); Panax quinquefolius (1); Sanicula trifoliata (1).
Talus slope - algific subtype	(TL) 11:13%.	Adoxa Moschatelliana (5); Chrysosplenium iowense (4); Dryopteris goldiana (1); Allium cernuum (1).
Seepage meadow	(SM) 6:7%	Carex laevivaginata (5); Geum laciniatum (1).
Oak forest	(OA) 6:7%	Desmodium cuspidatum (4); Orobanche uniflora (1); Panax quinquefolius (1).
Old field <sup>5</sup>	(OF) 4:4%	Eryngium yuccifolium (2); Aster pilosus (1); Silene nivea (1).
Oak forest - dry subtype	(OD) 3:3%	Taenidia integerrima (3).
Talus slope	(TA) 2:2%	Arabis laevigata (1); Panax quinquefolius (1)
Moist cliff	(MC) 2:2%	Arabis laevigata (1); Poa wolfii (1).
Black ash swamp - seepage subty	pe (BA) 2:2%	Allium cernuum (1); Carex woodii (1).
Northern hardwood - conifer fore	st (NH) 2:2%	Allium cernuum (1); Panax quinquefolius (1).

<sup>1</sup>n = Total number of EORs within the community type in the Ecological Area : Percent total of all EORs within Ecological Area.

<sup>2</sup> Occurs at the ecotone of maple-basswood forest with lowland hardwood forest.

<sup>3</sup> Occurs within an unmapped wet meadow inside a lowland hardwood forest.

<sup>4</sup> Occurs within an unmapped maple-basswood forest inside an oak forest.

<sup>5</sup> May contain small remnants of various natural communities.

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Relevé #	Field Tag	Data Sheet	Native Plant Community (ecological quality rank)	Legal Location
*4991		F95-30	Dry prairie-bedrock bluff (A)	T102N-R12W SW, SW 16
4979	Р	F95-18	Dry prairie-bedrock bluff (CD)	T102N-R12W NE, NW, SW, SW 25
4974	78	F95-14	Oak forest dry subtype (BC)	T102N-R12W SW, NE, NW 13
4975	85	F95-15	Oak forest (dry-mesic) (B)	T102N-R12W NW, NW, NE 13
4977	88	F95-16	Oak forest (dry-mesic) (B)	T102N-R11W NW, NE, SW 18
4813	Р	F94	Oak forest (dry-mesic) (B)	T102N-R12W NW, NW, NW 25
4978	64	F95-17	Oak forest (dry-mesic) (B)	T102N-R12W NW, NW 25
4971	41	F95-12	Oak forest (dry-mesic) (B)	T102N-R11W NW, SE, NE 18
*4810		F94	Oak forest (dry-mesic) (BC)	T102N-R12W NE, SE 23
4976	08	F95- 15b	Oak forest (dry-mesic) (C)	T102N-R11W SW, SE, SW 07
4967	60	F95-8	Oak forest mesic subtype (AB)	T102N-R12W SW, SW, SW 13
4980	81	F95-19	Oak forest mesic subtype (BC)	T102N-R12W SE, SE, NE 13
4814	Р	F94	Oak forest mesic subtype (BC)	T102N-R12W SW, NE, SW 24
4960	Р	F95-1	Maple basswood forest (AB)	T102N-R12W NW, SW, SW 13
4961	Р	F95-2	Maple basswood forest (B)	T102N-R12W SW, SW 13
4973	98	F95- 13b	Maple basswood forest (BC)	T102N-R12W NE, SE, NE 18
4962	Р	F95-3	Lowland hardwood forest (AB)	T102N-R12W NE, SW 13
4963	Р	F95-4	Lowland hardwood forest (BC)-	T102N-R12W NE, SW 13
4968	Р	F95-9	Lowland hardwood forest (C)	T102N-R12W NE, NE, SW 13
4965	59	F95-6	Lowland hardwood forest (C)	T102N-R12W NW, SE NW 25
4816	Р	F94	Black ash swamp seepage subtype (B)	T102N-R11W NW, SW, NW 18
4812	Р	F94	Black ash swamp seepage subtype (C)	T102N-R12W SW, SE, SW 12
4969	Р	F95-10	Seepage meadow (C)	T102N-R11W SW, NW, SE 18
4809		F94	Seepage meadow (BC) (Mixed emergent marsh inclusion)	T102N-R12W NW, SW 24

# Table 9.Relevé plots sampled within the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area'.Arranged generally along a continuum from dry to wet (23 permanent;10 unmarked plots).

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4966		F95-7	Talus slope algific subtype (AB)	T102N-R12W NW, NE, SW, SW 25
*4981		F95-20	Talus slope algific subtype (A)	T102N-R12W NE, NE, NW 27
*4811		MDL- F15	Talus slope algific subtype (AB)	T102N-R12W NW, NW 27
4964		F95-5	Talus slope algific subtype (B)	T102N-R12W SW, NE 25
*4985		F95-24	Talus slope algific subtype (C)	T102N-R12W NE, SE, SW, NE 15
4815		F94	Northern hardwood - conifer forest (A)	T102N-R12W SE, SW, SW 25
*4984		F95-23	Northern hardwood - conifer forest (BC)	T102N-R12W SW, SW, SE, NW 14
4970	83	R95-11	White pine - hardwood forest (BC)	T102N-R12W SW, SE, SE 13
4972	91	R95-13	White pine - hardwood forest (C)	T102N-R11W NE, SW, SW 07

Table 9. Continued.

\* outside park statutory boundary 'Includes non permanent plots (-) and permanent plots (P) not labeled with metal tag.

Relevé #	Native Plant Community	Rank	Aspect	Slope Position	Elevation	Grade	Soils
*4991	Dry prairie - bedrock bluff subtype	A	sw	Crest	1340	5%	clayey silt, some cobbles
4979	Dry prairie - bedrock bluff subtype	CD	sw	Ridge Crest	1260	25%	gravelly, yellow silt, thin, compact
4974	Oak forest - dry subtype	BC	SE	Upper	1210	80%	rocky, cobbly
4975	Oak forest -dry-mesic	В	SE	Crest	1240	5%	compact silt
4977	Oak forest -dry-mesic	В	Е	Upper	1240	8%	dark silt with thick humus/duff
4813	Oak forest-dry-mesic	В	N	Upper	1250	25%	yellow silt
4978	Oak forest -dry-mesic	В	NE	Upper	1270	8%	dark grey silt
4971	Oak forest -dry-mesic	В	SE	Middle	1140	15%	rich organic silt
*4810	Oak forest-dry-mesic	BC	NW	Middle	1250	25%	yellow silt
4976	Oak forest -dry-mesic	С	NE	Upper - Middle	1220	15%	grey silt
4967	Oak forest - mesic	AB	NE	Middle	1125	15%	dark silt
4980	Oak forest - mesic	BC	SE	Middle	1110	45%	dark, organic silt
4814	Oak forest - mesic	BC	NW	Lower	1130	30%	dark, friable silty loam compact a horizon 2" to grey clay, little organic layer
4960	Maple-basswood forest	AB	N	Middle	1080	10%	fine silt
4961	Maple-basswood forest	В	N	Middle	1070	15%	fine silt
4973	Maple-basswood forest	BC	NE	Тое	1120	20%	dark organic, fine silt

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# Table 10. Relevé plots sampled within the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area, summarized by aspect, slope position, elevation, slope gradient and soil characteristics.

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Relevé #	Native Plant Community	Rank	Aspect	Slope Position	Elevation	Grade	Soils	
4962	Lowland hardwood forest	AB	Level	Alluvial Flats	1040	0%	silty alluvium	
4963	Lowland hardwood forest	BC	Level	Alluvial Flats	1035	<sup>°</sup> 0%	silt alluvium	
4968	Lowland hardwood forest	С	Level	Alluvial Flats	1040	0%	dark, silt-loam	
4965	Lowland hardwood forest	Cd	Level	Alluvial Flats	1060	0%	clayey silt alluvium	
4816	Black ash swamp - seepage subtype	В	NW	Middle- ravine	1140	10%	wet soil, peat?	
4812	Black ash swamp - seepage subtype	С	N	Middle- ravine	1140	10%	organic muck	
4969	Seepage meadow	С	Е	Flat	1120	2%	organic, wet clay	
4809	Seepage meadow (mixed emergent marsh inclusion)	BC	NE	Depression	1040	0%	alluvial clay (seepage pool in ox-bow meander)	
4966	Talus slope - algific subtype	A	Е	Middle	1230	125%	dark silt loam cobbles	
*4981	Talus slope - algific subtype	А	N	Lower	1200	50%	dark, wet silt, organic cobbles	
*4811	Talus slope - algific subtype	AB	N	Lower	1140	70%	cobbles, dark silt, organic, 3 or 4 vests	
4964	Talus slope - algific subtype	В	N	Middle	1220	65%	dark organic silt gravel, outcrops, cobbles	
*4985	Talus slope - algific subtype	С	N	Lower	1150	125%	dry rubble, wet mesic, thick mossy, loose rubble, dark silty, colluvium, organic	
4815	Northern hardwoods - conifer forest	A	NW	Middle	1250	100%	organic, silty colluvium with cobbles and outcrops,	

 Table 10.
 Relevé plots sampled within the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area, summarized by aspect, slope position, elevation, slope gradient and soil characteristics.

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Relevé #	Native Plant Community	Rank	Aspect	Slope Position	Elevation	Grade	Soils
*4984	Northern hardwoods - conifer forest	BC	N	Lower	1120	65%	dark Friable silt, mossy cobbles
4970	White pine - hardwood forest	BC	N	Crest	1230	20%	deep silt: dark 3" to yellow sub layers, rich humus.
4972	White pine - hardwood forest	С	NW	Lower	1040	45%	sand and silty sand from glacial outwash of St. Peter sandstone.

 Table 10.
 Relevé plots sampled within the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area, summarized by aspect, slope position, elevation, slope gradient and soil characteristics.

# Table 11. Ecological systems and native plant community types within the Forestville/Mystery Cave Ecological Area. (are Armendia 2 for descriptions of action allocations in the forest of a state of a

(see Appendix 3 for descriptions of native plant community types).

### **Fire Dependent System**

Dry Prairie - Bedrock Bluff Subtype Oak Woodland-brushland Oak Forest - Dry Subtype

### **Mesic Forest System**

Oak Forest - Dry-mesic Oak Forest - Mesic Subtype Maple Basswood Forest White Pine - Hardwood Forest

### **Riparian System**

River Beach Lowland Hardwood Forest

### Wet Forest / Wet Meadow Systems

Black Ash Swamp - Seepage Subtype Seepage Meadow

### **Cliff System**

Dry Cliff Moist Cliff Talus Slope

**Cold Karst System** 

Talus Slope - Algific Subtype Moist Cliff - Maderate Subtype Northern Hardwood - Conifer Forest

## Table 12. The number of algific talus slopes and maderate cliffs within stream valleys containing cold karst of the Galena Formation <sup>1, 2</sup>.

Major Rivers	Large Streams <sup>4</sup>	Large spring-fed tributaries Strongly to Moderately	Medium-sized Streams	Small Primary Spring-fed tributaries		
Strongly Cold to Weakly Cold	Strongly Cold to Weakly Cold	Cold	Weakly Cold	Moderately to Weakly Cold		
South Branch Root River (15)	Spring Valley Creek (9)	Canfield Creek (9)	Lost Creek (Upper Bear Cr.) (1)	Wildcat Canyon Creek (2)		
North Branch Root River (4)	Deer Creek (6)	Forestville Creek (2)	Jordan Creek (1)	Mahood's Creek (3)		
Upper Iowa River <sup>3</sup> (3)	Bear Creek (1)	Kedron Brook (1)				

Stream valleys within the Ecological Area of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park are underlined.

<sup>1</sup>Numerals in parenthesis "()" denotes the number of cold-producing habitats (polygons) delineated on MCBS county maps for Fillmore and Olmsted Counties (MNDNR - MCBS 1997a, 1997b).

<sup>2</sup> Columns are arranged according to the cold-producing quality of the karst system and stream order.

<sup>3</sup> Includes small algific slopes in lateral ravines (more algific talus slopes are found nearby across the Iowa border).

<sup>4</sup> The three large streams are tributaries to the Middle Branch Root River, one of four major watersheds dissecting the Galena bedrock in Minnesota.

Table 13.Rare animals and animal aggregations identified by MCBS for surveys in<br/>Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

[Species are associated with their primary habitats. State statuses reflect the 1996 list revision with previous statuses in parentheses. Species with "\*" were added to the state list in 1996. Species and aggregations identified as "Element" do not have state statuses but are tracked by the NHIS Rare Features database.]

Species		State status
	DECIDIIOUS EODEST	rs.
Mammals	Northern myotis (Myotis sententrionalis)	Special Concern
Wiammais.	Fastern ninistrelle (Pinistrellus subflavus)	Special Concern
	Bat maternity colonies and hibernacula	Flement
	Woodland vole (Microtus ninetorum)	Special Concern
Birds	Red-shouldered Hawk (Buteo lineatus)	Special Concern
Dirds.	Acadian flycatcher (Empidonar virescens)*	Special Concern
	Cerulean warbler (Dendroica cerulea)*	Special Concern
	Louisiana waterthrush <i>(Sejurus motacilla)</i>	Special Concern
Rentiles.	Rat snake (Flanke obsoleta)	Special Concern
Reptiles.	Fox snake (Elaphe vulning)	Element (1993: Special Concern)
	Tox shake (Draphe valpina)	Element (1999: Speelar Concern)
	FOREST EDGES and OPE	NINGS
Mammals:	Eastern spotted skunk (Spilogale putorius)	Threatened (1993: Special Concern)
Reptiles:	Five-lined skink (Eumeces fasciatus)	Special Concern (1993: Endangered)
-	Racer (Coluber constrictor)	Special Concern
	Eastern hognose snake (Heterodon platirhinos)	Element (1993: Special Concern)
	Gopher snake (Pituophis catenifer)	Special Concern
	Milk snake (Lampropeltis triangulum)	Element (1993: Special Concern)
	Timber rattlesnake (Crotalus horridus)	Threatened (1993: Special Concern)
	PRAIRIES (native and restored) and	I OLD FIELDS
Mammals:	Least shrew (Cryptotis parva)	Special Concern
	W. harvest mouse (Reithrodontomys megalotis)	Element
	Prairie vole (Microtus ochrogaster)	Special Concern
Birds:	Upland sandpiper (Bartramia longicauda)	Element (1993: Special Concern)
	Loggerhead shrike (Lanius ludovicianus)	Threatened
	Henslow's sparrow (Ammodramus henslowii)	Endangered (1993: Special Concern)
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Rentiles:	Spanning turtle (Choludra sernenting)	Special Concern
Reptiles.	Blanding's turtle (Emydoidea blandingii)	Threatened
Amphihians	Northern cricket frog (Acris crenitans)	Endangered (1993: Special Concern)
Ampinotans.	Bullfrog (Rang catesbeigng)	Element (1003: Special Concern)
	Pickerel frog (Rana nalustris)	Flement (1993: Special Concern.)
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Mammal Surve	ys mar anida	(7  total)	
Small maininal i	nap grius	(/ IOIAI)	manle haraward forest
1 102N	R12W	NWSE12	ald field
1 102IN	KIZW	SESE12	
· 1102N	KIZW	SWINEIS	mente haggwood forest
1102N	RI2W	SWSW13	maple-basswood forest
1102N	RI2W	NESEI3	oak-nickory forest
T102N	RI2W	NENW24	
T102N	RI2W	SWSW24	lowland hardwood forest
Foraging bat stop	ps $(12 \text{ tot})$	al; * indicates ANA	ABAT stops)
T102N	RIIW	NWNW7	wooded creek
T102N	RIIW	NWNW19	wooded sinkhole, farmland
T102N	RIIW	NWNE19	wooded creek
T102N	R12W	SENW13*	lowland hardwood forest, river edge (2 stops)
T102N	R12W	NWNE13*	lowland hardwood and lawn (2 stops)
T102N	R12W	NENE13	open river vegetation, lawn
T102N	R12W	SWNE13	lawn and restored prairie (2 stops)
T102N	R12W	SENW24*	lawn, overgrown oak woodland
T102N	R12W	NWSW24*	lowland hardwood, river edge
Bird Surveys			
Point counts (36	total)		
T102N	R11W	NESW7	deciduous forest
T102N	R11W	SESW7	deciduous forest
T102N	R11W	NENW18	deciduous forest (2 points)
T102N	R11W	SWNW18	deciduous forest (2 points)
T102N	R11W	SENW18	deciduous forest (2 points)
T102N	R11W	NWNE18	deciduous forest (4 points)
T102N	R11W	SWNE18	deciduous forest (2 points)
T102N	R11W	NWSE18	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	NWNE12	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	SWNE12	deciduous forest (2 points)
T102N	R12W	NESW12	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	SWSW12	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	NWSE12	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	NWSW13	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	SWSW13	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	SESW13	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	NWSE13	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	SWSE13	deciduous forest (2 points)
T102N	R12W	SESE13	deciduous forest
T102N	R12W	SWNE24	deciduous forest and forest edge (2 points)
T102N	R12W	NESW24	deciduous forest and forest edge (2 points)
T102N	R12W	NWNW25	deciduous forest
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Table 14.Locations and habitats of MCBS animal surveys in or near Forestville/Mystery Cave<br/>State Park. (Refer to Figure 6 for a map of these locations.)

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### Table 14. Continued.

Point coun	ts		
T1	02N	R12W	SENW25
T1	02N	R12W	NWSW25
T1	02N	R12W	NESW25
Red-should	dered h	awk play	backs (8 total)
T1	02N	R11W	SWSW18
T1	02N	R12W	SENW24
T1	02N	R12W	NWSW24
T1	02N	R12W	NWNW25
T1	02N	R12W	SENW25
T1	02N	R12W	NESW25
T1	02N	R12W	SWNW24
T1	02N	R12W	SWNE13
Amphibia	n and ]	Reptile S	urvevs
Anuran sur	veys (8	s total)	
T1	02N	R12Ŵ	SESE1
T1	02N	R12W	SENW13
T1	02N	R12W	NENE13
T1	02N	R11W	SWSE18
T1	02N	R12W	NWSE23
T1	02N	R12W	NENE24
T1	02N	R12W	SWNE24
T1	02N	R12W	NWSW24
Coverboard	ds (11 t	otal)	
T1	02N	R12W	SESE12
T1	02N	R12W	NENW13
T1	02N	R12W	SWNE13
T1	02N	R12W	SENE13
T1	02N	R12W	SWSW13
T1	02N	R12W	SWNW24
T1	02N	R12W	NWNE24
T1	02N	R12W	NENE24
T1	02N	R12W	NWSW24
Drift fence	s (3 tot	al)	
T1	02N	R12W	SWSE12
T1	02N	R12W	NENE13
T1	02N	R11W	NWNW18
Herp searc	hes (4 1	total)	
T1	02N	R12W	NENW13
T1	02N	R12W	SWNE14
T1	02N	R12W	SWNW24
T1	02N	R12W	SWNE24
Turtle trap	s (1 tota	al)	
TÎ	02N	R12W	NWSW24

deciduous forest deciduous forest deciduous forest

deciduous forest lowland hardwood forest

lowland hardwoods, intermittent stream lowland hardwoods, South Branch Root River forest-grassland edge, backwaters forest edge, stream forest edge, South Branch Root River oak forest, vernal pool (sinkhole) lowland hardwoods, South Branch Root River seepage meadow, lowland hardwoods, oxbow

old field (3 locations) oak forest (historic rattlesnake den site) restored prairie restored prairie deciduous forest deciduous forest edge (historic rattlesnake den site) old field, forest edge oak forest, vernal pool (sinkhole) old field

maple basswood forest/lowland hardwoods lowland hardwood forest oak forest, maple basswood forest

oak forest bluff prairie, rock outcrop deciduous forest edge deciduous forest

oxbow, emergent marsh, seepage meadow

Table 15. Mammals documented or likely to occur in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

### Habitat categories

Forested upland: Dry-to-mesic forests, such as maple-basswood, oak, and white pine forests.

Semi-open upland: Savannas, over-grown prairies, and upland brushlands.

Open upland: Prairies, old fields, pastures, agricultural fields, and lawns.

Forested lowland: Moist-to-wet forests, such as lowland hardwood and floodplain forests.

Semi-open lowland: Shrub swamps.

Open lowland: Fens, wet prairies, and marshes.

			Associated habitats in the Paleozoic Plateau								
Recorded by	Common name	Scientific name	P. Olested Ur,	Seni-open.	Open upland	Constand -	Seni torest	Dept on the	Comments		
	New World opossums		·		-						
*	Virginia opossum	Didelphis virginiana		•	•		•	•			
	Insectivores										
*	Masked shrew	Sorex cinereus	•	•	•	•	•	•	widespread		
<b>★</b>	Northern short-tailed shrew	Blarina brevicauda	•	•	•	•	•	•	widespread		
	Least shrew	Cryptotis parva		•	•				rare, habitat present in park		
*	Eastern mole	Scalopus aquaticus		•	•						
	Bats										
*	Little brown myotis	Myotis lucifugus		•	•	•	•	•	year-round resident		
*	Northern myotis	Myotis septentrionalis		•	$\bullet$	•	•	•	year-round resident		
*	Eastern red bat	Lasiurus borealis		•	•	•	•	•	summer resident		
	Hoary bat	Lasiurus cinereus		•	•	•	•	•	summer resident		
	Silver-haired bat	Lasionycteris noctivagans		•	•	•	•	•	summer resident		
*	Eastern pipistelle	Pipistrellus subflavus		•	•	•	•	٠	year-round resident		
*	Big brown bat	Eptesicus fuscus		•	•	•	•	•	year-round resident		
	Carnivores		•						-		
*	Coyote	Canis latrans	•	•	•						
	Red fox	Vulpes vulpes		•	•			•			
	Common gray fox	Urocyon cinereoargenteus		•							
$\star$	Common raccoon	Procyon lotor		•	•	•	•	٠	widespread, often dens in caves		
	Ermine	Mustela erminea		•	•	•	•	•	widespread		
	Mink	Mustela vison		•	•	•	•	•	widespread, associated with water		

Table 15. Continued.

			Associa	ted habi	itats in t	he Paleo	zoic Pla	ateau	
Recorded by	Common name	Scientific name	Porested by	Sentionen	Open upland	Contend.	Sentionen ,	Ocal Jours	Comments
*	American badger	Taxidea taxus		•	•				
*	Northern river otter	Lutra canadensis		•	•	•	•	•	uncommon, associated with water
*	Striped skunk	Mephitis mephitis		•	•		•	•	
	Bobcat	Lynx rufus		•	•		•	٠	
	Ungulates								
*	White-tailed deer	Odocoileus virginianus		•	•	٠	٠	٠	widespread
	Rodents								
*	Eastern chipmunk	Tamias striatus	•	•					
*	Woodchuck	Marmota monax		•	•				
*	Thirteen-lined ground squirrel	Spermophilus tridecemlineatus		•	•		•		common in open habitats
*	Eastern gray squirrel	Sciurus carolinensis		•					
	Eastern fox squirrel	Sciurus niger		•	•				recorded in Fillmore County
<b>★</b>	Red squirrel	Tamiasciurus hudsonicus	$\bullet$	•		•	•		
	Southern flying squirrel	Glaucomys volans							likely occurs in forested areas in park
*	Plains pocket gopher	Geomys bursarius		•	•				common in open habitats
	American beaver	Castor canadensis						•	
	Western harvest mouse	Reithrodontomys megalotis			•				rare, old record from Forestville
<u> </u>	White-footed mouse	Peromyscus leucopus	•	•		•	•		widespread in woody habitats
*	Southern red-backed vole	Clethrionomys gapperi				•			COUNTY RECORD for Fillmore
*	Meadow vole	Microtus pennsylvanicus		•	•		•	•	common in habitats with graminoids
	Woodland vole	Microtus pinetorum	•		•	•			rare, habitat present in park
*	Meadow jumping mouse	Zapus hudsonius			•			٠	
	Norway rat	Rattus norvegicus			•				non-native species
	House mouse	Mus musculus			•				non-native species
	Lagomorphs								
*	Eastern cottontail	Sylvilagus floridanus		•	•				

[Other mammals recorded from the Paleozoic Plateau, but unlikely to occur in the park include: Hayden's shrew (Sorex haydeni), Least shrew (Cryptotis parva), Gray wolf (Canis lupus), Long-tailed weasel (Mustela frenata), Least weasel (Mustela nivalis), Eastern spotted skunk (Spilogale putorius), Mountain lion (Puma concolor), Mule deer (Odocoileus hemionus),

Franklin's ground squirrel (Spemophilus franklinii), Plains pocket mouse (Perognathus flavescens), Prairie deer mouse (Peromyscus maniculatus bairdii), Prairie vole (Microtus ochrogaster), Common muskrat (Ondatra zibethicus), and White-tailed jackrabbit (Lepus townsendii).]

Table 16.Small mammals taken from trap grids and drift fences in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.<br/>(Refer to Figure 6 for locations of sampling sites.)

### Habitat categories

- OF: old field
- Pr: restored prairie
- OaH: oak-hickory forest
- Oa-m: mesic oak forest
- MB: maple-basswood forest
- LH: lowland hardwood forest

Species			Т		Drift fences					
	OF	OF	Pr	OaH	MB	MB	LH	Oa-m	MB	LH
Masked shrew	4	1	2		1					3
Northern short-tailed shrew					1			1		
Thirteen-lined ground squirrel			1							
Eastern chipmunk						1				
Red squirrel					1					
White-footed mouse				23	12	8	5	3	1	1
Southern red-backed vole							6			
Meadow vole	3	39	63					1		3
Meadow jumping mouse							1			1
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Total # of species	2	2	3	1	4	2	3	3	1	4
Captures/trapnight	0.06*	0.33	0.55	0.19*	0.13	0.07*	0.10*	0.01	< 0.01	0.02

(\* traplines disturbed by raccoons or humans)

Table 17.Summary of foraging bat activity at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, 20-21 August 1999.<br/>(Recorded by ANABAT detector; see Figure 8 for sonographs of representative calls).

Location	Historic Forestville	Picnic Area	Fisherman's Bridge	Group Camp	Canfield Creek
Time	22:19 - 22:29 hrs	21:23 - 22:00 hrs	22:37 - 23:05 hrs	20:27 - 23:39 hrs	20:09 - 21:33 hrs
Calls/minute	2.5	2.9	1.1	0.3	3.7

Species	Proportion of total calls										
Litte brown myotis	0.86	0.96	0.17	0.83	0.67						
Northern myotis	0.14	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.06						
Big brown bat				0.05	0.01						
Eastern pipistrelle			× 0.80	0.05	0.25						
Red bat					0.01						

Table 18.Band information of bats returning to Mystery Cave during fall, 1996.

Band #	Species	Sex	Band Date	Recovery Date	Minimum Age (yrs)
UMN 3282	Little brown myotis	Male	2 Jan 1988	5 Sep 1996	8
UMN 689	Little brown myotis	Male	9 Jan 1983	5 Sep 1996	13
UMN 3251	Little brown myotis	Male	2 Jan 1988	19 Sep 1996	8
UMN 608	Little brown myotis	Male	9 Jan 1983	19 Sep 1996	13
(DJT) 485	Little brown myotis	Male	30 Jan 1982	19 Sep 1996	14
(DJT) 309	Little brown myotis	Male	26 Jan 1980	19 Sep 1996	16
(DJT) 90	Little brown myotis	Female	1 Jan 1980	19 Sep 1996	16

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### Table 19. Breeding-season birds documented or likely to occur in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

#### Habitat categories

- Wetland: Wetlands, marshes, lakes, streams, rivers, beaches.
- Grass/open: Prairies, old fields, pastures, hayfields, and cultivated fields.
- Shrub/edge: Forest-shrub edge, shrubby openings, savannas, and developed areas.
- Deciduous: Upland and lowland deciduous forests, overgrown woodlands, and savannas.
- Widespread: Widespread or wide-ranging, including aerial foragers, found in wide variety of habitats.

		Associated Habitats in the Paleozoic Plateau							
heonica by Mcad in Part	Common Name	Welland	Constant of the second	Shrub edge	Decidious	W.ide	Comments		
*	Great Blue Heron	•			-				
*	Green Heron	•							
*	Turkey Vulture					•			
*	Canada Goose	•							
*	Wood Duck	•							
*	Mallard	•							
	Blue-winged Teal	•					limited suitable habitat in park		
*	Cooper's Hawk				•				
*	Red-tailed Hawk		•						
	American Kestrel		•				probably occurs in park		
*	Ring-necked Pheasant		•				non-native species		
*	Ruffed Grouse				•				
*	Wild Turkey				•				
	Killdeer		•				limited suitable habitat in park		
	Spotted Sandpiper	•					limited suitable habitat in park		
	American Woodcock				•		probably occurs in park		
*	Rock Dove					•	non-native species		
	Mourning Dove					۲	probably occurs in park		
*	Black-billed Cuckoo				•				
*	Yellow-billed Cuckoo				•				
	Eastern Screech-Owl				•		probably occurs in park		
*	Great Horned Owl					•			

### Table 19. Continued.

		Associa	Associated Habitats in the Paleozoic Plateau								
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12 P P	Common Name	A	E Contraction of the second se	25	ని	E.	Comments				
*	Barred Owl				•						
	Long-eared Owl				•		rare; may occur in park				
	Common Nighthawk					•	probably occurs in park				
	Whip-poor-will				•		probably occurs in park				
*	Chimney Swift					٠					
*	Ruby-throated Hummingbird					•					
<b>★</b>	Belted Kingfisher	•									
*	Red-headed Woodpecker					•					
*	Red-bellied Woodpecker				•						
*	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				•						
*	Downy Woodpecker					•					
*	Hairy Woodpecker					•					
*	Northern Flicker					•					
*	Pileated Woodpecker				•						
*	Eastern Wood-Pewee				•						
*	Acadian Flycatcher				•						
*	Willow Flycatcher			•			shrub/savanna specialist				
*	Least Flycatcher				•						
*	Eastern Phoebe					•					
*	Great Crested Flycatcher		-		•						
	Eastern Kingbird		•				probably occurs in park				
*	Yellow-throated Vireo				•						
*	Warbling Vireo				•						
*	Red-eyed Vireo				•						
*	Blue Jay					•					
*	American Crow					•					
*	Purple Martin					•					
*	Tree Swallow					•					
<b>★</b>	Northern Rough-winged Swallow					•					
★	Bank Swallow					٠					

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	Associated Habitats in the Paleozoic Plateau							
Recorded 51. MCar tip Park	Common Name	Wellend	Crash Crash	Shud en	Decidious	W.ide	Comments	
<b>★</b>	Barn Swallow					•		
*	Cliff Swallow					•		
*	Black-capped Chickadee					•		
~	Tufted Titmouse				•		rare	
*	White-breasted Nuthatch				•			
	Brown Creeper				•		may occur in park	
*	House Wren					٠		
*	Winter Wren		_		•		rare in Paleozoic Plateau	
*	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				•			
	Eastern Bluebird						probably occurs in park	
*	Veery				•		rare in Paleozoic Plateau	
*	Wood Thrush				•			
*	American Robin					•		
*	Gray Catbird			•				
	Brown Thrasher			•			probably occurs in park	
	European Starling					•	non-native species; probably occurs in park	
*	Cedar Waxwing					•		
*	Blue-winged Warbler			•				
*	Yellow Warbler			•				
*	Cerulean Warbler				•			
*	American Redstart				•			
*	Ovenbird				•			
*	Louisiana Waterthrush				•			
*	Mourning Warbler				•		rare in Paleozoic Plateau	
*	Common Yellowthroat			•				
*	Scarlet Tanager				•			
	Eastern Towhee			•			shrub/savanna specialist; probably occurs in park	
*	Chipping Sparrow					•		
*	Field Sparrow			•				
	Vesper Sparrow		•				may occur in park	

### Table 19. Continued.

		Associated Habitats in the Paleozoic Plateau									
Recorded by MCBS in Park	Common Name	Weiland	Contraction of the second	Shub clos	Decidious	Widespre	Comments				
*	Song Sparrow					•					
*	Northern Cardinal					•					
*	Rose-breasted Grosbeak					•					
*	Indigo Bunting					•					
*	Bobolink		•								
*	Red-winged Blackbird	•									
	Eastern Meadowlark		•				may occur in park				
*	Common Grackle					•					
*	Brown-headed Cowbird					٠					
	Orchard Oriole			•			shrub/savanna specialist; probably occurs in park				
*	Baltimore Oriole				٠						
	House Finch					•	probably occurs in park				
*	American Goldfinch					•					
	House Sparrow					٠	non-native species; probably occurs in park				

#### Table 20. Migrant birds observed in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park during May 1996.

Blue-winged Teal (Anas discors)\*\* Broad-winged Hawk (Buteo platypterus)\*\* Solitary Sandpiper (Tringa solitaria) Olive-sided Flycatcher (Contopus cooperi) Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (Empidonax flaviventris) Alder Flycatcher (Empidonax alnorum) Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Regulus calendula) Swainson's Thrush (Catharus ustulatus) Tennessee Warbler (Vermivora peregrina) Nashville Warbler (Vermivora ruficapilla) Magnolia Warbler (Dendroica magnolia) Yellow-rumped Warbler (Dendroica coronata) Black-and-white Warbler (Mniotilta varia) Prothonotary Warbler (Protonotaria citrea) Northern Waterthrush (Seiurus noveboracensis) Connecticut Warbler (Oporornis agilis) Wilson's Warbler (Wilsonia pusilla) Canada Warbler (Wilsonia canadensis)

(\*\* species that may nest in the park)

Table 21. Frequencies of occurrence of selected forest and "edge" bird species among state parks within the Paleozoic Plateau.
[Edge species are italicized; n = number of point counts; x = species detected at <10% of point counts.]</li>

Abbreviations:

- FOR: Forestville State Park
- BCV: Beaver Creek Valley State Park
- CAR: Carley State Park
- GRB: Great River Bluffs State Park
- JL: John Latsch State Park
- WW: Whitewater State Park
  - SE: Southeast (Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Wabasha, Winona)

Species			State	Parks			SE
E -	FOR	BCV	CAR	GRB	JL	WW	
	n=34	n=17	n=12	n=12	n=11	n=19	n=286
Mourning Dove		0.12	0.08	0.17	x	0.11	х
Red-bellied Woodpecker	0.24	0.12		0.42	x	0.11	0.22
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	x	x			0.36	0.16	0.12
Pileated Woodpecker	x		х	x	0.18		x
Eastern Wood-Pewee	0.79	0.53	0.67	0.83	0.64	0.63	0.71
Least Flycatcher	x	0.18					х
Great Crested Flycatcher	0.44	0.35	0.25	0.33	x	0.68	0.34
Yellow-throated Vireo	0.21	0.24			0.36	х	0.18
Red-eyed Vireo	0.71	0.24	0.42	0.50	0.82	0.47	0.47
Blue Jay	0.21	0.47	0.58	0.67	0.36	0.68	0.39
American Crow	0.32	0.41	0.50	0.25	х	0.63	0.28
Black-capped Chickadee	0.15	0.24	0.25		x	0.26	0.21
White-breasted Nuthatch	0.35	0.18	0.17	0.25	0.27	0.37	0.29
House Wren	0.26	0.59	0.42	0.33	0.36	0.42	0.36
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	0.21	0.24	x		0.36	0.26	0.24
Veery	0.18	0.12					x
Wood Thrush	0.32	х		0.17	0.27	x	0.17
American Robin	0.41	0.47	x	0.50	0.18	0.53	0.29
Gray Catbird	x	0.41	0.17	0.25		0.11	0.21
Yellow Warbler		0.41				0.11	0.10
Cerulean Warbler		x			0.18		х
American Redstart	0.38	0.76	0.58	0.17	0.36	0.21	0.35
Ovenbird	0.44	0.12	0.50	0.50	0.36	0.42	0.44
Common Yellowthroat	х	x	0.33	х		0.16	x
Scarlet Tanager	0.29	0.18		x	0.18		0.17
Song Sparrow	0.15	0.24	0.33		х	х	0.14
Northern Cardinal	0.21	0.12	0.58	0.50	0.27	0.37	0.33
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	0.18	0.24		0.25	0.64	0.21	0.33
Indigo Bunting	0.35	0.47	0.50	0.17	х	0.21	0.21
Brown-headed Cowbird	0.29	0.35	0.33	0.33	0.18	0.32	0.29
Baltimore Oriole	0.12	0.35			0.27	0.26	0.13
American Goldfinch	x	0.47	0.17	х		0.11	0.16

Table 22.Amphibians and reptiles documented in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.(List includes all herpetofauna likely to occur in the Paleozoic Plateau.)

#### Occurrence categories

### Habitat categories

Species recorded in park by MCBS
 Species reported in park by other sources

Forest: All upland and lowland forests and woodlands.
Grassland: Prairies, old fields, pastures, and lawns.
Wetland: Shrub swamps and emergent marshes.
Lake: Lakes, ponds, and adjacent beaches.
Riparian: Rivers, streams, and adjacent shorelines.

			Associa	ted habi	tats in th	ne Paleo	zoic Pla	ateau
occurrence of	Common name	Scientific name	PO <sup>resy</sup>	Gradely and	Welland	2 allo	Ri-	Comment
	Salamanders							
	Mudpuppy	Necturus maculosus				•	•	Often associated with rocky streams and river
0	Tiger salamander	Ambystoma tigrinum		$\bullet$	•			Breeds in fishless wetlands
	Frogs and Toads							
*	American toad	Bufo americanus	•	•	•			Abundant throughout park
*	Cope's gray treefrog	Hyla chrysoscelis		•	•			Breeds in shallow wetlands, typically associated with grassland, shrubland habitat
0	Gray treefrog	Hyla versicolor	•		•			Breeds in fishless wetlands, typically associated with woodland habitat
*	Spring peeper	Pseudacris crucifer	•		•			Breeds in fishless wetlands
0	Western chorus frog	Pseudacris triseriata		•	•			Breeds in fishless wetlands
*	Green frog	Rana clamitans			•	•	•	Often associated with streams and ditches
	Pickerel frog	Rana palustris	•		•		•	Associated with cool rivers and streams
*	Northern leopard frog	Rana pipiens		•	•	•		Present in park
	Wood frog	Rana sylvatica	•		•			Unlikely to occur in park

Table 22. Continued.

		Associa	ated hab	itats in t	he Paleo	ozoic P	lateau	
OCO CONTRACTOR	c Common name	Scientific name	forest	Grassiand	Welland	tate	- Change - C	Comment
	Turtles							
	Common map turtle	Graptemys geographica						Unlikely to occur in park
	False map turtle	Graptemys pseudogeographica					•	Unlikely to occur in park
	Ouachita map turtle	Graptemys ouachitensis					•	Unlikely to occur in park
*	Snapping turtle	Chelydra serpentina			•		٠	Present in wide variaty of aquatic habitats
*	Painted turtle	Chrysemys picta			•			Park has limited suitable habitat
0	Blanding's turtle	Emydoidea blandingii		•	•			Record in database, limited habitat in park
	Wood turtle	Clemmys insculpta					•	Unlikely to occur in park
	Smooth softshell	Apalone mutica					•	Unlikely to occur in park
	Spiny softshell	Apalone spinifera					٠	Associated with rivers and lakes
	Lizards							
	Six-lined racerunner	Cnemidophorus sexlineatus		•				Associated with open habitat and sandy soils
	Five-lined skink	Eumeces fasciatus	•					Associated with rock outcrops

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Table 22. Continued.

		Associated habitats in the Paleozoic Plateau						
Cococce Cocce	Common name	Scientific name	Forest	Providence in the second	Welland	Lake	this constant	Comment
	Snakes							
	Racer	Coluber constrictor		•			Ur	nlikely to occur in park
0	Timber rattlesnake	Crotalus horridus	•				De are	ens are associated with rock outcrops, snakes e observed annually in park
	Ringneck snake	Diadophis punctatus	•				Ma roe	ay be present in the park, often associated with ck outcrops
0	Fox snake	Elaphe vulpina	•				As 2 1	ssociated with forest edges, specimen collected miles west of Macrosite
	Western hognose snake	Heterodon nasicus					Ur	nlikely to occur in park
	Eastern hognose snake	Heterodon platirhinos	•				Of	ften associated with forest openings and edges
0	Milk snake	Lampropeltis triangulum	•				Of	ften associated with forest edges
0	Northern water snake	Nerodia sipedon	•		•	•	• Oo ba	ccupies river and stream edges and associated ckwaters
	Gopher (Bull) snake	Pituophis catenifer					Uı	nlikely to occur in park
	Brown snake	Storeria dekayi	•				No pr	ot documented in or near park but may be esent
*	Redbelly snake	Storeria occipitomaculata	•				Al ha	bundant in park within forest and forest-edge bitat
	Plains garter snake	Thamnophis radix					Uı	nlikely to occur in park
*	Common garter snake	Thamnophis sirtalis	•				Pr	esent in park

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# Appendices

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### Appendix 1a

# **Rare Features Database Print-outs: An Explanation of Fields**

The Rare Features database is part of the Natural Heritage Information System, and is maintained by the Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program, a unit within the Section of Ecological Services, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

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## <u>Field Name</u>: [Full (non-abreviated) field name, if different]. Further explanation of field. -C-

CBS Site: [County Biological Survey site number]. In each county, the numbering system begins with 1.

<u>CLASS</u>: A code which classifies features by broad taxonomic group: NC = natural community; SA = special animal; SP = special plant; GP = geologic process; GT = geologic time; OT = other (e.g. colonial waterbird colonies, bat hibernacula). <u>Cty</u>: [County]. Minnesota counties (ordered alphabetically) are numbered from 1 (Aitkin) to 87 (Yellow Medicine). <u>CURRENT STATUS</u>: Present protection status, from 0 (owner is not aware of record) to 9 (dedicated as a Scientific and Natural Area).

-D-

DNR Region: 1=NW, 2=NE, 3=E Central, 4=SW, 5=SE, 6= Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro.

<u>DNR Quad</u>: [DNR Quadrangle code]. DNR-assigned code of the U.S. Geologic Survey topographic map on which the rare feature occurs.

-E-

ELEMENT or Element: See "Element Name (Common Name)"

<u>Element Name (Common Name)</u>: The name of the rare feature. For plant and animal species records, this field holds the scientific name, followed by the common name in parentheses; for all other elements (such as plant communities, which have no scientific name) it is solely the element name.

EO RANK: [Element Occurrence Rank]. An evaluation of the quality and condition of natural communities from A (highest) to D (lowest).

EO Size: [Element Occurrence Size]. The size in acres (often estimated) of natural communities.

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FED STATUS: [Federal Status]. Status of species under the Federal Endangered Species Law: LE=endangered,

LT=threatened, C=species which have been proposed for federal listing.

Federal Status: See "FED STATUS"

Forestry District: The Minnesota DNR's Division of Forestry district number.

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<u>GLOBAL RANK</u>: The abundance of an element globally, from G1 (critically imperiled due to extreme rarity on a world-wide basis) to G5 (demonstrably secure, though perhaps rare in parts of its range). Global ranks are determined by the Conservation Science Division of The Nature Conservancy.

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<u>INTENDED STATUS</u>: Desired protection status. See also "CURRENT STATUS." If a complete list of protection status codes is needed, please contact the Natural Heritage Program.

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LAST OBSERVED or Last Observed Date or Last Observation: Date of the most recent record of the element at the location. Latitude: The location at which the occurrence is mapped on Natural Heritage Program maps. NOTE: There are various levels of precision in the original information, but this is not reflected in the latitude/longitude data. For some of the data, particularly historical records, it was not possible to determine exactly where the original observation was made (e.g. "Fort Snelling", or "the south shore of Lake Owasso"). Thus the latitude/longitude reflect the mapped location, and not necessarily the observation location.

Legal: Township, range and section numbers.

Long: [Longitude]. See NOTE under "Latitude"

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<u>MANAGED AREA</u> or <u>Managed Area(s)</u>: Name of the federally, state, locally, or privately managed park, forest, preserve, etc., containing the occurrence, if any. If this field is blank, the element probably occurs on private land. If "(STATUTORY BOUNDARY)" occurs after the name of a managed area, the location may be a private inholding within the statutory boundary of a state forest or park.

Map Sym: [Map Symbol].

<u>MN STATUS</u>: [Minnesota Status]. Legal status of plant and animal species under the Minnesota endangered species law: END=endangered, THR=threatened, SPC=special concern, NON= no legal status, but rare and may become listed if declines continue. This field is blank for natural communities and colonial waterbird nesting sites, which have no legal status in Minnesota, but are tracked by the database.

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NC Rank: [Natural Community Rank].

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<u>Occ #</u>: [Occurrence Number]. The occurrence number, in combination with the element name, uniquely identifies each record. OCCURRENCE NUMBER: See "Occ #"

<u># OF OCCURS</u>: The number of records existent in the database for each element within the area searched.

<u>Ownership</u>: Indicates whether the site is publicly or privately owned; for publicly owned land, the agency with management responsibility is listed.

-P-

<u>Precision</u>: Precision of locational information of occurrence: C (confirmed) = known within 1/4 mile radius, U (unconfirmed) = known within 1/2 mile, N (non-specific) = known within 1 mile, G (general) = occurs within the general region, X (unmappable)=location is unmappable on USGS topographic quadrangles (often known only to the nearest county), O (obscure/gone)=element no longer exists at the location.

<u>PS</u>: [Primary Section]. The section containing all or the greatest part of the occurrence.

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Quad Map: See "DNR Quad"

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<u>Rec #</u>: [Record number].

<u>RNG</u> or <u>Rng</u>: [Range number].

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<u>SECTION</u> or <u>Section</u>: [Section number(s)]. Some records are given only to the nearest section (s), but most are given to the nearest quarter-section or quarter-quarter-section (e.g., SWNW 32 denotes the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 32). A "0" is used as a place holder when a half-section is specified (e.g., 0N03 refers to the north 1/2 of section 3). When a occurrence crosses section boundaries, both sections are listed, without punctuation (e.g., the NE1/4 of section 19 and NW1/4 of section 20 is displayed as "NE 19NW20").

<u>Site</u>: A name which refers to the geographic area within which the occurrence lies. If no name for the area exists (a locally used name, for example), one is assigned by the County Biological Survey or the Natural Heritage Program.

Source: The collector or observer of the rare feature occurrence.

<u>S RANK</u>: [State Rank]. A rank assigned to the natural community type which reflects the known extent and condition of that community in Minnesota. Ranks range from 1 (in greatest need of conservation action in the state) to 5 (secure under present conditions). A "?" following a rank indicates little information is available to rank the community. Communities for which information is especially scarce are given a "U", for "rank undetermined". The ranks do not represent a legal status. They are used by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to set priorities for research, inventory and conservation planning. The state ranks are updated as inventory information becomes available.

State Status: See "MN STATUS"

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<u>TWP</u> or <u>Twp</u>: [Township number].

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<u>Verification</u>: A reflection of the reliability of the information on which the record is based. The highest level of reliability is "verified," which usually indicates a collection was made or, in the case of bird records, nesting was observed. Plant records based on collections made before 1970 are unverified.

<u>Voucher</u>: The museum or herbarium where specimens are maintained, and the accession number assigned by the repository. In the case of bald eagles, this is the breeding area number.

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Wildlife Area: The Minnesota DNR's Section of Wildlife administrative number.

### **Data Security**

Locations of some rare features must be treated as sensitive information because widespread knowledge of these locations could result in harm to the rare features. For example, wildflowers such as orchids and economically valuable plants such as ginseng are vulnerable to exploitation by collectors; other species, such as bald eagles, are sensitive to disturbance by observers. For this reason, we prefer that publications not identify the precise locations of vulnerable species. We suggest describing the location only to the nearest section. If this is not acceptable for your purposes, please call and discuss this issue with the Environmental Review Specialist for the Heritage and Nongame Research Program at 651/296-7863.

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### Appendix 1b

APPENDIX 1B: NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE Minnesota Natural Heritage Database FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA 12:48 Monday, NOVEMBER 19, 2001 Element Occurrence Records MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program Copyright 2001 State of Minnesota DNR Element: BLACK ASH SWAMP SEEPAGE SUBTYPE #15 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S3 Legal : T102N R12W 12 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Bank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 39' 6" Long: 92 13' 0" Last Obs.: 27 May 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: RELEVE 1994 Verification: verified SEVERAL UPLAND SPRINGS WERE LOCATED IN CREEK VALLEYS OF FORESTVILLE PARK. THESE WERE FOUND AT ELEVATION 1130-1160 FT ON BENCH TERRACES ABOVE PLATTEVILLE LIMESTONE OUTCROPS, ON HILL SLOPES AND IN LATERAL RAVINES WHERE SMALL AREAS WITH SATURATED SOIL MAINTAIN BLACK ASH SWAMPS DOMINATED BY AN OPEN, SUPER CANOPY OF FRAXINUS NIGRA AGED OVER 100 YEARS OLD. W/IN CANOPY GAPS ARE HERBS TYPICAL OF MARSHES WITH FOREST SPECIES: CALTHA PALUSTRIS, SYMPLOCARPUS FOETIDUS. Element: BLACK ASH SWAMP SEEPAGE SUBTYPE #17 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NESWNE24 Wildlife Area: 510 S Rank: S3 EO Size. EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map; GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 50" Long: 92 13' 18" Last Obs.: 17 May 1995 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified BLACK ASH SEEPAGE SWAMP ON FLOODPLAIN OF SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER AT BASE OF NW-FACING SLOPE NEAR MOUTH OF CANFIELD CREEK. CANOPY OF LARGE, SCATTERED FRAXINUS NIGRA. WET AREA DOM BY CALTHA PALUSTRIS WITH CAREX STIPATA, C. LAEVIVAGINATA, ANGELICA ATROPURPUREA, C. RETRORSA, C. LACRUSTRIS, C. TRICHOCARPA.

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Element: BLACK ASH SWAMP SEEPAGE SUBTYPE #18 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S3 Legal : T102N R12W SWSW13 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) EO Size: Intended Status: Forestry District: 533 EO Bank: BC Current Status: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Latitude: 43 37' 53" Long: 92 13' 28" CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 06 June 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVYEY 1994); K.BOLIN (DNR PARKS) Verification: verified Vouchert GROUNDWATER EMERGES FROM UPLAND SPRINGS OR SEEPS IN GULLIES OF OLD GROWTH MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST. LARGEST GULLY ASCENDS UPSLOPE TO 1080-1120FT ELEVATION WHERE WATER POOLS WITH CALTHA PALUSTRIS, CINNA ARUNDINACEA AND BLACK ASH (40-50CM DBH). SURROUNDING WET-MESIC SOILS WITH SUGAR MAPLE (30-40CM DBH) & BASSWOOD (UP TO 100CM DBH); NUMEROUS TIP-UPS AND FALLEN LIMBS. 2ND SPRING HEAD NEAR FOREST EDGE AT OLD HOUSE SITE: DISTURBED WITH BOX ELDER & ELMS.

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Element: BLACK ASH SWA	AMP SEEPAGE SUBTYPE #	#19		Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S3				Legal : T102N R11W SWNW18	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: BC	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B)	Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE PA	ARK		CBS Site #: 19	Latitude: 43 38' 21" Long: 92 12' 30"	Last Obs.: 29 August 1994
Ownership: MN DNR Pa	arks and Recreation			Precision: approx. boundaries have been	determined
Managed Area(s): FO	RESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAV	VE STATE PARK R.	J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTO	RY BNDRY)	
Source: ZAGER, S. (CO	D BIOL SURVEY 1994)			Voucher: RELEVE 1994 Verification: ver	rified

SEEPAGE AREA IN SMALL RAVINE OF EAST FACING BLUFF. ROCKY SATURATED SOIL (30X100 FT AREA) ON RAVINE BED BETWEEN 1100-1160 FT ELEVATION NEAR TALUS BASE & GALENA OUTCROP. BLACK ASH CANOPY (50-75% COVER). SUBCANOPY (>75% COVER; 5-60M TALL) DOM BY SUGAR MAPLE & RED ELM. SHRUB LAYER 50-75% COVER: CARPINUS, CRATAEGUS, STAPHYLEA, EUONYMOUS ATROPURPUREUS. HERBS 100% COVER: SAXIFRAGA, SYMPLOCARPUS, CALTHA PALUSTRIS, LOBELIA SIPHILITICA. FRAXINUS NIGRA DBH 56CM @ 178 YEARS.

Element: DRY CLIFF (SOUTHEAST) #20 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S3 Legal : T102N R12W 0E23 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Bank: B Current Status: Intended Status: CBS Site #: 16 Latitude: 43 37' 20" Long: 92 13' 55" Last Obs.: 06 September 1994 Site: SOUTH BOOT 3 Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER.S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: Verification: verified DRY CLIFF - POSSIBLY MADERATE ON LOWER SLOPE, NW-ASPECT, ON OUTSIDE BEND OF ANCIENT MEANDER, UPPER THIRD DRY CLIFF: JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA, OSTRYA & POPULUS TREMULOIDES WITH SCATTERED TREES OF PINUS STROBUS AND NARROW PRAIRIE AT PRECIPICE. CANOPY 50-70% COVER ON COLLUVIUM BETWEEN CLIFF TIERS, COMPRISED OF OVERARCHING TREES: Q. MACROCARPA, Q. RUBRA & ACER SACCHARUM. SUBCANOPY/SHRUB LAYER 5M TALL, PATCHY TO THICK; INCLUDES TAXUS CANADENSIS.

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Element: DRY CLIFF (SOUTHEAST) #21 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W 27 Wildlife Area: 510 S Bank: S3 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) EO Size: EO Rank: BC Current Status: Intended Status: Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 36' 37" Long: 92 15' 40" Last Obs.: 10 October 1994 Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: Verification: verified SERIES OF DRY CLIFFS IN DRY VALLEY (UNDERGROUND STREAM), TRIBUTARY TO SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER. CLIFFS TO 40M TALL, SOUTH TO WEST ASPECT. GRADES INTO MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST WITH WET-MESIC TALUS.

Element: DRY CLIFF (SOUTHEAST) #22 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S3 Legal : T102N R12W 0S0N14 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: B Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 38' 38" Long: 92 14' 27" Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK CBS Site #: 18 Last Obs.: 09 June 1995 Ownership: Private Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified SOUTH FACING BLUFF OF FORESTVILLE CREEK DOMINATED MOSTLY BY DRY CLIFF WITH DRY OAK FOREST ON CRESTS, NARROW RIDGES & UPPER PORTION OF COLLUVIAL SLOPES. DOM BY OPEN-GROWN QUERCUS MACROCARPA WITH CROOKED TRUNKS & JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA ALSO WITH SOME PINUS STROBUS, OVERALL CANOPY 50-75% COVER. SUBCANOPY 75% COVER WITH OSTRYA, J. VIRGINIANA & Q.MACROCARPA. SHRUB LAYER 25-50% COVER WITH PRICKLY ASH. HERBS INCLUDED ZIZIA AUREA, COREOPIS PALMATA, AGALINIS SP., AMORPHA CANESCENS.

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Element: DRY PRAIRIE (	SOUTHEAST) BEDROCK	BLUFF SUBTYPE #262		Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S3				Legal : T102N R12W NENWSWSW25	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: CD	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: CANFIELD CREEK	<b>1</b>		CBS Site #: 17	Latitude: 43 36' 50" Long: 92 13' 18"	Last Obs.: 16 August 1995
Ownership: MN DNR Pa	irks and Recreation				
Managed Area(s) · FOR	ESTVILLE/MYSTERY CA	VE STATE PARK B.T	DORER STATE FOREST (STATU	TORY BNDRY)	

Source: ZAGER,S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) & K.BOLIN (DNR PARKS) NARROW STRIP OF DRY PRAIRIE ON NARROW CREST OF RIDGE SPUR. DOM BY BOUTELOUA CURTIPENDULA & POA PRATENSIS WITH SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM, SORGHASTRUM NUTANS, & ANDROPOGON GERARDII. WOODY SPECIES BEING CUT BACK BY PARK STAFF. FORB DIVERSITY FAIR WITH MOST SPECIES OCCASIONALLY OCCURRING THROUGHOUT. DOMINANTS INCLUDE: PETALOSTEMON PURFUREUM, KUHNIA EUPATORIOIDES, SOLIDAGO RIGIDA, GALIUM BOREALE, LITHOSPERMUM CANESCENS, PULSATILLA NUTHALLANA, AMBROSIA ARTEMISIIFOLIA

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Element: LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST #72 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W 0S12 Wildlife Area: 510 S Bank: S4 EO Size: EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 53" Long: 92 13' 15" Last Obs.: 27 May 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVYEY 1994) Voucher: Verification: verified LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST ON CHANNELED FLOODPLAINS WITHIN CREEK VALLEYS. MIXED CANOPY VARIES IN COVER AND TREE DBH. CANOPY 50-75% COVER; CROWNS 20-25M TALL; MOST PREVALENT DBH 30-40CM; FREQUENT LARGE DBH TREES UP TO 118CM. SOME STANDS DOM BY BLACK WALNUT; MOST AREAS ARE A MIXTURE OF AMERICAN ELM, COTTONWOOD, HACKBERRY, RED OAK AND BUR OAK. SUBCANOPY NEARLY ABSENT TO 25-50% COVER; SHRUB LAYER 25% COVER IN SHADED AREAS TO 75% IN OPEN SUN. ABUNDANT SPRING EPHEMERALS.

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Element: LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST #73 DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W 0N1312 Wildlife Area: 510 S Rank: S4 Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Bank: B Current Status: CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 43" Long: 92 12' 51" Last Obs : 06 June 1994 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVYEY 1994); K.BOLIN (DNR PARKS) Voucher: RELEVES Verification: verified LARGE TREES ON CHANNELED FLOODPLAIN AT CONFLUENCE OF FORESTVILLE CREEK WITH SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER. ECOLOGICAL QUALITY VARIES NEAR DEVELOPED AREAS DUE TO LOWER TREE DENSITY. DBH AND CANOPY COVER. CANOPY COVER 50-80%; CROWNS 10-30M TALL; MOST PREVALENT DBH 35-45CM WITH LARGER TREES TO 84CM INFREQ-COMMON. DOMINANTS VARY: BASSWOOD, SUGAR MAPLE, BURR OAK AND ROCK ELM. SUBCANOPY PATCHY COVER. SHRUBS SPARSE. DIVERSE SPRING FLORA BUT SOME AREAS MOSTLY RANK HERBS.

Element: LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST #74 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S4 Legal : T102N R11W 07 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Bank: CD Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 39' 10" Long: 92 12' 2" Last Obs.: 25 July 1994 Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. & LEE, M. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: Verification: verified POOR LOWLAND HARDWOODS IN CORRIDOR OF SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER. CANOPY 60% COVER: SCATTERED LARGE TREES (50-60CM) WITH GROVES OF YOUNG TREES (<30CM); BOX ELDER, GREEN ASH, BUR OAK, SOME BASSWOOD. NO SUBCANOPY. SHRUB LAYER THICK (75% COVER). INCLUDES 2ND GROWTH MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST. ON LOWER BLUFF SLOPE WITH NE-ASPECT: SELECTIVELY LOGGED/GRAZED (VERY DECAYED STUMPS); MAPLE CANOPY 100% COVER, 15-25M TALL, DBH 15-45 CM. LOW HERB DIVERSITY: WEEDY FERN PATCHES. COMPACTED SOIL.

Element: LOWLAND HARDWO	OD FOREST #75		Location: FILLMORE COUNTY,	, MN	DNR Region: 5	
S Rank: S4				Legal : T102N R11W 0E18		Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: BC	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B)		Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE PAF	K		CBS Site #: 19	Latitude: 43 38' 20" Long	g: 92 11' 44"	Last Obs.: 16 August 1994
Ownership: MN DNR Par	ks and Recreation			Precision: approx. boundar	ries have been	determined
Managed Area(s): FORE	STVILLE/MYSTERY CAV	E STATE PARK R.	J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTOR	Y BNDRY)		
Source: ZAGER.S. (CO	BIOL SURVEY 1994)			Voucher: Ver	rification: ver	ified

MATURE LOWLAND HARDWOODS IN CREEK VALLEY ON DEEPLY CHANNELED FLOODPLAIN (5-10 FT ABOVE STREAMBED). DOMINATED BY SUGAR MAPLE. CANOPY 50% COVER, DBH 30-50CM, FREQUENT ELM SNAGS & TIP-UPS. SUBCANOPY 50% COVER; 5-10M TALL. SHRUBS SPARSE. RANK HERB LAYER WITH LAPORTEA CANADENSIS, CRYPTOTAENIA, OSMORHIZA LONGISTYLIS & RUDBECKIA LACINIATA SHADING HYDROPHYLLUM VIRGINIANUM, H. APPENDICULATUM, & ISOPYRUM. ONE STAND: CANOPY 75% COVER, DOM BY B. WALNUT, ELM, BUR OAK, BASSWOOD.

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Element: LOWLAND HARDWOOD	D FOREST #76			Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S4				Legal : T102N R12W 2425	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: CANFIELD CREEK			CBS Site #: 17	Latitude: 43 36' 50" Long: 92 13'	18" Last Obs.: 07 September 1994
Ownership: MN DNR Park:	s and Recreation				
Managed Area(s): FORES	TVILLE/MYSTERY CA	AVE STATE PARK R.J.	DORER STATE FOREST (STATU	TORY BNDRY)	
Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BI	OL SURVEY 1994)			Voucher: RELEVE 1994 Verification	: verified
YOUNG, HETEROGENEOUS L	OWLAND HARDWOOD H	FOREST ON FORMERLY GF	AZED FLOODPLAIN OF CANFIE	LD CREEK. CANOPY 60% COVER, CROWNS 10-20M T	ALL, TYPICAL DBH 20CM,
OCCASIONAL LARGE TREES	40-50CM DBH, RAE	RELY TO 65CM. INCLUDE	S: FRAXINUS PENSLYVANICA,	ACER NEGUNDO, ACER SACCHARUM, ULMUS AMERIC	ANA, QUERCUS MACROCARPA
& SALIX. SUBCANOPY & S	HRUB LAYERS WITH	CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS	& ACER SACCHARUM. HERB FL	ORA WITH SPRING EPHEMERALS AND RANK LAPORTE	A CANADENSIS.

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Legal : T102N R12W OSNW14 Wildlife Area: 510 S Bank: S4 EO Size: EO Rank: B Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK CBS Site #: 18 Latitude: 43 38' 17" Long: 92 14' 30" Last Obs.: 14 June 1995 Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Verification: verified Voucher: OLD GROWTH? LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST ON CHANNELED ALLUVIUM OF FORESTVILLE CREEK WEST OF PARK, NEXT TO PRIVATE CAMPGROUND. INTERUPTED CANOPY, CROWNS 30-35M TALL, TYPICAL DBH 50-70CM, BROAD SPREADING TREES, DOM BY ACER SACCHRUM, QUERCUS RUBRA, WITH TILIA AMERICANA & FRAXINUS NIGRA. SUBCANOPY 85% COVER, 10M TALL, DBH 15-25CM WITH ACER NEGUNDO & SALIX NIGRA. SHRUB LAYER 5-50% COVER, PATCHY THICK IN PLACES. RANK MESIC HERBS: CRYPTANDRUS CANADENSIS, LAPORTEA, CAREX TRIBULOIDES.

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN

DNR Region: 5

Element: LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST #78 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S4 Legal : T102N R12W SWSE19 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Bank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Latitude: 43 37' 0" Long: 92 19' 2" Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Last Obs.: 21 August 1995 Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified SMALL PARCEL OF LOWLAND HARDWOODS FENCED FROM LIVESTOCK. CANOPY 25-50% COVER, CROWNS 5-30M TALL, WITH TILIA AMERICANA, JUGLANS NIGRA, ULMUS SPP., ACER NEGUNDO, FRAXINUS NIGRA. MORE OPEN AREAS DOMINATED BY TALL QUERCUS MACROCARPA (30M TALL). SUBCANOPY WITH CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS. SHRUB LAYER 5-30% COVER WITH ULMUS, ACER, CORNUS ALTERNIFOLIA. HERB LAYER WITH LAPORTEA CANADENSIS, POLYGONUM VIRGINIANAUM, LEERSIA VIRGINICUM, SCROPHULARIA MARILANDRICA, GLECHOMA HEDERACEA.

Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD F	OREST (SOUTHEAS	r) #16		Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal : T102N R12W 150E14	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank:	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B)	Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK			CBS Site #: 18	Latitude: 43 38' 15" Long: 92 14' 50"	Last Obs.: July 1980
Ownership: Private				Precision: approx. boundaries have not b	een determined
Managed Area(s): R.J.DO	RER STATE FORES	f (STATUTORY BNDRY)			

Source: SMITH,W.R.(FIELD NOTES 1980); FORESTVILLE SP MANAGEMENT PLAN (1978, P.128) Voucher: Verification: verified MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST DOM BY ACER SACCHARUM WITH MANY MATURE TREES ALONG BLUFFS OF FORESTVILLE CREEK AND A TRIBUTARY IN SW1/4 OF SECT. 14. SCATTERED PINUS STROBUS (TO 75 CM DBH) AND TAXUS CANADENSIS. MANY STUMPS ON MUCH OF THE AREA. PAST GRAZING ESPECIALLY HEAVY NORTH OF CREEK. SILT LOAM SOILS ON STEEP SLOPES IN RED-WING LACRESCENT UPLANDS GEOMORPHIC REGION. ECOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE UNKNOWN. REQUIRES HERITAGE FIELD SURVEY.

Element: LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST #77

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Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) #20 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NESW20 S Rank: S2 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Bank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 37' 18" Long: 92 18' 15" Last Obs.: 27 March 1968 Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 CBS Site #: 15 Ownership: Private Precision: approx, boundaries have not been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ROE.E.I. Verification: unverified Voucher: MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST WOODLOT DOM BY QUERCUS MACROCARPA, O. ALBA, ULMUS AMER, & TILIA, 2 ABLES & SEVERAL PINUS STROBUS SEEDLINGS APPEAR TO BE OF NATURAL ORIGIN. NUMEROUS JUNIPERUS VIRG (1M IN HEIGHT) LOAM, SILT LOAM OR CLAY LOAM OVER BEDROCK ON MODERATE W-FACING SLOPE. IN KENYON-TAOPI PLAIN GEOMORPHIC REGION. ECOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS SMALL WOODLOT UNKNOWN; HERITAGE FIELD SURVEY APPROPRIATE WHEN NEARBY AREAS ARE SURVEYED.

Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) #150 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W SWSW13 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: 30 acres Intended Status. Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: AB Current Status: Latitude: 43 37' 59" Long: 92 13' 32" Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 15 June 1995 Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S.; M.LEE (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) & K.BOLIN (DNR PARKS) Voucher: RELEVES Verification: verified

OLD GROWTH MAPLE-BASSWODD FOREST ON NORTH-FACING, LOWER SLOPES AND SWALES. INCLUDES MESIC OAK F ON RIDGE CRESTS AND HIGHER SLOPES W/ STEEPER GRADIENTS. CANOPY 90% COVER WITH SOME GAPS(TIP-UP/SNAGS); CROWNS 25-30 M TALL; TYPICAL DBH 25-40CM WITH ABUNDANT LARGE TREES UP TO 88CM DBH. RED OAK 59CM @ 172 RINGS. SUGAR MAPLE DECREASES UPSLOPE WITH RED & WHITE OAK BECOMING DOMINANT. LARGE BASSWOOD & WHITE ASH COMMON THROUGHOUT. EXCELLENT STRUCTURE & HERB DIVERSITY.

Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) #160 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W 0S12 S Rank: S2 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: C Current Status: Latitude: 43 38' 57" Long: 92 13' 15" Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 27 May 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER S (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher Verification: verified MAPLE BASSWOOD FORESTS ON LOWER SLOPES OF CREEK VALLEYS ESPECIALLY ON NORTH FACING BLUFFS WITH UPLAND SPRINGS AND SEEPS. CANOPY 80% COVER; CROWN 25M TALL

DOMINATED BY SUGAR MAPLES AND RED ELM WITH LESSER AMOUNTS OF RED OAK AND BASSWOOD. THE MOST PREVALENT DBH IS 25-40 CM, WITH OCCASIONAL LARGE TREES TO 89CM. SUBCANOPY 50-75% COVER WITH RED ELM, MAPLE AND IRONWOOD, SHRUB LAYER 25% COVER: STYPHYLEA TRIFOLIA. MESIC GROUNDLAYER WITH SPRING FLOWERS. SILT LOAM.

Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD	FOREST (SOUTHEAST)	#161		Location: F	ILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal : T	102N R11W 0S070N18	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: FO	OUNTAIN (X21B)	Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE PAR	K		CBS Site #: 19	Latitude: 41	3 38' 38" Long: 92 12' 30"	Last Obs.: 16 August 1994
Ownership: MN DNR Par	ks and Recreation			Precision: a	approx. boundaries have been d	etermined
Managed Area(s): FORE	STVILLE/MYSTERY CAV	E STATE PARK R	.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY	BNDRY)		
Source: ZAGER.S. (CO	BIOL SURVEY 1994)			Voucher:	Verification: veri	fied

SEVERAL IMM TO MATURE STANDS WITHIN LATERAL RAVINES OF BROAD, DISSECTED RIDGE & LOWER SLOPES OF NORTH FACING BLUFFS NEXT TO SO BR ROOT RIVER & CREEK TRIBUTARY. MAPLE/RED OAK CANOPY (60-90% COVER; CROWNS 15-25M TALL), PREVALENT DBH 20-40CM; INFREQUENT LARGE TREES TO 60CM. SUBCANOPY VARIES (10-75% COVER; 5-15M TALL). SHRUB LAYER MOSTLY 5-25% COVER BUT SOME AREAS THICK. MESIC HERB LAYER 50-75% COVER: LAPORTEA, GERANIUM, CAULLOPHYLLUM. GRADE 40% SLOPE, CLAY SILT LOAM.

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APPENDIX 1B: NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE 12:48 Monday, NOVEMBER 19, 2001 FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA Minnesota Natural Heritage Database 6 Element Occurrence Records MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program Copyright 2001 State of Minnesota DNR Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) #163 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W SE13NE24 S Rank: S2 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: BC Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 37' 50" Long: 92 12' 56" Last Obs.: 17 May 1994 Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: Verification: verified IN MATURING MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST DOMINATED BY ACER SACCHARUM, DBH 20-35CM AND TILIA AMERICANA, DBH 8-15CM; ALSO WITH POPULUS GRANDIDENTATA. GAPS CREATED BY DEAD ELMS. MESIC HERBS: ANEMONE QUINQUEFOLIA, CAREX PEDUNCULATA, DICENTRA CUCULLARIA, POLEMONIUM REPTANS, ALLIUM CERNUUM. W-ASPECT, LOWER SLOPE, <20% GRADE, DARK CLAY-SILT LOAM (MOIST FROM ADJACENT SEEPS), TALUS. Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) #164 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W SW24NWNW25 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Bank: BC Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 50" Long: 92 13' 18" Last Obs.: 06 September 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER.S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: Verification: verified MATURING MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST WITHIN SMALL, FORKED RAVINE WITH STEEP SIDE-SLOPES. INCLUDES TALUS SLOPES, ROCK OUTCROPS, SEEPAGE AREAS (IN RAVINE CHANNEL) AND OLD, ALLUVIAL BENCH TERRACE AT CONFLUENCE WITH CANFIELD CREEK VALLEY. DOM BY TILIA AMERICANA & ACER SACCHARUM WITH SOME BETULA ALLEGHANIENSIS. CANOPY 100% COVER (EXCEPT WHERE PATCHY ON STEEP 70% SLOPES), TYPICAL DBH 15-35CM, LARGE OAKS OCCASSIONAL ON UPPERSLOPES, 50-55CM DBH. HERB FLORA RICH W/ MOSSES 6 MESIC SPP. Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) #165 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W 27 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: C Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Current Status: Site: SOUTH BOOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Latitude: 43 36' 37" Long: 92 15' 40" Last Obs. : 10 October 1994 Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: Verification · verified MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST ON STEEP SLOPES OF DRY, MEADERING TRIBUTARY TO SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER (STREAM FLOWS UNDERGROUND). CANOPY 60-80% COVER, CROWNS 20-25M TALL, TYPICAL DBH 20-30CM & 35-45 CM, OCCASIONAL LARGE TREES TO 55CM; DOM BY ACER SACCHARUM, TILIA AMERICANA. INCLUDES DRY CLIFF & WET-MESIC TALUS ON SUPER-STEEP SLOPES, CLAY-SILT LOAM. MESIC HERBS NOT SURVEYED. Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) #166 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W SE10 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: WYKOFF (X20A) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK CBS Site #: 18 Latitude: 43 38' 19" Long: 92 15' 5" Last Obs.: 14 June 1995 Ownership: Private Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST AND YOUNG REGROWTH OF LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST DOM BY ACER SACCHARUM & TILIA AMERICANA. N-ASPECT OF MEANDERING DRY VALLEY. CANOPY 80%

SOME WET-MESIC TALUS.

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COVER, 25M TALL, TYPICAL DBH 40-45CM. SUBCANOPY CLOSED (100% COVER) ACER SACCHARUM, & TILIA AMERICANA. SHRUB LAYER 50% COVER. CLAY SILT LOAM, COMPACTED.

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Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD E	OREST (SOUTHEAST	) #167			Location:	FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2					Legal :	T102N R12W OWSESESW10	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended	Status:	Quad Map:	WYKOFF (X20A)	Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE CREEP	( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )		CBS Site	#: 18	Latitude:	43 38' 53" Long: 92 15' 38"	Last Obs.: 14 June 1995
Ownership: Private					Precision	: approx. boundaries have been	determined
Managed Area(s): R.J.DC	RER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)					
Source: ZAGER,S. (CO BI	OL SURVEY 1995)				Voucher:	Verification: ve	rified
MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST,	MOSTLY YOUNG, DE	NSE CANOPY ON DEEPLY	-DISSECTED,	STEEP SLOPES	SURROUNDING CLIFF	. INCLUDES UNGRAZED LOWLAND HA	RDWOOD WITH TYPICAL DBH
10-15 CM, LARGE TREES (	CCASSIONAL TO 40	CM DBH, SEVERAL SNA	GS PRESENT.	ANCIENT MEAN	DER CUT INTO BEDRO	CK EXPOSING NORTH FACING GALEN	A OUTCROPS AND 5-10M TALL
CLIFFS & DRY TO WET-MES	SIC TALUS (15M VE	RTICAL HGT) COVERED	N/ CYSTOPTE	RIS BULBIFERA	, RUBUS STRIGOSUS,	DIRCA PALUSTRIS. DRY FALLS OV	ER BEDROCK IN RAVINES.

Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST)	#168		Location: FILLMORE CO	DUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2			Legal : T102N R12W	0S0N15	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size: EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: WYKOFF (X2)	DA)	Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK		CBS Site #: 18	Latitude: 43 38' 18"	Long: 92 15' 4"	Last Obs.: 02 June 1995
Ownership: Private			Precision: approx. bo	oundaries have been d	letermined
Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995)			Voucher:	Verification: veri	fied
MESIC OAK BECOMING MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST	ON NORTH-FACING BLU	IFF OF FORESTVILLE CREEK. NW15:	DOM BY QUERCUS RUBRA,	CANOPY 50-75% COVER,	CROWNS 25M TALL, TYPICAL
DBH 30-40CM, SOME LARGE ACER SACCHARUM &	TILIA W/ DBH 50-60C	M. NE15: ACER DBH 30-40CM, DEN	SE CANOPY NEARLY CLOSE	D. UNDERSTORY VARIES,	THICK IN CANOPY GAPS.
SHRUB LAYER DENSE W/ ACER, CORNUS ALTERN	IFOLIA. HERBS 50-75%	COVER: CAREX PEDUNCULATA, CYS	TOPTERIS BULBIFERA. ROO	CK OUTCROPS & TALUS,	GRADE 50-60% SLOPE.

Element: MAPLE-BASSWOOD	FOREST (SOUTHEAST	) #169 .		Location:	FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal :	T102N R12W NENE30	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map:	CHERRY GROVE (X20D)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 1			CBS Site #: 14	Latitude:	43 36' 56" Long: 92 18' 32'	Last Obs.: 21 August 1995
Ownership: MN DNR Park	s and Recreation			Precision	: approx. boundaries have bee	en determined .
Managed Area(s): FORES	IVILLE/MYSTERY CA	VE STATE PARK R.	J.DORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)		·
Source: ZAGER,S. (CO B	IOL SURVEY 1995)			Voucher:	Verification: v	verified
MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST	WITH ROCK OUTCROP	S & WET-MESIC TALU	S ON STEEP LOWER SLO	PES OF N-NW FACING BLUFF	OF SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER.	NARROW BAND OF CANOPY DBH 40-
55CM DOM BY ACER SACCH	ARUM, CELTIS OCCI	DENTALIS & ALSO WI	TH TILIA AMERICANA,	JUGLANS CINEREA, ULMUS. (	DAKS ARCHING OVER GALENA LIMP	ESTONE OUTCROPS WITH MOSSY
LEDGES & SLUMPS WITH U	RTICA DIOICA, LAP	ORTEA CANADENSIS,	IMPATIENS CAPENSIS,	HYDROPYLLUM APPENDICULAT	UM, PARTHENOCISSUS INSERTA. H	EVIDENCE OF MASS EROSION.

Element: MOIST CLIFF ()	SOUTHEAST) MADERATE	SUBTYPE #12		Location:	FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S3				Legal :	T102N R12W ONNENW26	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: A	Current Status: 2	Intended Status: 28	Quad Map:	GREENLEAFTON (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 3			CBS Site #: 16	Latitude:	43 36' 57" Long: 92 14' 38"	Last Obs.: May 1985
Ownership: Private				Precision:	approx. boundaries have been	determined
Managed Area(s): R.J	.DORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: FREST, T.				Voucher:	Verification: ver	ified
VERY LARGE AND SPECT	ACULAR CLIFF 300' X	2600' ALONG ROOT RIV	/ER. MOSTLY UNDISTURBED.	. SUCCINEID SNAILS P	PRESENT IN VERY LARGE NUMBERS.	FOR PRESERVATION
PURPOSES, FREST RANK	S THIS CLIFF FIRST O	F NINE KNOWN MADERAT	CE CLIFFS IN MINNESOTA.	CORRESPONDS TO FRES	ST #MN41.	

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Element: MOIST CLIFF (SOUTHEAST) MADERATE SUBTYPE #16 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S3 Legal : T102N R12W NWSESW25 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 18" Long: 92 13' 30" Last Obs.: 1985 Ownership: MN DNR Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land) Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST Source: FREST, T. (MN SUCCINEA SURVEY 1986) Voucher Verification: verified CANFIELD CREEK 10. LARGE & SPECTACULAR MADERATE CLIFF ABOVE BIG SPRING & CANFIELD CREEK, N-NW FACING IN DUNLEITH-DUBUQUE FORMATION. CLIFF MEASURES 150 X 1000 FT. CLIFF IS UNDISTURBED W/ASSOCIATED SPRING, CAVE OPENINGS & COLLUVIAL SLOPE, VERY LARGE POPULATION OF SUCCINEA SP 3 & SMALL POPULATION OF SUCCINEA SP 4 OBSERVED AT SITE.

Element: MOIST CLIFF (SOUTHEAST) MADERATE SUBTYPE #17 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NENE15NW14 Wildlife Area: 510 S Rank: S3 Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: Intended Status: EO Bank: B Current Status: Latitude: 43 38' 38" Long: 92 14' 55" Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK CBS Site #: 18 Last Obs.: 14 June 1995 Ownership: Private Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher Verification: verified MADERATE CLIFF WITH THICK-MOSSY OVERHANGS AND WET-DRIPPING ROCK SURFACES. NE ASPECT, WET-MESIC CLIFF AND TALUS WITH WHITE PINE AT PRECIPICE. TALUS TO 1/3 OF TOTAL HEIGHT. GALENA CLIFF UPPER HALF 5-10M HIGH. DRY, ROCKY STREAMBED AT BASE. CANOPY DOM BY ACER CF. NIGRUM, 50% COVER OVERALL, CROWNS 5-15M TALL. SHRUB COVER 50-75% COVER. TALUS COVERED WITH CYSTOPTERIS BULBIFERA, ADIANTUM PEDATUM & ARISAEMA TRIPHYLLUM. ECOLOGICAL QUALITY UNCERTAIN NEEDS SNAIL SURVEY.

Element: NORTHERN HARDWOOD-CONIFER FOREST (SOUTHEAST) #2 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W SWSW25 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 18" Long: 92 13' 30" Last Obs.: August 1979 Ownership: MN DNR Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land) Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST Source: SATHER, N.; MORLEY, T. 1977, CUSHING, E.J. Voucher: Verification: verified ON STEEP N FACING LIMESTONE CLIFF ABOVE CANFIELD CREEK. ABIES IS REPRODUCING. PINUS STROBUS, TAXUS CAN., JUNIPERUS VIRG., BETULA PAP., OSTRYA, TILIA ALSO PRESENT. KNOWN AS BIG SPRING'S BALSAM CLIFF. MAY INCLUDE MOIST CLIFF (DRIFTLESS AREA) COMMUNITY. HERITAGE FIELD SURVEY REQUIRED.

Element: NORTHERN HARDWOO	OD-CONIFER FOREST	(SOUTHEAST) #4		Location: FILLMORE (	COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal : T102N R12	W SWSWNENW14	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: BC	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: FOUNTAIN	(X21B)	Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE CREE	к		CBS Site #: 18	Latitude: 43 38' 15'	" Long: 92 14' 35"	Last Obs.: 09 June 1995
Ownership: Private				Precision: approx. 1	boundaries have been	determined
Managed Area(s): R.J.D	ORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: ZAGER, S. (CO B)	IOL SURVEY 1995)			Voucher:	Verification: ver	ified

SMALL NORTHERN HARDWOODS CONIFER STAND ABOVE TALUS SLOPE ON LOWER-MIDDLE SLOPE WITH NORTH ASPECT. PINUS STROBUS CANOPY 25-50% COVER, CROWNS <35M TALL, TYPICAL DBH 50-65CM. ABIES BALSAMEA CANOPY 1-5% COVER, 2-10M TALL, DBH 10-15CM. DECIDU-OUS CANOPY 25-50% COVER, <20M TALL, TYPICAL DBH 15-25CM, COMMON LARGE TREES 40-55CM DBH: ACER SACCHARUM, FRAXINUS NIGRA & SOME BETULA ALLEGHANIENSIS. ECOTONAL HERBS MOSTLY DRY-MESIC WITH MESIC INCLUSIONS. DARK SILT, MOSS-COVERED TALUS.

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Element: OAK FOREST (S	OUTHEAST) DRY SUBTY	PE #53		Location: FILLMORE C	OUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal : T102N R12W	NWNE27	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: CHERRY GRC	VE (X20D)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 3		6	CBS Site #: 16	Latitude: 43 36' 37"	Long: 92 15' 40"	Last Obs.: 10 October 1994.
Ownership: Private						
Managed Area(s): R.J	.DORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: ZAGER,S. (CC	BIOL SURVEY 1994)			Voucher:	Verification: ver	ified
DRY OAK FOREST DOM E	Y QUERCUS MACROCARP	A WITH CROOKED TRUNK	S, ESPECIALLY ON SOUTH ASPEC	T SLOPES. Q.ALBA, Q.ELLIF	SOIDALIS, PRUNUS SEP	OTINA & DYING JUGLANS
CINEREA ON DEEPER SC	IL OF RIDGE CRESTS:	QUERCUS RUBRA & TIL	IA PREVALENT AT SLOPE BASE.	OVERALL CANOPY 50-75% COV	ER, CROWNS 20-25M TA	LL, TYPICAL DBH 25-35CM,
LARGE TREES OCCASSIC	NAL. SUBCANOPY DOM	BY OSTRYA, 10M TALL,	>75% COVER. RIBES 5-25% COV	ER. HERB LAYER ABSENT. W,	S-ASPECT, 50% SLOPE,	DARK CLAY LOAM & COBBLES.

Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) DRY SUBTYPE #54 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W SWSE19 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Latitude: 43 37' 5" Long: 92 19' 0" Last Obs.: 21 August 1995 Ownership: Private Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified DRY OAK FOREST, DRY LIMESTONE OUTCROPS & SMALL PRAIRIE OPENINGS ON STEEP, SOUTH FACING BLUFF OF SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER. DOM BY QUERCUS ELLIPSOIDALIS WITH ULMUS SPP., OSTRYA AND QUERCUS MACROCARPA. THICK PATCHY SHRUB LAYER WITH BLACKBERRY BRAMBLES. OPEN AREAS WITH CAREX PENSYLVANICA. SMALL PRAIRIE OPENINGS, 5 X 10M AREA, WITH SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM, SORGHASTRUM NUTANS, RATIBIDA LACINIATA, CEANOTHUS OVATA, PYCNANTHEMUM. UPPERSLOPES 2ND REGROWTH WITH RECENT STUMPS.

Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #248				Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal : T102N R12W NWNW25	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size: 30 acres	EO Rank; AB	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: CANFIELD CREEK			CBS Site #: 17	Latitude: 43 36' 50" Long: 92 13' 18"	Last Obs.: 18 May 1995
Ownership: MN DNR Park	e and Recreation				

Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY)

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Source: ZAGER,S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995); K.BOLIN & M.WHITE (DNR PARKS) Voucher: RELEVES Verification: verified OLD GROWTH MESIC OAK FOREST ON UPPER SLOPE & CREST OF RIDGE SPUR BETWEEN MEANDERS OF CANFIELD CREEK. SUPERCANOPY 50-75% COVER; CROWNS 25-35M TALL; TYPICAL DBH 50-65CM WITH OCCASSIONAL MAX SIZE TO 85CM DBH (QUERCUS RUBRA 57CM @ 115 RINGS); DOM BY Q.RUBRA, Q.ALBA W/ FREQUENT FRAXINUS AMERICANA & TILIA. CANOPY 50-75% COVER; 15-25M TALL; DBH 15-25CM; ACER SACCHARUM, CARYA CORDI-FORMIS, ULMUS AMERICANA, OSTRYA VIRGINIA. GOOD STRUCTURE & SPECIES DIVERSITY.

Element: OAK FOREST (SO	OUTHEAST) MESIC SUBI	YPE #274		Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal : T102N R12W 0E20	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank; CD	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 2			CBS Site #: 15	Latitude: 43 37' 24" Long: 92 17' 35"	Last Obs.: 21 August 1995
Ownership: MN DNR Pa	rks and Recreation			Precision: approx. boundaries have bee	n determined
Managed Area(s): FORE	ESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAV	'E STATE PARK R	J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUT	ORY BNDRY)	
Source: ZAGER.S. (CO )	BIOL SURVEY 1995)			Voucher: Verification: v	erified

Source: ZAGER,S.(CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified DRY MESIC OAK FOREST ON UPPER SLOPES & ROLLING CRESTS WITH MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST ON STEEP N-W FACING SLOPES WITH GALENA OUTCROPS ABOVE FLOODPLAIN. CANOPY 70-85% COVER, CROWNS 15-25M TALL, EVEN-AGED STAND WITH MULTIPLE-TRUNKS, TYPICAL DBH 20-35 CM, INFREQ LARGE TREES 40-50CM DBH, DOM BY Q. RUBRA, Q. ELLIPSOIDALLS, & FRAXINUS AMERICANA, TILIA AMERICANA, JUGLANS NIGRA & GROVES OF BIG-TOOTHED ASPEN SUBCANOPY 50-75% COVER, 5-10M TALL. SHRUB LAYER 50-75% COVER. COMMON HERES. Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #275 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W 30NW29SW20 S Bank: S2 Wildlife Area: 510 Ouad Map; CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Latitude: 43 37' 3" Long: 92 18' 25" Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Last Obs.: 21 August 1995 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified SELECTIVELY CUT DRY-MESIC OAK FOREST ON SMALL RIDGES & GENTLE UPPER SLOPES DOM BY QUERCUS ALBA, Q.RUBRA WITH FRAXINUS AMERICANA, PRUNUS SEROTINA. SUGAR MAPLE DOM LOWER SLOPES & RAVINES. CANOPY 50-75% COVER, CROWNS 10-25M TALL. GAPS COMMON. DEAD SNAGS RARE. SUBCANOPY DOMINATES IN GAPS, 75% COVER, 10-20M TALL, DENSELY SHADING GROUND; DOM BY OSTRYA, ULMUS RUBRA, TILIA, FRAXINUS, ACER SACCHARUM & DYING JUGLANS CINEREA. SHRUB LAYER 5-25% COVER. FEW HERB SPECIES.

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Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #280 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W 0N1312 Wildlife Area: 510 S Rank: S2 EO Size: EO Rank: BC Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 39' 5" Long: 92 13' 25" Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 27 May 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVYEY 1994) Voucher: RELEVE 1994 Verification: verified POSSIBLE OLD GROWTH ON BROAD RIDGE CRESTS DISSECTED BY CREEK VALLEYS; INCLUDES 2 MILES OF THE EAST FACING BLUFF OF SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER. CANOPY COMPOSITION AND QUALITY VARIES WITH TOPOGRAPHY, ASPECT AND PREVIOUS LAND USE HISTORY WHICH SELECTIVELY LOGGED SOME PORTIONS; MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN GRAZED. OVERALL CANOPY 80% COVER, CROWNS 20-30M TALL, MOST PREVALENT DBH 20-30CM; LARGE OAKS UP TO 81CM COMMON TO OCCASIONAL. GOOD STRUCTURE. HERB LAYER DEPAUPERATE.

Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #281 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R11W 0S0718 S Rank: S2 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: BC Current Status: Intended Status: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 30" Long: 92 12' 0" Last Obs.: 15 August 1995 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Verification: verified Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: RELEVES MESIC & DRY-MESIC OAK FOREST ON DISSECTED, BROAD RIDGE WHICH IS THE NORTHEAST FACING BLUFF OF SO BR ROOT RIVER & INCLUDES SMALL CREEK VALLEY. MIXED QUALITY VARIES WITH DENSITY OF LARGE TREES. CANOPY 80% COVER, RED & WHITE OAK CO-DOMINATE, IMMATURE TREES: DBH 25-35 CM WITH LARGE TREES COMMON IN SOME STANDS

TO 65 CM. OCCASIONAL GAPS FROM STANDING SNAGS/TIP-UPS. SUBCANOPY <70% COVER W/ ACER, OSTRYA, & CELTIS. SHRUBS SPARSE. DIVERSE DRY-MESIC HERBS ABUNDANT.

E	lement: OAK FOREST (SO	UTHEAST) MESIC SUB	TYPE #282		Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
	S Rank: S2				Legal : T102N R12W SE13	Wildlife Area: 510
	EO Size:	EO Rank: BC	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B)	Forestry District: 533
	Site: FORESTVILLE PAR	к		CBS Site #: 19	Latitude: 43 38' 7" Long: 92 12' 55"	Last Obs.: 06 September 1994
	Ownership: MN DNR Par	ks and Recreation			Precision: approx. boundaries have been	determined
	Managed Area(s): FORE	STVILLE/MYSTERY CA	VE STATE PARK R.J	.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTOR)	(BNDRY)	

Source: ZAGER,S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) & C. JUHNKE (DNR PARKS) MESIC & DRY-MESIC FOREST ON NORTH TO NE-FACING BLOFF & ANCIENT BENCH TERRACES OF SO BRANCH ROOT RIVER. SUPERCANOPY (>25M TALL) VARIES FROM 50-75% COVER ON SANDY-SILT TERRACE TO 5-25% COVER ON STEEP UPPERSLOPE WITH ROCKY, SILT-CLAY LOAM. RED OAK COMMON WITH HIGH AMOUNTS OF MAPLE, BASSWOOD, WHITE ASH; LESSER AMOUNTS OF ASPEN & BIRCH (N'PIN OAK LOCALLY ABUNDANT BELOW W/ SOME BUR OAK). UNDERSTORY LAYERS GOOD. MOSTLY DRY-MESIC HERES WITH MESIC HERES AROUND UPLAND SPRINGS.

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Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #283		Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2		Legal : T102N R12W SE13NE24	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size: EO Rank: AB Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B)	Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE PARK	CBS Site #: 19	Latitude: 43 37' 50" Long: 92 12' 40"	Last Obs.: 17 May 1994
Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation		Precision: approx. boundaries have been	determined
Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.	J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BN	DRY)	
Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994)		Voucher: Verification: ver	rified
MATURE/OLD GROWTH, DRY-MESIC OAK FOREST DOM BY QUERCUS RU	BRA & Q.ALBA. STRAIGHT BOLES COMMO	N, DBH 45-52 CM. STANDS WITH VARIOUS SIZE	E CLASSES AND NO STUMPS.
SHRUB LAYER 25-50% COVER. ACER SACCHARUM IN SHRUB LAYER &	SEEDLINGS. HERB LAYER 50-75% COVE	R DOM BY CAREX PENSLYVANICA WITH DRY-MES:	IC AND SOME MESIC HERBS.
PINUS STROBUS STANDS INCLUDED IN AREA. SPRINGS EMERGING M	IDSLOPE, BELOW TERRACE, AND FLOWIN	G OVER TALUS FORMING POOLS OVER TERRACES	ON THE LOWER SLOPE.

Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #284 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W 2425 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 50" Long: 92 13' 18" Last Obs.: 15 September 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: RELEVE 1994 Verification: verified MATURE MESIC OAK FOREST DOM BY QUERCUS RUBRA WITH ABUNDANT Q. ALBA & SOME POPULUS TREMULOIDES. CONTINUOUS CANOPY WITH TYPICAL DBH 35-45CM, LARGE TREES COMMON 50-60CM DBH. BEST BASAL AREA 140 SQ FT/ACRE. (Q.RUBRA 56 CM DBH @ 115 RINGS). SUBCANOPY WITH ABUNDANT ACER SACCHARUM, ALSO OSTRYA, CRATAEGUS, PRUNUS SEROTINA. SPARSE SHRUB LAYER. PATCHY HERB LAYER. AREAS WITH OLD FENCE. NW-ASPECT, CLAY LOAM WITH DEEP A HORIZON. EAST FACING BLUFF OF CANFIELD CREEK.

Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #285 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W SESE23 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: BC Current Status: Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Latitude: 43 37' 2" Long: 92 14' 0" Last Obs.: 06 September 1994 Ownership: Private Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Verification: verified Voucher: MESIC TO DRY, EVEN-AGED, MATURING OAK FOREST ON BROAD RIDGE CREST DESCENDING TO NARROW RIDGE SPUR. CANOPY 80-90% COVER, CROWNS 30M TALL, TYPICAL DBH 25-30CM, DOM BY QUERCUS RUBRA, POPULUS TREMULOIDES, FRAXINUS AMERICANA, PRUNUS SEROTINA. SUBCANOPY 25-50% COVER, 10-15M TALL, DOM BY OSTRYA, CARYA CORDIFORMIS. SHRUB

LAYER 50-75% COVER, 5M TALL, FRAXINUS, ULMUS & ACER NEGUNDO. NARROW RIDGE SPUR IS COVERED WITH YOUNG POPULUS GRANDIDENTATA SURROUNDING MATURE TREES AT CREST.

Element: OAK FOREST (S	SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUB	STYPE #286		Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal : T102N R12W 0E23	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 3			CBS Site #: 16	Latitude: 43 37' 20" Long: 92 13' 55"	Last Obs.: 06 September 1994
Ownership: Private					-
Managed Area(s): R.C	J.DORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)			

Source: ZAGER,S.(CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) DRY MESIC FOREST ON NARROW RIDGE SPUR. INTERUPTED CANOPY 50-75% COVER, DOM BY QUERCUS RUBRA, Q. ALBA, BETULA PAPYRIFERA & FRAXINUS AMERICANA. TYPICAL DBH 20-30CM, LARGE TREES COMMON 30-40CM DBH; LARGER TREES HARVESTED. DEBRIS AND TIPUPS INFREQUENT, NO SNAGS. SUBCANOPY 50-75% COVER DOM BY OSTRYA. SEEDLING 5-25% COVER: VERY DIVERSE CANOPY SPECIES. MESIC TO DRY-MESIC HERBS. NW-ASPECT ABOVE GALENA LIMESTONE CLIFF, COBBLES & SILT LOAM THINLY COVERING BEDROCK, SINK HOLES.

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Element: OAK FOREST	(SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUB	TYPE #287		Locatio	n: FILLMORE COUNTY,	, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal	: TIOZN RIZW NWZ/		Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Ma	p: CHERRY GROVE (X2	20D)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 3			CBS Site #: 16	Latitud	le: 43 36' 37" Long	g: 92 15' 40"	Last Obs.: 10 October 1994
Ownership: Private							
Managed Area(s): R	.J.DORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)					
Source: ZAGER, S. (CO	O BIOL SURVEY 1994)			Vouches	: Vei	rification: ve	rified
DRY-MESIC OAK FORE:	ST ON CREST DESCENDIN	G ONTO NARROW RIDGE	SPUR ABOVE ALGIFIC TAL	IS SLOPE. CANOPY 5	0-90% COVER, CROWNS	S 15-25M TALL,	TYPICAL DBH 25-35CM,
OCCASIONAL TO FREQU	UENT LARGE TREES 40-5	OCM, MULTIPLE-STEMM	ED OAKS; DOM BY Q. RUBR	A, Q. ALBA, Q. ELI	IPSOIDALIS, POPULUS	S TREMULOIDES	& BETULA PAPYRIFERA.
SUBCANOPY 50-75% CO	OVER, 3-10M TALL, DOM	BY OSTRYA, Q.ALBA,	ACER SACCHARUM. SHRUB	AYER THICK WITH H	IBES SPP. POOR HERE	B DIVERSITY, G	RAZED, OLD STUMPS THROUGHOUT.

Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #288 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W 0E22 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Bank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: WYKOFF (X20A) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 37' 35" Long: 92 15' 5" Last Obs.: 13 June 1995 Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Ownership: MN DNR Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land) Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified MANAGED FOREST OF MOSTLY EVEN-AGED TREES EXCEPT IN RAVINES. CANOPY 70-85% COVER, TYPICAL DBH 25-35 CM, OCCASIONAL LARGE TREES TO 50-60CM DBH, DOM BY QUERCUS RUBRA, TILIA AMERICANA (MULTI-STEMMED), WITH STANDS OF POPULUS GRANDIDENTATA, ALSO JUGLANS CINEREA, Q.MACROCARPA, ACER SACCHARUM. OPEN CANOPY AREAS WITH THICK SHRUE LAYER & RANK HERBS. SNAGS RARE TO OCCASIONAL. SUBCANOPY 25-50% COVER, 5-10M TALL: CARYA CORDIFORMIS & ULMUS RUBRA. SHRUB LAYER 5-75%: CARFINUS, CORNUS.

Element: OAK FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #296 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W NE23NW24 Wildlife Area: 510 Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: C Current Status: Latitude: 43 37' 40" Long: 92 13' 40" Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs. : 27 May 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: Verification: verified DRY OAK FOREST CO-DOMINATED BY QUERCUS MACROCARPA, Q.ALBA & Q.RUBRA WITH LESSER AMOUNTS OF TILIA AMERICANA & FRAXINUS AMERICANUS. CANOPY 70% COVER, CROWNS 10-

15M TALL, DBH 20-30CM. SW-ASPECT, UPPER SLOPE NEAR CREST OF NARROW RIDGE. DARK, FRIABLE LOAM & COBBLESTONES. SUBCANOPY/SHRUB LAYER 50-75% BECOMING DENSE IN PLACES. HERBS: HELIANTHUS STRUMOSUS, GERANIUM MACULATUM, RHUS RADICANS, TAENIDIA INTEGERRIMA. DRY-MESIC FOREST PREVALENT ON COLLUVIAL SOIL OF LOWER SLOPES.

Element: OAK WOODLAND-BRUSHLAND (SOUTHEAST) #273				Location: FILLMORE COUN	FY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S4				Legal : T102N R12W SE	22SW23	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON	(X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 3			CBS Site #: 16	Latitude: 43 37' 8" Lo	ng: 92 14' 50"	Last Obs.: 13 June 1995
Ownership: Private				Precision: approx. bound	daries have been d	letermined
Managed Area(s): R.J.	DORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: ZAGER,S. (CO	BIOL SURVEY 1995)			Voucher:	Verification: veri	fied

WOODLAND BRUSHLAND ON THIN SOIL OVER BED ROCK & STEEP SOUTH FACING SLOPES, DOM QUERCUS ALBA & Q. MACROCARPA WITH JUNIPEUS VIRGINIANA. CANOPY 70% COVER, TYPICAL DBH 20-30CM, LARGER TREES INFREQ 35-45CM DBH. RIDGE CRESTS WITH DEEPER SOIL DOM BY Q. ELLIPSOIDALIS, CANOPY 50-75% COVER, 10-15M TALL, MULTIPLE STEMS. SUBCANOPY DOM BY OSTRYA VIRGINIANA. SHRUB LAYER PATCHY 25-50% COVER. HERB LAYER WITH CAREX PENSLYVANICA, PEDICULARIS CANADENSIS, LATHYRUS VENOSUS, KRIGIA SP.

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SLOPE. WET SEEP AREAS WITH MOSSES, CYSTOPTERIS. CANOPY 50% COVER, CROWNS 20-25M TALL, TYPICAL DBH 25-35 CM; FREQUENT LARGE TREES DOM BY TILIA AMERICANA, ACER.

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Element: TALUS SLOPE #6 S Rank: SU EO Size: Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORE Source: ZAGER,S. (CO BIOL MOSS COUPEPD CLIFE 4 TALU	EO Rank: C R STATE FOREST SURVEY 1994) S WITH SEED (4X	Current Status: (STATUTORY BNDRY) 30M AREAL WEEDY MES	Intended Status: CBS Site #: 16 IC FLORA WET AREAS DOM	Location: FILLMORE C Legal : T102N R120 Quad Map: CHERRY GRC Latitude: 43 36' 44' Precision: approx. M Voucher: BY IMPATIENS	COUNTY, MN NWSENW27 VE (X20D) ' Long: 92 15' 42" ooundaries have bee Verification: v	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 10 October 1994 n determined erified
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Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFI S Rank: S2 EO Size: 1 acres approx. Site: CANFIELD CREEK Ownership: MN DNR Parks a Managed Area(s): FORESTVI Source: FREST,T. (FINAL R THREE SLOPES (CORRESPONDI (NMSWNE). VENTS ARE VERY ABUNDANT ADOXA MOSCHATELL	C SUBTYPE #1 EO Rank: nd Recreation LLE/MYSTERY CAV EPORT NORTHERN NG TO FREST MN6 DIFFUSE, POORLY INA; ALSO RELIC	Current Status: 1 E STATE PARK R.J.C DRIFTLESS AREA SURVE , MN7 MN8) OVERLOOKI DEFINED AND UNEXPOS T VERTIGO SPP.	Intended Status: 6 CBS Site #: 17 ORER STATE FOREST (STATU 1983) NG THE SOUTH BRANCH OF T ED. THICK SOIL COVER MN6	Location: FILLMORE ( Legal : T102N R12% Quad Map: GREENLEAFT Latitude: 43 37' 26' Precision: approx. H TORY BNDRY) Voucher: HE ROOT RIVER. MN7 IS A SMAJ IS A NW-FACING, BI-LEVEL GJ	COUNTY, MN N SWNE24 FON (X21C) ' Long: 92 12' 55" boundaries have bee Verification: v LL NORTH-FACING GAL LLENA SLOPE (SWSWNE	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 1982 n determined erified ENA SLOPE, MOSTLY FERN COVERED ). VENTS ARE SMALL, VEGETATED.
Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFI S Rank: S2 EO Size: 1 acres approx. Site: CANFIELD CREEK Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORE Source: FREST,T. (FINAL R LARGE AND UNDISTURBED SLO EXTENDS CONSIDERABLE DIST VERTIGO HUBRICHTI OCCUR A	C SUBTYPE #2 EO Rank: R STATE FOREST EPORT NORTHERN PE (CORRESPONDS ANCE ONTO UP-LA T SITE.	Current Status: (STATUTORY BNDRY) DRIFTLESS AREA SURVE TO FREST MN9) WITH ND. NW-FACING BI-LEV	Intended Status: CBS Site #: 17 Y 1983) WEAK CIRCULATION AND THI EL SLOPE HIGH ABOVE SOUT	Location: FILLMORE ( Legal : T102N R121 Quad Map: GREENLEAF Latitude: 43 37' 16' Precision: approx. 1 Voucher: CK SOIL COVER; VENTS MOSTLY H BRANCH OF ROOT RIVER. PLAN	COUNTY, MN N NWNWSE24 FON (X21C) ' Long: 92 13' 3" boundaries have bee Verification: v DIFFUSE AND ILL-DE NT SPECIES ADOXA MO	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 1982 n determined erified FINED. SINKHOLE TERRAIN CHATELLINA AND SNAIL SPECIES
Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFI S Rank: S2 EO Size: Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORE Source: FREST,T. LARGE, COMPLEX SLOPE WITH BALSAMEA, CHRYSOSPLENIUM	C SUBTYPE #3 EO Rank: B R STATE FOREST RATHER WEAK CI IOWENSE, ADOXA	Current Status: 2 (STATUTORY BNDRY) RCULATION. MUCH OPEN MOSCHATELLINA AND PI	Intended Status: 28 CBS Site #: 16 ROCK, SOME OVER-STEEP T NUS STROBUS PRESENT. MUC	Location: FILLMORE ( Legal : T102N R12( Quad Map: GREENLEAF; Latitude: 43 37' 8" Precision: approx. 1 Voucher: ALUS. SINKS EXTEND SEVERAL 1 H OF SITE GRAZED, PARTICULAN	COUNTY, MN W NWNWSE23 CON (X21C) Long: 92 13' 45" coundaries have bee Verification: v HUNDRED YARDS BACK RLY EAST END. CORRE	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 25 May 1982 n determined Perified INTO UPLAND FIELD. ABIES SPONDS TO FREST #M18

APPENDIX 1B: NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE Minnesota Natural Heritage Database FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA 12:48 Monday, NOVEMBER 19, 2001 15 Element Occurrence Records MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program Copyright 2001 State of Minnesota DNR Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #4 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W SENWNW26 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Size. Current Status: 2 Intended Status: 28 EO Bank · A Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 Latitude: 43 36' 47" Long: 92 14' 50" CBS Site #: 16 Last Obs.: 25 May 1982 Ownership: Private Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST T Voucher Verification: verified COMPLEX SITE WITH EXTENSIVE WEAK TALUS AT WEST END TO HIGH PERCHED SINSINAWA SEGMENT IN THE MIDDLE TO MOIST CLIFF ON EAST END. UPLAND SINKS TO ALGIFIC SLOPES PENETRATE 1/8 MI. VERY GOOD CHRYSOSPLENIUM IOWENSE AND GYMNOCARPIUM SITE. ALSO ABIES BALSAMEA AND SUCCINEA CHITTANGOENSIS (RELICT SNAIL SPP). FLOODPLAIN OF ROOT RIVER IS GRAZED, UPLAND IS FARMED TO BLUFF EDGE. ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF A FULL-SCALE GALENA SLOPE. CORRESPONDS TO FREST SITE #MN16. Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #36 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W NWSWSE24 Wildlife Area: 510

EO Size: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 37' 6" Long: 92 13' 3" Last Obs. : 1982 Ownership: Owner unknown Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST, T. Voucher: Verification: verified VERY SMALL WEAK N-NE GALENA ALGIFIC SLOPE IN SMALL GULLY IN FORESTVILLE STATE PARK, ABOVE SOUTH BRANCH OF ROOT RIVER. LEGAL PUTS OCCURRENCE JUST EAST OF PARK BOUNDARY.

Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #37 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY. MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W SWNWSE24 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 37' 12" Long: 92 13' 6" Last Obs.: 1982 Ownership: Owner unknown Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST, T. Voucher: Verification: verified LARGE BUT WEAK BI-LEVELED GALENA ALGIFIC SLOPE (NW-FACING), IN FORESTVILLE STATE PARK, ABOVE SOUTH BRANCH OF ROOT RIVER. LEGAL PUTS OCCURRENCE JUST EAST OF PARK BOUNDARY.

Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIF	IC SUBTYPE #38			Lo	cation: FILLMORE CO	UNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
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EO Size:	EO Rank:	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Qu	ad Map: GREENLEAFTO	N (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: CANFIELD CREEK			CBS Site #: 17	La	atitude: 43 36' 18"	Long: 92 13' 30"	Last Obs.: 1982
Ownership: Owner unknown				Pr	ecision: approx. bo	undaries have been	determined
Managed Area(s); R.J.DOR	ER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)					
Source: FREST, T.				Vo	oucher:	Verification: ver	rified
LARGE GOOD COMPOSITE GAL	ENA ALGIFIC SLO	PE ABOVE BIG SPRING.	UPPER SLOPE IN ABIES	STAND, PLANT	SPECIES GYMNOCARPIU	M ROBERTIANUM OCCUP	RS AT SITE 300 FEET EAST OF

LARGE GOOD COMPOSITE GALENA ALGIFIC SLOPE ABOVE BIG SPRING. UPPER SLOPE IN ABLES STAND. PLANT SPECIES GYMNOCARPIUM ROBERTIANUM OCCURS AT SITE 300 FEET EAST OF SPRING. SNAIL SPECIES OF A LARGE UNIDENTIFIED SUCCINEID IS FOUND 50-100 FEET EAST OF SPRING ON EXPOSED TALUS AND AT BASE OF HIGH BLUFF. OTHER LANDSNAILS FOUND INCLUDE DISCUS CATSKILLENSIS, VERTIGO HUBRICHTI, V. OCCULTA AND VALLONIA GRACILICOSTA. APPENDIX 1B: NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program

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Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #39 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W NWSESW25 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Intended Status: EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Latitude: 43 36' 15" Long: 92 13' 22" Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Last Obs.: 1982 Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Ownership: Owner unknown Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST, T. Voucher: Verification: verified SMALL, BUT INTENSE EXPOSED AND PASTURED ALGIFIC SLOPE ON LOW GALENA KNOB JUST ABOVE FLOOD PLAIN. PLANT SPECIES GYMNOCARPIUM ROBERTIANUM COMMONLY OCCURS AT SITE.

Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #40 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W NESESW25 Wildlife Area: 510 Ouad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) EO Size: EO Bank: Current Status: Intended Status: Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 36' 15" Long: 92 13' 15" Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Last Obs.: 1982 Ownership: Owner unknown Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST.T. Voucher: Verification: verified LARGE GALENA ALGIFIC SLOPE ON NORTH FACE OF FIRST TRIBUTARY TO THE NORTH OF BIG SPRING. PLANT SPECIES GYMNOCARPIUM ROBERTIANUM COMMONLY OCCURS AT SITE.

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #41 DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W NESW25 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 27" Long: 92 13' 16" Last Obs.: 1982 Ownership: Owner unknown Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST.T. Voucher: Verification: verified STREAM DRIFT ALGIFIC SLOPE AT BASE OF GALENA-PRAIRIE DU CHIEN SLOPE ON WEST SIDE OF CREEK.

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #42 DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NENESW25 S Rank: S2 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 36' 30" Long: 92 13' 12" Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Last Obs.: 1982 Ownership: Owner unknown Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST, T. Voucher: Verification: verified SMALL BIFURCATING GALENA ALGIFIC SLOPE UP SMALL TRIBUTARY NEAR MAJOR BRANCH. VERY FEW LANDSNAILS WERE NOTICED ALIVE AT SITE. A GOOD B. PAPYRIFERA POPULATION WAS FOUND.

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Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #46 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 S Rank: S2 Legal : T102N R12W NWNWSE21 Wildlife Area: 510 Current Status: 8 Intended Status: 8 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Bank: Latitude: 43 37' 18" Long: 92 16' 38" Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 CBS Site #: 15 Last Obs.: 1982 Ownership: The Nature Conservancy Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): SAXIFRAGE HOLLOW R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Voucher: Verification: verified Source: FREST, T. LARGE COMPOSITE GALENA ALGIFIC SLOPE ALONG ROOT RIVER. LARGE POPULATIONS OF PLANT SPECIES CHRYSOSPLENIUM IOENSE AND ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA OCCUR AT SITE.

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #65 Legal : T102N R12W ONONNW27 S Rank: S2 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: A Current Status: 1 Intended Status: 9 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Latitude: 43 36' 54" Long: 92 15' 51" Last Obs.: 05 October 1994 Ownership: Private Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. & M.LEE (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: RELEVES Verification: verified

NORTH FACING SLOPE ABOUT 1/3 MILES IN LENGTH ALONG THE S BRANCH ROOT RIVER. A COMPLEX OF ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPES, MADERATE CLIFFS, RESURGENT SPRING & NORTHERN HARDWOOD CONIFER FOREST WITH WHITE PINE, YELLOW BIRCH & SOME BALSAM FIR. ELEVATION 1130-1200FT INCLUDING 30 FT HIGH, FRACTURED-LIMESTONE CLIFF WITH COLD-AIR VENTS (PROSSER/STEWARTVILLE FORMATION). SEVERAL AREAS OF COLD, MOSS-COVERED TALUS: CHRYSOSPLENIUM, MITELLA NUDA, RIBES HUDSONIANUM, GYMNOCARPIUM ROBERTIANUM

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EO Size: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: C Current Status: Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 53" Long: 92 13' 33" Last Obs.: 14 September 1995 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: BOLIN, K., WHITE, M. & ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified SMALL, WEAKLY ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE AT BASE OF EAST-FACING BLUFF FORMING BANK OF CANFIELD CREEK. TALUS ABOUT 7 X 10 METER AREA WITH 80% SLOPE, THINLY COVERED WITH WET-MESIC PEAT SOIL. THIS IS NEXT TO MOSS-COVERED, GALENA LIMESTONE CLIFF BELOW A STAND OF WHITE PINES. CIRCAEA ALPINA, RUBUS STRIGOSUS, ASTER PRENANTHOIDES, BLEPHILA HIRSUTA, POLYMNIA CANADENSIS, EUPATORIUM RUGOSUM. ALSO WITH A MEDIUM SIZED POPULATION OF ALLIUM CERNUUM (PLANTS CA 100'S ).

Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #76 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NWNESW30 S Rank: S2 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Latitude: 43 36' 19" Long: 92 19' 4" Last Obs.: 29 September 1983 Ownership: Private Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST, T. Voucher: Verification: verified ON LOWER, N-FACING SLOPE ABOVE ROOT RIVER, EAST OF SMALL CREEK VALLEY. GALENA LIMESTONE: WISE-LAKE AND SMALL PATCH OF SINSINAWA SLOPE. OPEN CANOPY & MOSS COVERED W/ NO LITTER. VENTS SMALL & ALL COVERED. SINK-HOLES & FISSURES EXTEND 200 YARDS INWARD. UPLAND GRAZED TO SLOPE EDGE. LITTLE CANOPY BUFFER, BUT CREEK VALLEY OK; UPLAND BADLY GRAZED. INTERESTING SMALL SITE WITH LIMITED FLORA. NEEDS FURTHER SURVEY FOR SNAILS & PLANTS. LARGE EQUISETUM SCIRPOIDES POPULATION.

Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE #78 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NWNW25 S Rank: S2 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Intended Status: EO Rank: C Current Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 57" Long: 92 13' 36" Last Obs.: 16 August 1995 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) & M.WHITE, K.BOLIN (DNR PARKS) Voucher: Verification: verified SMALL AREA OF MILDLY ALGIFIC TALUS OR WET-MESIC TALUS. NE-ASPECT, UPPER SLOPE NEAR CREST, WITHIN GULLY OF CONVEX SLOPE & RIDGE AT MOUTH OF SMALL, FORKED RAVINE (JOINING BLUFF OF CANFIELD CREEK). DARK SILTY COLLUVIUM WITH RICH HUMUS COVERING COBBLES. BENEATH GALENA LIMESTONE OUTCROPS.

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Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE	#79		Location: FILLMORE COUNT	Y, MN	DNR Region: 5		
S Rank: S2			Legal : T102N R12W SES	WNE15	Wildlife Area: 510		
EO Size: EO Rank: H	3C Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: WYKOFF (X20A)		Forestry District: 53	3	
Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK		CBS Site #: 18	Latitude: 43 38' 19" Lo	ng: 92 15' 11"	Last Obs.: 02 June 19	95	
Ownership: Private			Precision: approx. bound	aries have been	determined		
Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOR	REST (STATUTORY BNDRY)						
Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 195	<b>∂</b> 5)		Voucher: V	erification: ver	ified		
DRY TO WET-MESIC TALUS, THICKLY COVE	SRED WITH FEATHERMOSS, J	LIVERWORTS & DIMINUITIVE CYS	TOPTERIS BULBIFERA. DRY RUBBLE	BORDERS EITHER	SIDE WITH BOULDERS		
AND PLATY LIMESTONE. SEVERAL COLD PI	RODUCING VENTS WITH ICE.	. RUBBLE COVERED WITH DARK S	ILTY COLLUVIUM, STEEP 125% SLC	PE. ALGIFIC PORT	ION SMALL CRESCENT		
15X25M AREA. NEAR LARGE RESURGENT SI	PRING. ABOVE IS MOIST CI	LIFF, 10-20M TALL WITH CREVI	CES, RECESSES, AND SEVERAL LED	GES. OPEN FISSUR	ES HAVE STRONG, COLD BR	EEZE.	
Element: TALUS SLOPE ALGIFIC SUBTYPE	#80		Location: FILLMORE COUNT	Y, MN	DNR Region: 5		
S Bank: S2			Legal : T102N R12W ONS	W14	Wildlife Area: 510		

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Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) EO Size. EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 38' 15" Long: 92 14' 46" Last Obs.: 02 June 1995 Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK CBS Site #: 18 Ownership: Private Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1995) Voucher: Verification: verified TWO SMALL ALGIFIC SLOPES EACH ABOUT 30-40M LONG. MOIST TALUS, COLD VENTS AND GROUNDWATER SEEPS BELOW ON FLOODPLAIN. MOIST CLIFFS 2-7M TALL, BALSAM FIR ABOVE SLOPE. COOL AIR PULSATING FROM VENTS. TALUS THICKLY COVERED WITH FEATHER MASS.

Element: WHITE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #20 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NENWNE24 Wildlife Area: 510 S Rank: S2 EO Size: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: B Current Status: Latitude: 43 37' 43" Long: 92 12' 55" Last Obs.: 04 May 1994 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Precision: approx. boundaries have been determined Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994) Voucher: Verification: verified IN WHITE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST DOMINATED BY QUERCUS ALBA WITH Q. MACROCARPA AND Q. RUBRA COMMON, WHITE PINE 10-30% CANOPY, LARGE TREES TO 65CM DBH. DECIDUOUS CANOPY 70-85% COVER. FEW SHRUBS. COMMON MESIC FORBS: ASARUM CANADENSE, SANGUINARIA CANADENSIS. WHITE PINES ON THIN SOIL OVER BEDROCK. UPPER SLOPE,

ELEV 1200-1240 FT, NE-ASPECT, SLOPE 70% GRADE EXCEPT ON BENCH TERRACE, DRY-MESIC SILT, FRACTURED, PLATY DOLOMITE (PROSSER LIMESTONE).

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Element: WHITE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #21				Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN		DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Drop: 510
S RANK: SZ EO Size:	EO Bank: BC	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Ouad Map: GREENI	EAFTON (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: CANFIELD CREEK	20 1.41.11 20	ourrent otherb.	CBS Site #: 17	Latitude: 43 36'	50" Long: 92 13' 18"	Last Obs.: 17 May 1995
Ownership: MN DNR Parks	and Recreation				-	-
Managed Area(s): FOREST	VILLE/MYSTERY CA	VE STATE PARK R.J	.DORER STATE FOREST (STA	TUTORY BNDRY)		
Source: ZAGER, S. (CO BI	OL SURVEY 1995)			Voucher:	Verification: ve	rified

MATURING WHITE PINE IN SCATTERED STANDS ON CLIFF EDGES AND OTHER AREAS WITH THIN SOIL OVER BEDROCK. PINE CANOPY 10-50% COVER, DBH 30-45CM. ASSOCIATED WITH NORTHERN HARDWOOD CONIFER FOREST AND ALGIFIC SLOPES. USUALLY ON UPPERSLOPES ON DRY TO DRY MESIC SOIL WITH QUERCUS MACROCARPA OR WITH BETULA ALLEGHANIENSIS ON ROCK OUTCROPS NEAR WET-MESIC SOILS.

Minnesota Natural Heritage Database Element Occurrence Records	APPENDIX 1B: NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES V FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAI MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Reseau	WITHIN THE L AREA rch Program	12:48 Monday, 1 Copyright 2001	NOVEMBER 19, 2001 State of Minnesota DNR	20
Element: WHITE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MES	IC SUBTYPE #22	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY,	MN	DNR Region: 5	
S Rank: S2		Legal : T102N R12W SWSW2	2	Wildlife Area: 510	
EO Size: EO Rank: C Current	Status: Intended Status:	Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X2	0D)	Forestry District: 533	
Site: SOUTH ROOT 3	CBS Site #: 16	Latitude: 43 37' 2" Long:	92 16' 0"	Last Obs.: 11 August 19	34
Ownership: Private		Precision: approx. boundar	ies have been de	etermined	
Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTOR	Y BNDRY)				
Source: ZAGER, S. & M.LEE (CO BIOL SURVEY 1994)		Voucher: Ver	ification: veri	fied	
WHITE PINE HARDWOOD FOREST IMMATURE AND SELECTIVE	LY LOGGED. ON CREST ABOVE 5 M TALL GALENA	CLIFF. PINE CANOPY 25% COVE	R, CROWNS 20-301	M TALL, TYPICAL DBH 30-	
40CM, RARE LARGE TREES 50-60CM DBH. DECIDUOUS CAN	UPY 50-75% COVER, 10-20M TALL, TYPICAL DB	H 20-30 CM, SOME RECENT SELE	CT CUTTING & FR	EQ STUMPS, SUBCANOPY 25-	)U %
Element: WHITE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MES	IC SUBTYPE #23	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY,	MN	DNR Region: 5	
S Rank: S2		Legal : T102N R12W NW14		Wildlife Area: 510	
EO Size: EO Rank: C Current	Status: Intended Status:	Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B)		Forestry District: 533	
Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK	CBS Site #: 18	Latitude: 43 38' 28" Long	: 92 14' 42"	Last Obs.: 09 June 1995	
Ownership: Private	V RURBUL	Precision: approx. boundar	ies have been de	etermined	
Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTOR	I BNDRI)	** ** **		5	
NULTE DINE UNDENCODE ON NECT ACDECT OF DEV	CLIER DINE 30 FO CM DDU CROWNS 30 30M M	Voucher: Ver	CINIANA PROTOCO	ried	
WELLE PLAE BASHWOULD IN WEST ASPELT CREST OF DBT	CLIFF. FINE 30-30 CM DBR, CROWNS 20-30M IF	ALL, ALSO WITH JUNIPERUS VIR	GINIANA. DECIDU	JUS CANOPI /5% COVER,	
5-10M TALL DOM BY OUFROUS MACROCARRA BETULA RAR	VETEERA OUERCUS ELLIPSOIDALIS SUBCANORY	50% COVER ETLING GARS CRE	ATED BY LOCCINC	CEVEDAL CNACE DECENT	
5-10M TALL, DOM BY QUERCUS MACROCARPA, BETULA PAP DRY-MESIC HERBS WITH CAREX PENSYLVANICA DOM ALSO	YRIFERA, QUERCUS ELLIPSOIDALIS. SUBCANOPY	50% COVER, FILLING GAPS CRE	ATED BY LOGGING	. SEVERAL SNAGS PRESENT.	
5-10M TALL, DOM BY QUERCUS MACROCARPA, BETULA PAP DRY-MESIC HERBS WITH CAREX PENSYLVANICA DOM, ALSO	YRIFERA, QUERCUS ELLIPSOIDALIS. SUBCANOPY WITH VIOLA PEDATA & ANEMONE VIRGINIANA.	50% COVER, FILLING GAPS CRE	ATED BY LOGGING	. SEVERAL SNAGS PRESENT.	

Element: WHITE PINE-HARDWOOD FOREST (SOUTHEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE #24 S Rank: S2				Location: FILLMORE Legal : T102N R12	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Legal : T102N R12W NENE15	
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: WYKOFF (X	20A)	Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE CREE	< <		CBS Site #: 18	Latitude: 43 38' 38	" Long: 92 15' 2"	Last Obs.: 14 June 1995
Ownership: Private				Precision: approx. 1	boundaries have been	determined
Managed Area(s): R.J.D	RER STATE FORES	I (STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: ZAGER,S. (CO B	(OL SURVEY 1995)			Voucher:	Verification: ve:	rified
PARTIALLY GRAZED WHITE	PINE HARDWOODS.	PINE CANOPY 10-20% (	COVER, CROWNS 30-35M TALI	L, DBH 22-46CM. DECIDUOUS CAN	OPY 75% COVER, TYPICA	AL DBH 30-40CM, DOM BY
QUERCUS RUBRA (MANY CR	OOKED TRUNKS) & 1	BETULA PAPYRIFERA WI	TH ABUNDANT Q.ALBA AND SC	OME ACER SACCHARUM. SUBCANOPY	>75% COVER DOM BY OS	STRYA, SHRUB LAYER 1-5% COVER
WITH RIBES SPP., CORYL	JS AMERICANA & J	UNIPERUS COMMUNIS. DI	RY-MESIC HERBS: CAREX PEN	NSLYVANICA, GERANIUM MACULATU	M, GALIUM COCCINEUM,	SILENE STELLATA

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Element: WHITE PINE-HARD	WOOD FOREST (SOUT	HEAST) MESIC SUBTYPE	¥25	Location	: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
S Rank: S2				Legal	: T102N R12W SW14	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map	: FOUNTAIN (X21B)	Forestry District: 533
Site: FORESTVILLE CREE	K .		CBS Site #: 18	Latitude	: 43 38' 7" Long: 92 14' 42"	Last Obs.: 09 June 1995
Ownership: Private				Precisio	n: approx. boundaries have been	determined
Managed Area(s): R.J.I	ORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: ZAGER,S. (CO E	IOL SURVEY 1995)			Voucher:	Verification: ve	rified
FORMERLY GRAZED, WHITE	PINE ON THIN SOL	L OVER LIMESTONE OF	NARROW RIDGE-SPURS	ABOVE CLIFFS. PINE C	OVER 5-25%, MOSTLY SCATTERED TH	EES, TYPICAL DBH 20-35CM,

FORMERLY GRAZED, WHITE PINE ON THIN SOIL OVER LIMESTONE OF NARROW RIDGE-SPURS & ABOVE CLIFFS. PINE COVER 5-25%, MOSTLY SCATTERED TREES, TYPICAL DBH 20-35CM, CROWNS 30M TALL. GROVES OF POPULUS GRANDIDENTATA. SUBCANOPY 75% COVER, 7M TALL DOM BY OSTRYA. SHRUBS SPARSE. GRASSES SPARSE BENEATH SMALL ELMS AND PINES. INACCESSIBLE AREAS WITH PRAIRIE REMNANTS WITH POA PRETENSIS, CAREX PENSYLVANICA, AMORPHA CANESCENS, LITHOSPERMUSM CANESCENS, PHLOX PILOSA, LESPEDEZA CAPITATA.

## Appendix 1c

APPENDIX 1C: RARE PLANT SPECIES RECORDS WITHIN THE Minnesota Natural Heritage Database FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA 12:54 Monday, NOVEMBER 19, 2001 Element Occurrence Records MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program Copyright 2001 State of Minnesota DNR Element: ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA (MOSCHATEL) #19 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W SWNE21 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Current Status: 8 Intended Status: 9 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: CBS Site #: 15 Latitude: 43 37' 26" Long: 92 16' 36" Last Obs.: June 1982 Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: The Nature Conservancy Managed Area(s): SAXIFRAGE HOLLOW R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: SMITH, W.R. (6116) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified IN VALLEY OF SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER, CA 2.5 MILES NORTH OF CHERRY GROVE. LOCALLY ABUNDANT ON N-FACING ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE IN GALENA FORMATION OUTCROP. WITH CHRYSOSPLENIUM IOWENSE, CYSTOPTEROUS BULBIFERA. SWNE SEC 21, T102N R12W. Element: ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA (MOSCHATEL) #40 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NESE23 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Current Status: 2 Intended Status: 28 Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Latitude: 43 37' 14" Long: 92 13' 56" Last Obs.: 03 May 1985 Ownership: Private Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified Source: SMITH, W.R. (10075) OCCASIONAL ON ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE AT BASE OF NW-FACING BLUFF OVERLOOKING SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER, CA 3 MILES N-NW OF GREENLEAFTON, WITH CHRYSOSPLENIUM IOWENSE. SW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 SEC 23; T102N R12W. 153 Element: ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA (MOSCHATEL) #41 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NENW26 Wildlife Area: 510 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: 2 Intended Status: Ouad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Latitude: 43 36' 55" Long: 92 14' 35" Last Obs.: 03 May 1985 Ownership: Private Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: SMITH, W.R. (10085) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified FREQUENT ON ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE AT BASE OF N-NW-FACING BLUFF OVERLOOKING SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER, CA 3 MILES N-NW OF GREENLEAFTON. NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 SEC 26 T102N R12W. Element: ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA (MOSCHATEL) #49 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NWNWSE24 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Latitude: 43 37' 16" Long: 92 13' 3" Last Obs.: 1982 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: Owner unknown Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. Source: FREST, T. (SIGHT RECORD) PLANT SPECIES OCCURS ON ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE #2.

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OUINOUEFOLIA, CAREX PEDUNCULATA, DICENTRA CUCULLARIA, POLEMONIUM REPTANS, MITELLA DIPHYLLA.

#### APPENDIX 1C: RARE PLANT SPECIES RECORDS WITHIN THE FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program

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Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Element: ALLIUM CERNUUM (NODDING WILD ONION) #50 Legal : T102N R12W NENESW24 Wildlife Area: 510 State Status: THREATENED Intended Status: Ouad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 37' 22" Long: 92 13' 12" Last Obs.: 17 May 1994 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Verification: verified Source: JUHNKE, C.M. (167) Voucher: 1991: WOODS EDGE ON RIVER FLAT AT BASE OF STEEP NW-FACING SLOPE WITH TREFOIL, LYCHNIS, VERVAIN, CLEARWEED. 1994: RE-OBSERVATION BY S. ZAGER OF CHARLES JUHNKE COLLECTION #167. LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST ON ALLUVIUM AT BASE OF NE ASPECT SLOPE.

Element: ALLIUM CERNUUM (NODDING WILD ONION) #51 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W NENWNWNW25 Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Ouad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 55" Long: 92 13' 31" Last Obs.: 16 August 1996 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (950816-1) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified

ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE (C-RANKED) VEGETATION AT BASE ALONG CREEK, EAST ASPECT, 80% GRADE. TALUS WITH WET-MESIC PEATY SOIL (NOT THICK). ON TALUS, LOWER SLOPE NEAR EDGE OF STREAM. BENEATH CANOPY OF SHRUBBY FRAXINUS NIG, STAPHYLEA TRIF. IN VICINITY OF ROCK OUTCROPS. 100 PLANTS, POST-BLOOM & SETTING SEED, SENESCENT

C EDGE OF STREAM. BENEATH CANOPY OF SHRUBBY FRAXINUS NIG, STAPHYLEA TRIF. IN VICINITY OF ROCK OUTCROPS. 100 PLANTS, POST-BLOOM & SETTING SEED, SENESCENT C PLANTS & OTHERS WITH EMERGING LEAVES (NEXT YEAR'S GROWTH?). ASSOC SPP: ARALIA RACE, PARTHENOCISSUS INSER, CYSTOPTERIS BULB. (PREV COLL: ZAGER (940906-2) MIN).

Element: ALLIUM CERNUUM (NODDING WILD ONION) #52 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W SESWNESW25 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: 1 Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 22" Long: 92 13' 18" Last Obs.: 14 September 1994 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: MN DNR Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land) Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST Voucher: MIN Verification: verified Source: ZAGER, S. (940914-1) IN BALSAM FIR-MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST (NORTHERN CONIFER HARDWOOD FOREST) 300 FT DOWNSTREAM FROM SPRING. ON TALUS SLUMP BECOMING RE-VEGETATED. W-ASPECT, ELEVATION 1130-1150 FT, LOWER SLOPE, STEEP 100% SLOPE (70% GRADE OVERALL), SILTY CLAY LOAM & COBBLES. 15 VEGETATIVE PLANTS IN 2 X 2 METER AREA. EXTENSIVE POPULATION EXTENDS 1/4 MILE DOWNSTREAM TO NEXT SIDE RAVINE. ASSOCIATES: GALIUM CONCINNUM, CYSTOPTERIS BULBIFERA, ASARUM CANADENSIS, HYDROPHYLLUM VIRGINIANUM.

Element: ALLIUM CERNUUM (NODDING WILD ONION) #61 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W ONNESE10 Wildlife Area: 510 Intended Status: Quad Map: WYKOFF (X20A) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Latitude: 43 39' 4" Long: 92 15' 7" Last Obs.: 14 June 1995 Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK CBS Site #: 18 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: Owner unknown Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (950614-1) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified

2 MI WEST OF FORESTVILLE STATE PARK. IN SMALL MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST. CANOPY 85% COVER, CROWN 25 METERS HIGH, MOST PREVALENT DBH 40-45CM. DENSE UNDERSTORY OF ACER SACCHARUM. N-ASPECT, LOWER SLOPE, DARK CLAYEY SILT, COMPACTED. VEGETATIVE PLANTS 200-300 ALONG FOOTSLOPE PERIPHERAL TO WET-MESIC TALUS. ASSOCIATES: CAULLOPHYLLUM THALICTROIDES, ASARUM CANADENSE, GERANIUM MACULATUM, ARISAEMA TRIPHYLLUM, ADIANTUM PEDATUM.

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Element: ASTER PILOSUS (WHITE HEATH ASTER) #4 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: No Legal Status Legal : T102N R12W SESENW24 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: Latitude: 43 37' 25" Long: 92 13' 13" Last Obs.: 03 September 1982 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: TENNEY, M. (586) Voucher: Verification: verified S/SW-FACING OPEN SLOPE, OPEN WITH ASTER SP, SOLIDAGO SP, LESPIDEZA CAPITATA, AND GRASSES. (S.C. ZAGER: COORDINATES DON'T MATCH AREA DESCRIPTIONS; THERE ARE NO S/SW-FACING SLOPES. 1996).

Element: ATHYRIUM THELYPTERIOIDES (SILVERY SPLEENWORT) #34 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: No Legal Status Legal : T102N R12W SESW12 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Intended Status: Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: Current Status: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 50" Long: 92 13' 16" Last Obs.: 16 May 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (940516-2) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified MAPLE BASSWOOD FOREST DOMINATED BY HETEROGENEOUSLY AGED, MATURING ACER SACCHARUM, ULMUS RUBRA, CANOPY 15 METERS HEIGHT, 40 CM DBH. SUBCANOPY 75% COVER WITH ULMUS & ACER. N-ASPECT, BASE SLOPE (1100 FEET ELEVATION) DARK CLAY SILT, COLLUVIUM, FRIABLE, WELL-DRAINED. 20-25 PLANTS IN 50 METER AREA. PRUNUS VIRGINIANA (SEEDLING), ARISAEMA TRIPHYLLUM, ISOPYRUM BITERNATUM, GERANIUM MACULATUM.

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Element: CACALIA MUEHLENBERGII (GREAT INDIAN-PLANTAIN) #5

Element Occurrence Records

Wildlife Area: 510 State Status: No Legal Status Legal : T102N R12W NESE23 EO Size: EO Rank: BC Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Latitude: 43 37' 16" Long: 92 13' 59" Last Obs.: 11 August 1994 Ownership: Private Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: LEE, M.D. & ZAGER, S. (MDL 803) Verification: verified Voucher: MIN DOZEN PLANTS IN PASTURED AREA ALONG SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER 1/4 MI DOWNSTREAM FROM TWP ROAD BRIDGE OVER STREAM. IN FULL SUNLIGHT WITH VERBENA URTICIFOLIA, CIRSIUM VULGARE. HEAVILY GRAZED AREA BUT CATTLE DON'T EAT THIS PLANT. MATURE FRUITS. PRECISE LOC ON EOR.

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN

Element: CACALIA MUEHLENBERGII (GREAT INDIAN-PLANTAIN) #6 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 State Status: No Legal Status Legal : T102N R12W SWNW30 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) EO Size: EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 36' 40" Long: 92 19' 28" Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Last Obs.: 04 August 1994 Ownership: Private Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: LEE, M.D. & ZAGER, S. (MDL 770) Verification: verified Voucher: MIN

7 PLANTS ON BANKS OF SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER. PASTURED AREA, IN PARTIAL SHADE. DARK ALLUVIAL SAND 1M ABOVE STREAM LEVEL. ASSOC SPP: GEUM LACINIATUM, CAREX EMORYI, PHALARIS ARUNDINACEA. ON AND IN VICINITY OF SMALL ISLAND. IMMATURE FRUITS. PRECISE LOC ON EOR.

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Element: CAREX JAMESII (JAMES' SEDGE) #8 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R11W 07 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) EO Size: Intended Status: Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: Current Status: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 49" Long: 92 12' 24" Last Obs.: 19 June 1984 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.50 mile Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: WHEELER, G.A. (8354) Verification: verified Voucher: MIN MOIST, RICH WOODS 0.5 MILES NORTHEAST OF MEIGHEN STORE AND ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER. (1 DUP #8361).

Element: CAREX JAMESII (JAMES' SEDGE) #10 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W 24 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 37' 36" Long: 92 13' 0" Last Obs.: 14 June 1984 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.50 mile Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: WHEELER, G.A. (8315) Voucher: 774871 MIN Verification: verified FORESTVILLE STATE PARK. 0.75 MILES SOUTH OF HORSE TRAIL ROAD. PLANT GROWING IN A MOIST RICH WOODS ON A RATHER STEEP SLOPE NEAR THE SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER.

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Element: CAREX LAEVIVAGINATA (SMOOTH-SHEATHED SEDGE) #10

Element Occurrence Records

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W SWNWNWSW13 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 38' 10" Long: 92 13' 44" Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 15 August 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (SIGHT RECORD) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. AT WEST PARK BORDER, NORTH SIDE OF FORESTVILLE CREEK AT BASE OF SOUTH FACING SLOPE. WET SEEPAGE MEADOW DOMINATED BY SEDGES. SPRING FED BY SEEPAGE AT 1130 FT ELEVATION. DEPRESSION IN LEVEL ALLUVIUM, WET-MESIC CLAY. SCATTERED CESPITOSE PLANTS IN 0.5 ACRE AREA (VEGETATIVE CULMS IDENTIFIED BY SMOOTH VENTRAL SHEATHS). ASSOCIATES: CAREX STRICTA.

Element: CAREX LAEVIVAGINATA (SMOOTH-SHEATHED SEDGE) #12 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W SWNESW24 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Current Status: 0 Intended Status: 6 Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: CD Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 37' 14" Long: 92 13' 24" Last Obs.: 17 May 1995 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: LEE, M.D. & ZAGER, S.C. (MDL899) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified LOCAL, RARE IN SMALL SEEPAGE MEADOW/SWAMP AT BASE OF STEEP, WEST-FACING SLOPE ALONG CANFIELD CREEK 1/4 MILE UPSTREAM FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SOUTH BRANCH

ROOT RIVER. UNDER INTERRUPTED CANOPY OF LARGE FRAXINUS NIGRA. 10 PLANTS ALONG 50M STRETCH OF SEEPAGE FLOW. ASSOC W/ CALTHA PALUSTRIS, ANGELICA ATROPURPUREA, CAREX STIPATA, C. RETRORSA, C. TRICHOCARPA.

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IN FORESTVILLE STATE PARK. PERIPHERAL TO SEEPAGE AREA ON SIDES & CREST OF SMALL CONVEX RIDGE BELOW BENCH TERRACE ON MIDSLOPE. DRY-MESIC TO WET SOIL. SEDGE FORMS SOD OVER EXTENSIVE AREA.
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Element: DESMODIUM CUSPIDATUM VAR. LONGIFO State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN EO Size: EO Rank: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Ownership: Owner unknown Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAN Source: TENNEY,M.(493) LOCATED IN SMALL, MOIST DEPRESSION NEAR	LIUM (BIG TICK TREFOIL) #15 Current Status: Intend E STATE PARK R.J.DORER ST TRAIL WITH NORTHERN BEDSTRA	led Status: NATE FOREST (STATUTORY BND) W, COCKLEBUR, BOTTLE-BRUS)	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, M Legal : T102N R12W SWNWNE1 Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Latitude: 43 38' 32" Long: Precision: within 0.25 mile, RY) Voucher: 782399 MIN Verif H GRASS, RED OAK, BUR OAK.	N .3 92 13' 15" confirmed fication: verif	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 29 July 1982 ied	
Element: DESMODIUM CUSPIDATUM VAR. LONGIFO State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN EO Size: EO Rank: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Ownership: Owner unknown Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAN Source: TENNEY,M. (555) LOCATED IN MOIST DECIDUOUS WOODS ALONG ? 782612 MIN 8/18/1982, NWSENW18.	DLIUM (BIG TICK-TREFOIL) #16 Current Status: Intend CBS Si TE STATE PARK R.J.DORER ST RAILSIDE WITH HELIANTHES SE	ded Status: Lte #: 19 NATE FOREST (STATUTORY BND 2, HONEWORT, HOG PEANUT, G	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, M Legal : T102N R11W SWSENW1 Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Latitude: 43 38' 18" Long: Precision: within 0.25 mile, RY) Voucher: 782614 MIN Verif INSENG, BRACKEN FERN, POPULU	N .8 92 12' 9" confirmed Sication: verif JS SP, BUR & RE	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 19 August 1982 Eied ED OAK. 1ST COLL #550,	
Element: DICENTRA CANADENSIS (SQUIRREL-COF State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN EO Size: EO Rank: C Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAN	N) #41 Current Status: 0 Intend CBS Si YE STATE PARK R.J.DORER SI	led Status: 6 ite #: 19 NATE FOREST (STATUTORY BND	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, M Legal : T102N R12W NENESWI Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Latitude: 43 38' 8" Long: 9 Precision: within 0.25 mile, RY)	N 13 92 13' 14" , confirmed	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 18 May 1995	

APPENDIX 1C: RARE PLANT SPECIES RECORDS WITHIN THE

Source: LEE, M.D. (MDL900) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified RARE IN LOWLAND HARDWOOD FOREST ALONG THE SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER 1/2 MILE SW OF THE HISTORIC FORESTVILLE TOWNSITE. ON THE EAST (SE) SIDE OF CO RD 12. CANOPY OF MATURE ULMUS THOMASII, TILIA AMERICANA, ACER CF NIGRUM. DEEP, ALLUVIAL SILT-LOAM. 12 INFLORESENCES SEEN IN RELATIVELY INTENSIVE SEARCH OF 20 ACRES. GROWING AMONGST DECAYING ELM LOGS W/ HYDROPHYLLUM VIRGINIANUM, H.APPENDICULATUM, GALIUM APARINE, ISOPYRUM BITERNATUM, MERTENSIA VIRGINICA.

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RICH, MOIST UPLAND WOODS WITH WALNUT, BASSWOOD, SWEET CICELY.

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VEGETATIVE. PRECISE LOC ON EOR.

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Element: NAPAEA DIOICA (GLADE MALLOW) #88 State Status: THREATENED EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: JUHNKE,C. (PHOTO RECORD) PLANT OBSERVED & PHOTOGRAPHED IN FORESTVILLE STATE PARK.	Intended Status: CBS Site #: 14 FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Legal : T102N R12W SESESE19 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Latitude: 43 37' 2" Long: 92 18' 34" Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed PARK Voucher: Verification: pl	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 06 June 1993 noto rec.
Element: OROBANCHE UNIFLORA (ONE-FLOWERED BROOMRAPE) •8 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 Ownership: Owner unknown Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY ENDRY) Source: MORLEY,T.(1199) MOIST DECIDUOUS WOODS, GENTLE N SLOPE, WITH CLOVER AND GRASS	Intended Status: CBS Site #: 15 PES.	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Legal : T102N R12W NESE18 Quad Map: WYKOFF (X20A) Latitude: 43 38' 13" Long: 92 18' 37" Precision: within 0.50 mile Voucher: 603354 MIN Verification: va	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: June 1967 erified
Element: PANAX QUINQUEFOLIUS (AMERICAN GINSENG) #35 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: 2 Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY ENDRY) Source: SMITH,W.R.(9959) CA 3 MILES N-NW OF GREENLEAFTON, IN THE VALLEY OF SOUTH BRAN ABIES BALSAMEA, RIBES HUDSONIANA. T102N R12W, NW1/4 NW1/4 SE	Intended Status: 28 CBS Site #: 16 CH ROOT RIVER. TWO PLANTS SEEN CC 26.	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Legal : T102N R12W NWNW26 Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Latitude: 43 36' 49" Long: 92 14' 45" Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Voucher: MIN Verification: v. ON STEEP, WOODED, N-FACING TALUS SLOPE.	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: September 1984 erified WITH TAXUS, BETULA LUTSA,
Element: PANAX QUINQUEFOLIUS (AMERICAN GINSENG) #160 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN EO Size: EO Rank: CD Current Status: Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY ENDRY) Source: LEE,M.D. (MDL 792) UNCOMMON IN OAK FOREST ON S-FACING SLOPE IN SMALL RAVINE OFF	Intended Status: CBS Site #: 16 7 SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER. ROCKY	Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Legal : T102N R12W NWNW27 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Latitude: 43 36' 55" Long: 92 16' 3" Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Voucher: MIN Verification: v SILTY-CLAY SOIL. ASSOC WITH TAENIDIA I	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 11 August 1994 erified NTEGERRIMA, PHRYMA

LEPTOSTACHYA, AMPHICARPAEA BRACTEATA, SOLIDAGO ULMIFOLIA, CAREX PENNSYLVANICA. IN FRUIT. PRECISE LOC ON EOR.

APPENDIX 1C: RARE PLANT SPECIES RECORDS WITHIN THE Minnesota Natural Heritage Database FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA 12:54 Monday, NOVEMBER 19, 2001 21 Element Occurrence Records MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program Copyright 2001 State of Minnesota DNR Element: PANAX OUINOUEFOLIUS (AMERICAN GINSENG) #177 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NWNENENE26 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Ouad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank Current Status: Intended Status Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 36' 56" Long: 92 13' 48" Last Obs.: 06 September 1994 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile. confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S. (940906-1) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified MATURING MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST ON EAST ASPECT SLOPE. CANOPY DOMINATED BY ACER SACCHARUM, 25 METERS HIGH, 100% COVER, DBH 15-35 CM; WITH OCCASIONAL QUERCUS RUBRA/O. ALBA (DBH 52-55 CM) IN STAND. DARK RICH COLLUVIAL SOIL, UPPER SLOPE. TWO COLLECTED PLANTS WITH 12 RIPE BERRIES (PLANTED IN VICINITY). ASSOCIATES: ASARUM CANADENSE, SOLIDAGO FLEXICAULIS, UVULARIA GRANDIFLORA, ANEMONELLA THALICTROIDES, MITELLA DIPHYLLA. Element: PANAX OUINOUEFOLIUS (AMERICAN GINSENG) #238 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R11W SWSENW18 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 38' 18" Long: 92 12' 9" Last Obs.: 23 August 1998 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: TENNY, M. (SITE RECORD) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. LOCATED IN MOIST DECIDUOUS WOODS ALONG TRAILSIDE WITH HELIANTHES SP., HONEWORT, HOG PEANUT, DESMODIUM CUSPIDATUM VAR LONGIFOLIUM, BRACKEN FERN, POPULUS SP, 173 BUR & RED OAK. Element: POA WOLFII (WOLF'S BLUEGRASS) #12 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W SWNWNENW27 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size. Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 Latitude: 43 36' 53" Long: 92 15' 47" CBS Site #: 16 Last Obs.: 11 August 1994 Ownership: Private Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: ZAGER, S.& LEE, M. (940811-1) Voucher: MIN Verification: verified SCATTERED PLANTS IN CREVICES OF NORTH FACING DRY TO WET CLIFF WITH ALGIFIC TALUS ABOVE AND IN SOLUTION GULLIES. N-ASPECT, GALENA LIMESTONE. MOSSES & LIVERWORTS, CYSTOPTERIS PROTRUSA, C. BULBIFERA, CIRCAEA ALPINA, RUBUS STRIGOSUS, IMPATIENS SPP. Element: SANICULA TRIFOLIATA (BEAKED SNAKEROOT) #40 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NENESW12 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 39' 12" Long: 92 12' 40" Last Obs.: 27 August 1982 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: TENNEY, M. (579) Voucher: Verification: verified GRADUAL WEST SLOPE NEAR SPRING FED STREAM WITH OSMORHIZA SP., GALLIUM SP., CRYPTATAENIA CANADENSIS, EUPATORIUM SP., ACER SACCHARUM, BOTRYCHIUM VIRGINIANUM,

AND OSTRYA VIRGINIANA. (S.C. ZAGER: SITE DOES NOT MATCH PLACEMENT ON MAPS, I THINK TENNEY TRANSPOSED LOCATION, 1997).

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FORESTVILLE STATE PARK. BELOW SCENIC OVERLOOK IN DRY OAK FOREST OR OAK WOODLAND BRUSHLAND INCLUSION AT NEAR CREST, UPPER SLOPE. DOMINATED BY QUERCUS MACROCARPA, ULMUS RUBRA, & CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS. CANOPY 50-75% COVER; OPEN GROWN TREES TO 15 METERS CROWN HEIGHT. SE-ASPECT, ELEVATION 1150-1200 FT, SILT DARK ORGANIC WITH COBBLES. PLANTS SCATTERED IN OPEN WOODS. ASSOCIATES: RUBUS ALLEGHENIENSIS, CORNUS FOEMINA RACEMOSA, FESTUCA OBTUSA, SCROPHULARIA MARILANDICA.

# Appendix 1d

APPENDIX 1D: RARE ANIMAL SPECIES AND ANIMAL AGGREGATIONS WITHIN THE FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program

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DNR Region: 5

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Wildlife Area: 510

Forestry District: 533

## Element: BAT CONCENTRATION #2 EO Size: EO Rank: A Current Status: 6 Intended Status: 89 Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14

Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 2001) MYSTERY CAVE I. PORTION OF THE MYSTERY CAVE SYSTEM THAT EXTENDS FROM THE COMMERCIAL ENTRANCE TO THE INCLINE. BASED ON THE 2001 WINTER BAT COUNT, MYSTERY 1 CONTAINED 217 BATS (11% OF THE TOTAL BATS HIBERNATING IN THE ENTIRE CAVE). HIBERNATING SPECIES DOCUMENTED WERE MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS, M. SEPTENTRIONALIS, PIPISTRELLUS SUBLELAVUS. THIS CAVE SYSTEM STHE LARGEST NUMBER OF HIBERNATING BATS OF ANY KNOWN NATURAL CAVE IN MINNESOTA.

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN

Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D)

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN

Legal : T102N R12W SESE19

Element: BAT CONCENTRATION #5 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NENE30 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: D Latitude: 43 36' 57" Long: 92 18' 37" Site: SOUTH BOOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Last Obs.: 21 March 1989 Ownership: Private Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1989) Verification: verified Voucher: OLD STILL CAVE. 50 METERS UPRIVER FROM OLD MYSTERY CAVE. SMALL CAVE WITH A SINGLE, SMALL ENTRANCE & CHARACTERIZED BY RELATIVELY HIGH TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY WINTER BAT COUNTS RANGED FROM 4 TO 22 BATS, INCLUDING MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS, MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS, AND PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS.

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### Element: BAT CONCENTRATION #19

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Legal : T102N R12W NESE20 Wildlife Area: 510 Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: A Current Status: Latitude: 43 37' 21" Long: 92 17' 29" Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 CBS Site #: 15 Last Obs.: 24 February 2001 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 2001) Voucher: Verification: verified MYSTERY CAVE II. PORTION OF THE MYSTERY CAVE SYSTEM THAT EXTENDS FROM THE MYSTERY CAVERNS ENTRANCE TO DRAGON'S JAW LAKE. BASED ON THE 2001 WINTER BAT COUNT, MYSTERY II CONTAINED 1,446 BATS (71% OF THE TOTAL BATS HIBERNATING IN THE ENTIRE CAVE). HIBERNATING SPECIES DOCUMENTED WERE MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS, MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS, PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS, EPTESICUS FUSCUS. THIS CAVE SYSTEM SUPPORTS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF HIBERNATING BATS OF ANY KNOWN NATURAL CAVE IN MN.

Element: BAT CONCENTRATIO	ON #23			Location: FILLMOR	E COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
EO Size: Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 Ownership: Private	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status: CBS Site #: 14	Legal : T102N R Quad Map: CHERRY ( Latitude: 43 36' ' Precision: within	12W NENE30 GROVE (X20D) 58" Long: 92 18' 36" 0.25 mile, confirmed	Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 24 February 2001
Managed Area(s): R.J.DC	ORER STATE FORES	I (STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: NORDQUIST, G.E.	(CO BIOL SURVEY :	2001)		Voucher:	Verification: ver	ified

OLD MYSTERY CAVE. A SMALL CAVE, COMMERCIALIZED DURING THE 1930'S AND ACCESSIBLE THROUGH A SINGLE ENTRANCE. EXHIBITS A RANGE OF TEMPERATURES ANDINTERNAL CONDITIONS. WINTER COUNTS RANGED FROM 13 TO 43 BATS & INCLUDED MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS, M. SEPTENTRIONALIS, PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS, AND EPTESICUS FUSCUS.

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Element: BAT CONCENTRATION #27

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Legal : T102N R12W NESW20 Wildlife Area: 510 Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: A Current Status: Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 CBS Site #: 15 Latitude: 43 37' 24" Long: 92 18' 7" Last Obs.: 24 February 2001 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDOUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 2001) Voucher: Verification: verified MYSTERY CAVE III. PORTION OF THE MYSTERY CAVE SYSTEM THAT HAS NO KNOWN EXTERNAL ENTRANCE AND EXTENDS WESTWARD FROM DRAGON'S JAW LAKE (MYSTERY II). BASED ON THE 2001 BAT COUNT, MYSTERY III CONTAINED 375 BATS (18% OF THE TOTAL BATS HIBER-NATING IN THE ENTIRE CAVE). HIBERNATING BATS DOCUMENTED WERE MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS, M. SEPTENTRIONALIS, AND PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS. THIS CAVE SYSTEM SUPPORTS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF HIBERNATING BATS OF ANY KNOWN NATURAL CAVE IN MINNESOTA.

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN

Element: COLONIAL WATERBIRD NESTING SITE #202 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NWSE30 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Latitude: 43 36' 30" Long: 92 19' 0" Last Obs.: 1989 Ownership: Owner unknown Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: MAXSON, G. Voucher: Verification: verified FORESTVILLE. GREAT BLUE HERON

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Element: CROTALUS HORRIDUS (TIMBER RATTLESNAKE) #22 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W 24 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: 1 Intended Status: 1 Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Latitude: 43 37' 30" Long: 92 13' 10" CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 1992 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.50 mile Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: PARK VISITOR; MORIARTY, J. Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. 1985: OBSERVATION MADE IN SECTION 24 BY J. MORIARTY DURING 1985 HERP SOCIETY'S SE MINNESOTA AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE SURVEY. 1992: ONE ADULT OBSERVED BY A PARK VISITOR ON 8/8/92 SUNNING ITSELF ON A DOWNED OAK TREE.

Element: CROTALUS HORRIDUS (TIMBER RATTLESNAKE) #101 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W NENW24 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Current Status: Latitude: 43 37' 48" Long: 92 13' 15" Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 01 August 1992 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: LAIRD, J. (DNR GREEN SLIP) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. 7/25/92: ONE ADULT 4-5 FEET IN LENGTH OBSERVED ON B LOOP ROAD BY A. MCCASLIN, ASST PARK MANAGER; SNAKE WAS CAPTURED & RELEASED ELSEWHERE IN THE PARK. 8/1/92:

ONE ADULT 4-5 FEET IN LENGTH, DARK BROWN IN COLOR, OBSERVER BY J.M. LAIRD AT THE PARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER; CAPTURED & LATER RELEASED.

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Element: CROTALUS HORRIDUS (TIMBER RATTLESNAKE) #114 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W SENW14 State Status: THREATENED Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK CBS Site #: 18 Latitude: 43 38' 23" Long: 92 13' 56" Last Obs.: 28 August 1996 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: Owner unknown Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: HALL, C.D. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) Voucher: Verification: photo rec. 3 TIMBER RATTLESNAKES WERE OBSERVED AMONG ROCK OUTCROPS ON SW-FACING SLOPE. HABITAT CONSISTED OF GRASSY OPENINGS WITHIN DEGRADED OAK FOREST ALONG THE RIDGE. HAY FIELDS WERE PRESENT ABOVE AND BELOW THE RIDGE. ALL 3 SNAKES APPEARED TO BE AT LEAST 1M IN TOTAL BODY LENGTH. PHOTOS WERE TAKEN OF THE SNAKES AND HABITAT.

Element: DENDROICA CERULEA (CERULEAN WARBLER) #12 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NWNW25 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 48" Long: 92 13' 30" Last Obs.: 05 June 1996 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: STUCKER, S. & C.SCHUMACHER(CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. BREEDING SEASON OBSERVATION. 1 MALE HEARD SINGING ALONG CANFIELD CREEK. HABITAT WAS LOWLAND HARDWOODS & OAK-MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST ADJACENT TO CREEK.

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Element: DENDROICA CERULEA (CERULEAN WARBLER) #15 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R11W SESW07 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 52" Long: 92 12' 6" Last Obs.: 03 June 1996 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: STUCKER, S. & C.SCHUMACHER (CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. BREEDING SEASON OBSERVATION. ONE MALE HEARD SINGING. HABITAT WAS OAK FOREST ON SLOPE NEAR SMALL OPENING, IN RAVINE. ACADIAN FLYCATCHER PRESENT IN SAME AREA.

Element: DENDROICA CERULEA (CERULEAN WARBLER) #16 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NWNE13 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Current Status: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 32" Long: 92 13' 4" Last Obs.: 03 May 1996 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: STUCKER, S. & C.SCHUMACHER (CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. BREEDING SEASON OBSERVATION. TWO SINGING MALES HEARD ALONG SOUTH BRANCH ROOT RIVER. HABITAT WAS OAK FOREST ON SOUTH-FACING SLOPE.

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Element: DENDROICA CERULEA (CERULEAN WARBLER) #17 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NW13 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Intended Status: EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 28" Long: 92 13' 27" Last Obs.: 04 June 1996 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: STUCKER, S. & C.SCHUMACHER (CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. BREEDING SEASON OBSERVATION. ONE SINGING MALE SEEN/HEARD. HABITAT WAS LOWLAND HARDWOODS ALONG CREEK, WITH OAK FOREST ON ADJACENT SLOPES.

Element: DENDROICA CERULEA (CERULEAN WARBLER) #18 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NWSW12 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Intended Status: Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: Current Status: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 58" Long: 92 13' 35" Last Obs.: 03 June 1996 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: STUCKER, S. & C.SCHUMACHER (CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. BREEDING SEASON OBSERVATION. ONE MALE HEARD SINGING. HABITAT WAS MATURE OAK FOREST, W/BASSWOOD AND SUGAR MAPLE.

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Element: EMPIDONAX VIRESCENS (ACADIAN FLYCATCHER) #14 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R11W SENE18 Wildlife Area: 510 Intended Status: EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Latitude: 43 38' 23" Long: 92 11' 28" CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs. : 06 June 1996 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: STUCKER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. BREEDING SEASON OBSERVATION. ONE MALE HEARD SINGING. BIRD SANG FROM SEVERAL PERCHES ALONG A 100-METER STRETCH OF STREAM. HABITAT WAS MATURE MAPLE-BASSWOOD FOREST, WITH TALL SUGAR MAPLES & BASSWOOD UP TO 60 CM DBH. RATHER DENSE UNDERSTORY OF OSTRYA, CARPINUS, AND SUGAR MAPLE SAPLINGS. OPEN SHRUB-HERBACEOUS LAYERS. NEARBY SMALL, CLEAR-FLOWING STREAM WITH ERODED BANKS AND MIX OF ROCKY & MUDDY STREAMBED. STREAM WIDTH APPROXIMATELY 2 METERS.

Element: EMPIDONAX VIRESCENS (ACADIAN FLYCATCHER) #15 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W SWSW12 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 48" Long: 92 13' 35" Last Obs.: 31 May 1996 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: STUCKER, S. AND C.SCHUMACHER (CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. BREEDING SEASON OBSERVATION. ONE SINGING MALE SEEN AND HEARD. HABITAT WAS MATURE OAK FOREST W/SOME SUGAR MAPLES, ON SLOPE NEAR INTERMITENT STREAM.

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Element: EMPIDONAX VIRESCENS (ACADIAN FLYCATCHER) #16 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R11W SESW07 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 52" Long: 92 12' 6" Last Obs.: 03 June 1996 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: STUCKER.S. & C.SCHUMACHER (CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. BREEDING SEASON OBSERVATION. ONE MALE HEARD SINGING. HABITAT WAS OAK FOREST ON SLOPE NEAR SMALL OPENING, IN RAVINE. CERULEAN WARBLER PRESENT IN SAME AREA.

Element: EMPIDONAX VIRESCENS (ACADIAN FLYCATCHER) #60 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NW25 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Wildlife Area: 510 Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Latitude: 43 36' 44" Long: 92 13' 26" Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Last Obs.: 01 June 1996 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: STUCKER, J.H. (BIODIVERSITY OF SE MN FORESTED STREAMS) Verification: sight or sound rec. Voucher: BREEDING SEASON OBSERVATION. ONE SINGING MALE PRESENT ALONG CANFIELD CREEK.

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Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Element: EMYDOIDEA BLANDINGII (BLANDING'S TURTLE) #604 DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W SE13 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Latitude: 43 38' 8" Long: 92 12' 50" CBS Site # . 19 Last Obs.: 04 September 1991 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: BRAASCH, M.AND M.ROOT (DNR GREEN SLIP) Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. ONE MALE BLANDINGS TURTLE,  $\theta.5$  INCHES LONG, SEEN CROSSING ROAD JUST NW OF UNLOADING SPUR.

Element: LAMPETRA APPENDIX (AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY) #37 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: No Legal Status Legal : T102N R12W NW13 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) EO Size. EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Latitude: 43 38' 24" Long: 92 13' 16" CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 07 May 1987 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: MDNR FISHERIES Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec.

3 SPECIMENS SAMPLED DURING STREAM SURVEY OF FORESTVILLE CREEK AT RIVER MILE 0.1. DISTANCE CALCULATED BY MAP WHEEL.

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Element: LAMPETRA APPENDIX State Status: No Legal St	(AMERICAN BROOM	K LAMPREY) #38		Location: FILLMORE COUN Legal : T102N R12W 14	NTY, MN 4	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size: Site: FORESTVILLE CREEK	EO Rank:	Current Status:	Intended Status: CBS Site #: 18	Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X2) Latitude: 43 38' 20" 1 Procision: within 0 50	1B) Long: 92 14' 22" mile	Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 05 May 1987
Managed Area(s): R.J.DORE Source: MDNR FISHERIES	R STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)		Voucher:	Verification: sight	t or sound rec.
1 SPECIMEN SAMPLED DURING	STREAM SURVEY	OF FORESTVILLE CREEP	K AT RIVER MILE 1.5. DISTA	NCE CALCULATED BY MAP WHEEL.		

Element: LAMPETRA APPENDIX (AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY) #52 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NW24 State Status: No Legal Status Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 37' 32" Long: 92 13' 18" Last Obs.: 13 September 1990 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: MDNR FISHERIES Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. 1 SPECIMEN SAMPLED DURING STREAM SURVEY OF THE SOUTH BRANCH OF ROOT RIVER 11 SEPT 1986 AT RIVER MILE 28.6 (A-LOOP CAMPGROUND). NUMBER OF SPECIMENS NOT PROVIDED IN 1990 SURVEY.

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Element: LAMPETRA APPENDIX (AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY) #54 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: No Legal Status Legal : T102N R12W SE23 Wildlife Area: 510 Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Latitude: 43 37' 21" Long: 92 14' 13" Last Obs.: 09 September 1986 Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: Owner unknown Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: MDNR FISHERIES Voucher Verification: sight or sound rec. SPECIMEN SAMPLED DURING STREAM SURVEY OF THE SOUTH BRANCH OF ROOT RIVER AT RIVER MILE 31.5 ON 30 SEPT 1981, 1 SAMPLED ON 18 SEPT 1984, 4 1 SAMPLED IN 1986. CALCULATED BY MAP WHEEL. STATION IS 0.1 MILES UPSTREAM OF TOWNSHIP ROAD.

Element: LAMPETRA APPENDIX (AMERICAN BROOK LAMPREY) #63 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: No Legal Status Legal : T102N R12W SW22 Wildlife Area: 510 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Intended Status: Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Latitude: 43 37' 14" Long: 92 15' 35" Last Obs.: 27 October 1986 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: Owner unknown Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: MDNR FISHERIES Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. 2 SPECIMENS SAMPLED DURING STREAM SURVEY OF THE SOUTH BRANCH OF ROOT RIVER AT RIVER MILE 33.8. DISTANCE CALCULATED BY MAP WHEEL.

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Element: LAMPROPELTIS TRIANGULUM (MILK SNAKE) #9 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: No Legal Status Legal : T102N R12W SENW13 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 22" Long: 92 13' 11" Last Obs.: 1995 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: WHITE, M. (DNR PARKS 1995); WARNER, GUNDERSON & HAYWARD (1948); SWANSON, G. (1933) Voucher: JFBM-1324 Verification: verified 3 SPECIMENS COLLECTED IN FILLMORE COUNTY. THE FIRST COLLECTED IN THE COUNTY BY G. SWANSON ON MAY 14, 1933 (JFBM-77). THE SECOND TWO COLLECTED AT FORESTVILLE BY WARNER, GUNDERSON AND HAYWARD ON JUNE 24, 1948 (JFBM-1323 AND 1324). ONE SNAKE OBSERVED NEAR THE ANGLER'S PARKING LOT BY M. WHITE IN 1995.

Element: MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS (NORTHERN MYOTIS) #6 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W SWSW20 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Bank: C Current Status: 1 Intended Status: 6 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Latitude: 43 37' 1" Long: 92 18' 28" Last Obs.: 24 February 2001 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 2001) Voucher: Verification: verified NORTHERN MYOTIS (MYSTERY CAVE I). A FEW INDIVIDUALS REGULARLY OBSERVED HIBERNATING IN THIS PORTION OF THE CAVE. MOST ARE FOUND IN PASSAGES CLOSE TO THE ENTRANCE.

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Element: MYOTIS SEPTE State Status: SPECI	NTRIONALIS (NORTHERN AL CONCERN	MYOTIS) #15		Location: FILLMO Legal : T102N 1	RE COUNTY, MN R12W NENE30	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: CHERRY	GROVE (X20D)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 1				Latitude: 43 36'	58" Long: 92 18' 36"	Last Obs.: 24 February 2001
Ownership: Owner un	known			Precision: within	n 0.25 mile, confirmed	
Managed Area(s): R.	J.DORER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: NORDQUIST,G.E.(CO BIOL SURVEY 2001)			Voucher:	Verification: verified		
NORTHERN MYOTIS (OL	D MYSTERY CAVE). A F	TEW INDIVIDUALS FOUND	CONSISTENTLY DURING WINTE	R SURVEYS.		

Element: MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS (NORTHERN MYOTIS) #16 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NWSE20 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Rank: C Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: Current Status: Intended Status: Latitude: 43 37' 22" Long: 92 17' 56" Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 CBS Site #: 15 Last Obs.: 24 February 2001 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 2001) Voucher: Verification: photo rec. NORTHERN MYOTIS (MYSTERY CAVE II). A FEW INDIVIDUALS (LESS THAN 5) HAVE BEEN OBSERVED HIBERNATING IN THIS PORTION OF THE CAVE DURING WINTER COUNTS. THE ACTUAL NUMBER MAY BE HIGHER DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY OF IDENTIFYING MYOTIS TO SPECIES LEVEL WHERE THEY ROOST IN THE TALLER PASSAGES.

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Element: MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS (NORTHERN MYOTIS) #17 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NESW20 Wildlife Area: 510 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN EO Size: EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 CBS Site #: 15 Latitude: 43 37' 23" Long: 92 18' 11" Last Obs.: 24 February 1989 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1989) Voucher: Verification: verified NORTHERN MYOTIS (MYSTERY CAVE III). ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN FOUND HIBERNATING IN THIS PORTION OF THE CAVE SYSTEM DURING WINTER COUNTS. THE ACTUAL NUMBER MAY BE HIGHER DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY OF IDENTIFYING MYOTIS TO SPECIES WHERE THEY ROOST IN THE TALLER PASSAGES.

Element: MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS (NORTHERN MYOTIS) #18 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NENE30 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: D Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 36' 57" Long: 92 18' 37" Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Last Obs.: 21 March 1989 Ownership: Owner unknown Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: NORDOUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1989) Voucher: Verification: verified NORTHERN MYOTIS (OLD STILL CAVE). ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS FOUND HIBERNATING IN THIS CAVE DURING WINTER SURVEYS BETWEEN 1983 AND 1989.

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Element: MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS (NORTHERN MYOTIS) #19 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W SENW13 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: A Current Status: Intended Status: Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 38' 18" Long: 92 13' 13" Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 20 August 1999 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDOUIST.G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1999) Voucher: Verification: photo rec. NORTHERN MYOTIS. A SINGLE PASS WAS RECORDED, ANABAT CALL SEQUENCE ON FILE. THE FORAGING ACTIVITY OF BATS WAS FOCUSED OVER THE RIVER AND AT THE FOREST EDGE. LOCATION IN 1996 USED THE SKYE DETECTOR AND RECORDED MYOTIS SPECIES AND ONE POSSIBLE LASIURUS BOREALIS.

Element: MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS (NORTHERN MYOTIS) \$20 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NENE13 Wildlife Area: 510 Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: B Intended Status: Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Current Status: Latitude: 43 38' 32" Long: 92 12' 53" Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Last Obs.: 20 August 1999 CBS Site #: 19 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDOUIST.G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1999) Voucher Verification: photo rec. NORTHERN MYOTIS. A FEW PASSES RECORDED NEAR THE RIVER, ANABAT CALL SEQUENCES ON FILE, FORAGING ACTIVITY PRIMARILY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIVER, WITH OCCASIONAL PASSES OVER THE OPEN LAWNS. MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS ALSO RECORDED. ANABAT RECORDINGS TAKEN BETWEEN 22:19 AND 22:29 HOURS. PREVIOUS SURVEYS AT THIS LOCATION USED THE SKYE DETECTOR AND RECORDED MYOTIS SPECIES AND EPTESICUS FUSCUS.

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Element: MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS (NORTHERN MYOTIS) #21 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NWNE13 Wildlife Area: 510 Ouad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Intended Status. EO Size. EO Bank · A Current Status. Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 38' 29" Long: 92 13' 9" Last Obs.: 20 August 1999 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: NORDOUIST.G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1999) Voucher: Verification: photo rec. NORTHERN MYOTIS. SEVERAL PASSES RECORDED AMONG HEAVY BAT FORAGING ACTIVITY. MAJORITY OF BATS WERE MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS. ANABAT CALL SEQUENCES ON FILE. MOST OF FORAGING ACTIVITY WAS CONCENTRATED OVER THE RIVER, CLOSE TO THE WATER SURFACE AND AT MID-CANOPY HEIGHT. ANABAT RECORDINGS WERE TAKEN BETWEEN 21:23 AND 22:00 HOURS. BAT SURVEYS AT SAME LOCATION IN 1996 USED THE SKYE DETECTOR AND RECORDED A LOT OF FORAGING ACTIVITY BY MYOTIS SPP.

Element: MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS (NORTHERN MYOTIS) #22 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NWSW24 Wildlife Area: 510 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Forestry District: 533 Intended Status: Ouad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) EO Size: EO Rank: A Current Status: Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 37' 22" Long: 92 13' 27" Last Obs.: 21 August 1999 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1999) Verification: photo rec. Voucher: NORTHERN MYOTIS. A FEW PASSES RECORDED AMONG NUMEROUS BATS FORAGING ALONG THE RIVER CORRIDOR, 21 AUG 1999. ANABAT CALL SEQUENCES ON FILE. FORAGING ACTIVITY PRIMARILY ALONG THE FOREST EDGE OF CANFIELD CREEK AND ROOT RIVER. OTHER SPECIES RECORDED INCLUDED MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS, PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS, EPTESICUS FUSCUS, AND LASIURUS BOREALIS. ANABAT RECORDINGS TAKEN FROM 20:09 TO 21:33 HOURS. MIST NET SET IN 1996 CAPTURED NO BATS, ALTHOUGH PRESENT IN THE VICINITY.

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Element: MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS (NORTHERN MYOTIS) #23 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W SENW24 Wildlife Area: 510 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Size: EO Rank: C Current Status: Intended Status: Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Latitude: 43 37' 27" Long: 92 13' 26" Last Obs.: 21 August 1999 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1999) Voucher: Verification: photo rec. NORTHERN MYOTIS. A FEW PASSES RECORDED AMONG BATS FORAGING IN THE CLEARING AROUND THE GROUP CAMP SHELTER. ANABAT CALL SEQUENCES ON FILE. OTHER SPECIES RECORDED WERE MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS, EPTESICUS FUSCUS, & LASIURUS BOREALIS. ANABAT RECORDINGS TAKEN FROM 20:27 TO 23:39 HOURS.

Element: NOVASUCCINEA N. SP. MINNESOTA A (MINNESOTA PLEISTOCENE AMBERSNAIL) #5 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W SESW23 State Status: THREATENED Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: 2 Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 CBS Site #: 16 Latitude: 43 37' 0" Long: 92 14' 31" Last Obs.: 1985 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST.T. Voucher: Verification: verified LANDSNAILS FOUND ON MOIST CLIFF #1 TO 150 FEET ABOVE STREAM LEVEL, ALSO IN TALUS AND ONTO SURFACE OF ALGIFIC PORTIONS. PROBABLY BEST SUCCINEA SITE FOUND BY FREST.

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Element: NOVASUCCINEA N. SP. MINNESOTA A (MINNESOTA PLEISTOCENE AMBERSNAIL) #6 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W NESWSW25 Wildlife Area: 510 Ouad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Bank Intended Status: EO Size. Current Status. Site: CANFIELD CREEK Latitude: 43 36' 18" Long: 92 13' 30" CBS Site #: 17 Last Obs.: 1985 Ownership: MN DNR Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land) Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST Voucher: Verification: verified Source: FREST.T. CANFIELD CREEK 10. VERY LARGE POPULATION OF LANDSNAILS FOUND ON CLIFF FACE AND TOP OF TALUS TO 150 FEET ABOVE CREEK LEVEL AT MOIST CLIFF SITE #16.

Element: NOVASUCCINEA N. SP. MINNESOTA B (IOWA PLEISTOCENE AMBERSNAIL) #3 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W NESWSW25 State Status: ENDANGERED Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 18" Long: 92 13' 30" Last Obs.: 1985 Ownership: MN DNR Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land) Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST Source: FREST.T. Voucher: Verification: verified CANFIELD CREEK 10. SMALL POPULATION OF LANDSNAILS FOUND ON CLIFF FACE AND TOP OF TALUS TO 150 FT ABOVE CREEK LEVEL AT MOIST CLIFF SITE #16.

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Element: PIPISTRELLUS S	UBFLAVUS (EASTERN	PIPISTRELLE) #15		Location:	FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
State Status: SPECIAL	CONCERN			Legal :	T102N R12W NENE30	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank:	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map:	CHERRY GROVE (X20D)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 1			CBS Site #: 14	Latitude:	43 36' 57" Long: 92 18' 37"	Last Obs.: 21 March 1989
Ownership: Private				Precision	: within 0.25 mile, confirmed	
Managed Area(s): R.J.	DORER STATE FORES	T (STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: NORDQUIST,G.(	CO BIOL SURVEY 19	89) AND BIRNEY, E. (198	5)	Voucher:	Verification: ver	rified
EASTERN PIPISTRELLE.	(OLD STILL CAVE).	A COUPLE OF INDIVIDU	ALS WERE CONSISTENTLY	FOUND HIBERNATING IN	THIS CAVE DURING WINTER SURVEY	YS BETWEEN 1983 AND 1989.

Element: PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS (EASTERN PIPISTRELLE) #17 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W SWSW20 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: A Current Status: 6 Intended Status: 89 Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 CBS Site #: 14 Latitude: 43 37' 1" Long: 92 18' 22" Last Obs.: 24 February 2001 Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 2001) Voucher: Verification: photo rec. EASTERN PIPISTRELLE (MYSTERY CAVE I). MOST INDIVIDUALS OF THIS SPECIES THAT HIBERNATE IN THE MYSTERY CAVE SYSTEM ARE FOUND IN THIS PORTION OF THE CAVE (51%) TWENTY-THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE FOUND DURING WINTER, 2001. THIS PORTION OF MYSTERY CAVE APPEARS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO HIBERNATING PIPISTRELLES.

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Element: PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS (EASTERN PIPISTRELLE) #29 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NENE30 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: B Current Status: Latitude: 43 36' 58" Long: 92 18' 36" Site: SOUTH ROOT 1 CBS Site #: 14 Last Obs.: 24 February 2001 Ownership: Owner unknown Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 2001) Voucher: Verification: verified EASTERN PIPISTRELLE (OLD MYSTERY CAVE). SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS FOUND HIBERNATING IN THIS CAVE DURING WINTER SURVEYS IN THE 1980'S. HIGHEST NUMBERS WERE RECORDED IN THE BACK ROOM AND LESS THAN 10 INDIVIDUALS FOUND IN THE MAIN PASSAGES OF THE CAVE. DURING WINTER 2001, 19 INDIVIDUALS WERE COUNTED IN THE MAIN PASSAGES.

Element: PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS (EASTERN PIPISTRELLE) #30 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NESE20 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: A Intended Status: Quad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Current Status: Latitude: 43 37' 19" Long: 92 17' 21" Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 CBS Site #: 15 Last Obs.: 24 February 2001 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDOUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 2001) Voucher: Verification: photo rec. EASTERN PIPISTRELLE (MYSTERY CAVE II). THIS PORTION OF THE MYSTERY CAVE SYSTEM SUPPORTS THE SECOND HIGHEST NUMBER OF HIBERNATING INDIVIDUALS OF THIS SPECIES (44%). TWENTY INDIVIDUALS WERE FOUND DURING WINTER, 2001. THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THIS SECTION OF THE CAVE, WITH THE GREATEST DENSITIES CLOSER TO THE ENTRANCE (CAROUSEL AREA, 4TH AND 5TH AVENUES).

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Element: PIPISTRELLUS SU	JBFLAVUS (EASTERN	PIPISTRELLE) #31		Location: FILLMORE	COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
State Status: SPECIAL	CONCERN			Legal : T102N R1	2W NESW20	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank: C	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: CHERRY G	ROVE (X20D)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 2			CBS Site #: 15	Latitude: 43 37' 2	4" Long: 92 18' 7"	Last Obs.: 24 February 2001
Ownership: MN DNR Park	ks and Recreation			Precision: within	0.25 mile, confirmed	
Managed Area(s): R.J.I	OORER STATE FORES	(STATUTORY BNDRY)	FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE S	TATE PARK		
Source: NORDQUIST, G.E.	. (CO BIOL SURVEY 2	2001)		Voucher:	Verification: ve	rified
EASTERN PIPISTRELLE (N	MYSTERY CAVE III)	. A FEW INDIVIDUALS H	AVE BEEN FOUND HIBERNATING	IN THIS PORTION OF THE C	AVE SYSTEM DURING WIN	TER COUNTS. TWO
INDIVIDUALS WERE FOUND	D DURING WINTER, 2	2001 (4% OF THE TOTAL	COUNT OF THIS SPECIES IN T	HE CAVE).		

Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN Element: PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS (EASTERN PIPISTRELLE) #32 DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W SENW13 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: A Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 38' 18" Long: 92 13' 13" Site: FORESTVILLE PARK CBS Site #: 19 Last Obs.: 20 August 1999 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1999) Voucher: Verification: photo rec. EASTERN PIPISTRELLE. A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS MAKING REPEATED PASSES OVER THE BRIDGE AND ALONG THE RIVER CORRIDOR. ANABAT CALL SEQUENCES ON FILE. FORAGING ACTIVITY APPEARED TO BE FOCUSED OVER THE RIVER AND AT THE FOREST EDGE. OTHER SPECIES RECORDED WERE MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS AND M. SEPTENTRIONALIS. ANABAT RECORDINGS TAKEN BETWEEN 22:37 AND 23:05 HOURS. BAT SURVEY AT SAME LOCATION IN 1996 USED THE SKYE DETECTOR AND RECORDED MYOTIS SPECIES & ONE POSSIBLE LASIURUS BOREALIS.

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Element: PIPISTRELLUS SUBFLAVUS (EASTERN PIPISTRELLE) #33 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NWSW24 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: A Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 37' 22" Long: 92 13' 27" Last Obs.: 21 August 1999 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK Source: NORDQUIST, G.E. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1999) Voucher: Verification: photo rec. EASTERN PIPISTRELLE. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS RECORDED FORAGING ALONG THE RIVER CORRIDOR IN THE EARLY EVENING OF 21 AUG 1999. ANABAT CALL SEQUENCES ON FILE. ACTIVITY WAS LARGELY RESTRICTED TO THE FOREST EDGE OF CANFIELD CREEK AND ROOT RIVER. OTHER SPECIES RECORDED INCLUDED MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS, M. SEPTENTRIONALIS, EPTESICUS FUSCUS, AND LASIURUS BOREALIS. ANABAT RECORDINGS TAKEN FROM 20:09 TO 21:33 HOURS. MIST NET SET IN 1996 CAPTURED NO BATS, ALTHOUGH IN THE VICINITY.

Element: REITHRODONTOMYS MEGALOTIS (WESTERN HARVEST MOUSE) #15 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: No Legal Status Legal : T102N R12W 13 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: 1 Intended Status: Quad Map: FOUNTAIN (X21B) Forestry District: 533 Site: FORESTVILLE PARK Latitude: 43 38' 35" Long: 92 12' 50" Last Obs.: June 1948 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.50 mile Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: GUNDERSON, H.L.AND HAYWARD (208) Voucher: 2510 JFBM Verification: verified WESTERN HARVEST MOUSE. FORESTVILLE. 3 DUP(226,232,239, JFBM 2511-2513). FENCEROW WITH TALL GRASS. AGRICULTURAL UPLAND.

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### APPENDIX 1D: RARE ANIMAL SPECIES AND ANIMAL AGGREGATIONS WITHIN THE FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program

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El	ement: SEIURUS MOTACILLA	A (LOUISIANA WA	TERTHRUSH) #62			Location: FI	LLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
	State Status: SPECIAL CO	ONCERN				Legal : Tl(	02N R12W NWNW25	Wildlife Area: 510
	EO Size:	EO Rank:	Current Status:	Intended Stat	us:	Quad Map: GRI	EENLEAFTON (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
	Site: CANFIELD CREEK			CBS Site #: 1	7	Latitude: 43	36' 46" Long: 92 13' 28"	Last Obs.: 14 July 1996
	Ownership: MN DNR Parks	and Recreation				Precision: w:	ithin 0.25 mile, confirmed	
	Managed Area(s): FORESTV	/ILLE/MYSTERY C	AVE STATE PARK R	.J.DORER STATE FOR	EST (STATUTORY	BNDRY)		
	Source: STUCKER, S. (CO BI	IOL SURVEY 1996	) & J.HATHAWAY(BIO	DIV OF SE MN FORES	TED STREAMS)	Voucher:	Verification: ver	rified
	POSITIVE NESTING. ADULTS	S AT NEST W/2+	YOUNG, FOUND ON 4	JUNE. HABITAT WAS	DECIDUOUS FORES	ST, W/MANY LARGE	TREES, ALONG CANFIELD CREEP	K. DIVERSE LOWLAND
	HARDWOOD ON VALLEY BOTTO	DM. BASSWOOD DO	MINANT(?), W/ASH,	BLACK WILLOW, OAK,	& SUGAR MAPLE.	. CANOPY COVER 8	5-90%; WEEDY GROUND COVER. N	NUMEROUS SMALL, PARTIALLY
	SUBMERGED ROCKS IN STREA	AM. ERODED BANK	S W/EXPOSED ROOTS.	SINGING MALE IN S	WSW24 ON 2 MAY,	, PERHAPS FROM SA	AME PAIR.	

Element: SEIURUS MOTACILLA (LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH) #63 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: SPECIAL CONCERN Legal : T102N R12W NESW25 Wildlife Area: 510 Intended Status: EO Size: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) EO Rank: Current Status: Forestry District: 533 Latitude: 43 36' 26" Long: 92 13' 23" Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Last Obs.: 14 July 1996 Ownership: MN DNR Parks and Recreation Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: STUCKER, S. (CO BIOL SURVEY 1996) & J.HATHAWAY (BIODIV OF SE MN FORESTED STREAMS) Voucher: Verification: verified POSITIVE NESTING. ADULTS SEEN CARRYING FOOD, BUT NEST NOT FOUND. BIRDS SEEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, FROM 2 MAY THROUGH JULY 14. HABITAT WAS DECIDUOUS FOREST ALONG CANFIELD CREEK. DIVERSE LOWLAND HARDWOODS ON VALLEY BOTTOM, W/LARGE BASS-WOODS DOMINANT; ALSO WALNUT, OAK, SUGAR MAPLE, AND COTTONWOOD. OAK-MAPLE-BASS-WOOD FOREST W/ SCATTERED WHITE PINES ON ADJACENT SLOPES. STREAM 3-5 METERS IN WIDTH. SCATTERED PATCHES OF EXPOSED ROCKS IN STREAM. ERODED BANKS & FALLEN LOGS.

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Element: VERTIGO HUBP	RICHTI (HUBRICHT'S '	VERTIGO) #5		Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
State Status: No Le	egal Status			Legal : T102N R12W NWNWSE24	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank:	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: CANFIELD CREE	EK .		CBS Site #: 17	Latitude: 43 37' 20" Long: 92 13' 5	" Last Obs.: 1982
Ownership: Owner un	hnown			Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirm	ed
Managed Area(s): R.	J.DORER STATE FORE	ST (STATUTORY BNDRY)			
Source: FREST, T.			Voucher: Verification:	Verification: sight or sound rec.	
SNAIL SPECIES OCCUP	RS ON ALGIFIC TALUS	SLOPE #2.			

Element: VERTIGO HUBRICHTI HUBRICHTI (MIDWEST PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO) #1 State Status: ENDANGERED				Location: FILLMORE COUN' Legal : T102N B12W SE	2Y, MN 23	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank:	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON	(X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 3			CBS Site #: 16	Latitude: 43 37' 13" L	ong: 92 13' 59"	Last Obs.: 25 May 1982
Ownership: Private				Precision: within 0.25 r	nile, confirmed	-
Managed Area(s): R.J.DOR	ER STATE FORES	T (STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: FREST, T.				Voucher:	/erification: ver	ified
SMALL POPULATION OF SNAI	LS LOCATED ON	LARGE, COMPLEX ALGIF	IC TALUS SLOPE WITH WEAK CI	RCULATION. SLOPE HAS MUCH OPEN	ROCK, SOME OVERS'	TEEP TALUS. SINKS EXTEND
SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS BA	CK INTO UPLAND	FIELD. ASSOC PLANT S	SPP INCLUDES ABIES BALSAMEA	, CHRYSOPLENIUM IOWENSE, ADOXA	MOSCHATELLINA &	PINUS STROBUS. MUCH OF

SITE GRAZED, PARTICULARLY EAST END. VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS ALSO OBERVED AT SITE.

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Element: VERTIGO HUBRICHTI State Status: ENDANGERED	HUBRICHTI	(MIDWEST PLEISTOCENE VER	TIGO) #2	Location: FILLMORE COUNT Legal : T102N R12W SEN	Y, MN WNW26	DNR Region: 5 Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size: Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 Ownership: Private	EO Rank:	Current Status: 2	Intended Status: 28 CBS Site #: 16	Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON ( Latitude: 43 36' 52" Lo Precision: within 0.25 m	X21C) ng: 92 14' 46" ile, confirmed	Forestry District: 533 Last Obs.: 24 May 1982
Managed Area(s): R.J.DORE Source: FREST,T. A MEDIUM SIZE POPULATION WITH A LARGE POPULATION (	CR STATE FO OF LANDSNA OF HENDERSO	REST (STATUTORY BNDRY) ILS WITH EVIDENCE OF REP. NIA OCCULTA & A VERY SMA	RODUCTION FOUND ON AN ALGIFI LL POP OF VERTIGO HUBRICHTI	Voucher: N C TALUS SLOPE ALONG THE SOUTH VARIABILIS.	Yerification: sig BRANCH OF THE R	ht or sound rec. OOT RIVER. IN ASSOCIATION

Element: VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP. (VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO) #1 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 Legal : T102N R12W SE23 State Status: THREATENED Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status: Ouad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 3 Latitude: 43 37' 13" Long: 92 13' 59" Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed CBS Site #: 16 Last Obs.: 1982 Ownership: Private Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST.T. Voucher: Verification: verified SMALL POPULATION OF SNAILS LOCATED ON LARGE, COMPLEX ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE WITH WEAK CIRCULATION. SLOPE HAS MUCH OPEN ROCK, SOME OVERSTEEPT TALUS. SINKS EXTEND SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS BACK INTO UPLAND FIELD. ASSOC PLANT SPP INCLUDE ABLES BALSAMEA, CHRYSOPLENIUM IOWENSE, ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA & PINUS STROBUS. MUCH OF SITE GRAZED, PARTICULARLY EAST END. VERTIGO HUBRICHTI HUBRICHTI ALSO OBSERVED AT SITE.

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Element: VERTIGO HUBRICHTI	VARIABILIS N.	SUBSP. (VARIABLE PLE)	(STOCENE VERTIGO) #2	Location:	FILLMORE COUNTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
State Status: THREATENED				Legal :	T102N R12W SENWNW26	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank:	Current Status: 2	Intended Status: 28	Quad Map:	GREENLEAFTON (X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: SOUTH ROOT 3			CBS Site #: 16	Latitude:	43 36' 52" Long: 92 14' 47	" Last Obs.: 24 May 1982
Ownership: Private				Precision	: within 0.25 mile, confirme	d
Managed Area(s): R.J.DOR	ER STATE FOREST	(STATUTORY BNDRY)				
Source: FREST, T.				Voucher:	Verification:	verified
VERY SMALL POPULATION LO	CATED ON GALENA	ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE	ALONG THE SOUTH BRANCH	OF THE ROOT RIVER.	SLOPE IS LARGE, N-FACING, S	TEEP & COMPLEX. LARGE
POPULATIONS OF PLANT SPP	SAMBUCUS PUBEN	S & CHRYSOPLENIUM ION	ENSE OCCUR AT SITE. SNA	IL SPP HENDERSONIA	OCCULTA & VERTIGO HUBRICHTI	HUBRICHTI ALSO OCCUR.

Element: VERTIGO HUBRICHTI	VARIABILIS N. S	UBSP. (VARIABLE PLEI	STOCENE VERTIGO) #3	Location: FILLMORE COUN	NTY, MN	DNR Region: 5
State Status: THREATENED				Legal : T102N R12W SH	ENESW25	Wildlife Area: 510
EO Size:	EO Rank:	Current Status:	Intended Status:	Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON	(X21C)	Forestry District: 533
Site: CANFIELD CREEK			CBS Site #: 17	Latitude: 43 36' 20" 1	Long: 92 13' 16"	Last Obs.: 23 May 1982
Ownership: MN DNR Forestr	y (State Forest	and Con-Con Land)		Precision; within 0.25	mile, confirmed	
Managed Area(s): R.J.DORE	R STATE FOREST					
Source: FREST, T.				Voucher:	Verification: sigh	t or sound rec.
		TRANCE OF PRESSOR		ARE STAND PERSON METRICAL		

A SMALL POPULATION OF LANDSNAILS WITH EVIDENCE OF REPRODUCTION FOUND ON AN ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE ALONG FIRST TRIBUTARY OF CANFIELD CREEK NORTH OF BIG SPRING. IN ASSOCIATION WITH A MINIMAL POPULATION OF DISCUS CATSKILLENSIS AND A SMALL POPULATION OF HENDERSONIA OCCULTA.

#### APPENDIX 1D: RARE ANIMAL SPECIES AND ANIMAL AGGREGATIONS WITHIN THE Minnesota Natural Heritage Database FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE ECOLOGICAL AREA 12:58 Monday, NOVEMBER 19, 2001 Element Occurrence Records MnDNR, Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program Copyright 2001 State of Minnesota DNR Element: VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP. (VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO) #4 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W NESWSW25 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Bank: Current Status: Intended Status: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 14" Long: 92 13' 30" Last Obs.: 23 May 1982 Ownership: MN DNR Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land) Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST Source: FREST,T. Voucher: Verification: sight or sound rec. A SMALL POPULATION OF LANDSNAILS WITH EVIDENCE OF REPRODUCTION FOUND ON A SLOPE WITH LARGE ALGIFIC AND MADERATE COMPONENTS. SITE IS ALONG CANFIELD CREEK. IN ASSOCIATION WITH VERTIGO OCCULTA, HENDERSONIA OCCULTA AND RELICT POPULATIONS OF DISCUS CATSKILLENSIS AND VALLONIA GRACILICOSTA.

Element: VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP. (VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO) #5 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W NWNWSE21 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: EO Rank: Current Status: 8 Intended Status: 8 Ouad Map: CHERRY GROVE (X20D) Forestry District: 533 Site: SOUTH ROOT 2 CBS Site #: 15 Latitude: 43 37' 18" Long: 92 16' 38" Last Obs.: 03 June 1982 Ownership: The Nature Conservancy Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): SAXIFRAGE HOLLOW R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST, T. Voucher: Verification: verified VERY SMALL POPULATION LOCATED ON LARGE COMPOSITE GALENA ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE ALONG ROOT RIVER. LARGE POPULATIONS OF PLANT SPP CHRYSOPLENIUM IGENSE & ADOXA MOSCHATELLINA OCCUR AT SITE.

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Element: VERTIGO HUBRICHTI VARIABILIS N. SUBSP. (VARIABLE PLEISTOCENE VERTIGO) #6 Location: FILLMORE COUNTY, MN DNR Region: 5 State Status: THREATENED Legal : T102N R12W 0ESENW25 Wildlife Area: 510 EO Size: Quad Map: GREENLEAFTON (X21C) Forestry District: 533 EO Rank: Current Status: Intended Status. Site: CANFIELD CREEK CBS Site #: 17 Latitude: 43 36' 40" Long: 92 13' 15" Last Obs.: 24 May 1982 Ownership: Owner unknown Precision: within 0.25 mile, confirmed Managed Area(s): R.J.DORER STATE FOREST (STATUTORY BNDRY) Source: FREST, T. Voucher: Verification: verified VERY SMALL POPULATION LOCATED ON MODERATE-SIZED GALENA ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE ABOVE MAIN CREEK. LARGE POPULATIONS OF PLANT SPP B. PAPYRIFERA & G. ROBERTIANUM OCCUR

VERY SMALL POPULATION LOCATED ON MODERATE-SIZED GALENA ALGIFIC TALUS SLOPE ABOVE MAIN CREEK. LARGE POPULATIONS OF PLANT SPP B. PAPYRIFERA & G. ROBERTIANUM OCCUR AT SITE. Appendix 2a

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4991 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: R95-30 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 26 Month: SEP Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 15 or Site Name: DNR Ownership Code: 00 (Private Ownership) \*NC Code: DPSEBB (Dry Prairie (Southeast) Bedrock Bluff Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: A Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) State Code: MN Quad Codes DNR: X20A Universal: 43092F3 (Wykoff) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SW QRT: SW of Section 16 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 2 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 17 minutes, 13 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 100 Elev. (ft.): 1340 Slope: 05SW \*ECS Subsection: 23 (Rochester Plateau) Slope Position: \_ Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Exct prairie w/diverse forbs abund and well dispersed in open areas. Wdy cover 60% but w/sev open areas. Wdy cover mostly Rhus glabra. Upper slope to crest SW aspect. Quarry across road OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: .0-2m, Cover barely present 1. Juniperus virginiana (Red cedar) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover almost absent (Smooth sumac) +. Rhus glabra Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover continuous Schizachyrium scoparium
 Bouteloua curtipendula (Little Bluestem) (Side-oats grama) 2. Sorghastrum nutans (Indian grass) 1. Carex (Sedge) (Nodding wild-rye) +. Elymus canadensis +. Panicum cf. oligosanthes +. Poa compressa (Canad (Scribner's panic grass) (Canada bluegrass) Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy Gentianella quinquefolia
 Helianthus rigidus (Stiff gentian) (Stiff sunflower) 1. Ratibida pinnata (Gray-headed coneflower) 1. Silphium laciniatum (Compass-plant) 1. Solidago canadensis 1. Solidago rigida (Stiff goldenrod) (Lead-plant) +. Amorpha canescens +. Anemone cylindrica (Thimbleweed) Artemisia ludoviciana (Western mugwort, White sage) +. +. Asclepias verticillata +. Aster ericoides (Heath aster) +. Aster laevis (Smooth aster) +. Aster oblongifolius (Aromatic aster) +. Gentiana alba +. Heliopsis helianthoides (Ox-eye) (Jerusalem artichoke) +. Helianthus tuberosus

+. Kuhnia eupatorioides (False boneset)

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Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy (continued)

- +. cf. Lathyrus (Veiny pea)
  +. Lespedeza capitata (Round-headed bush-clover)
  +. Liatris aspera (Rough blazing star)
  +. Lithospermum canescens (Hoary puccoon)
  +. Onosmodium cf. molle
  +. Petalostempo gendidum (White prairie-clover)

- H. Petalostemon candidum (White prairie-clover)
  Phlox pilosa (Prairie phlox, downy phlox)
  Solidago nemoralis (Gray goldenrod)
  Solidago speciosa (Showy goldenrod)

- +. Solidago speciosa (Showy goldenrod) +. Zizia aptera (Heart-leaved alexanders)
- R. Asclepias viridiflora OP (Green milkweed) R. Pedicularis canadensis (Wood-betony) R. Viola cf. pedata (Bird-foot violet)
- (Bird-foot violet)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4979 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-18 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 16 Month: AUG Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 17 or Site Name: Canfield Creek State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: DPSEBB (Dry Prairie (Southeast) Bedrock Bluff Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: CD Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) State Code: MN Quad Codes DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SW QRT: SW of Section 25 Latitude: 43 degrees, 36 minutes, 16 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 36 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 100 Elev. (ft.): 1260 Slope: 25SW
\*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Slope Position: \_ Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: LLWL (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 Remarks: 5 x 20 m. plot, Gravelly silt loam compact OTHER DATA COLLECTED Water Chemistry: N Publication: N Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-5m, Cover barely present 1. Betula papyrifera (Paper birch) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent (Tartarian Honeysuckle) 1. Lonicera tatarica +. Ceanothus herbaceus (New Jersey tea) (American hazelnut) +. Corylus americana +. Physocarpus opulifolius (Ninebark) (Bur oak) +. Quercus macrocarpa +. Quercus macrocarpa (Bur oak) (Common buckthorn) +. Rhamnus cathartica +. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant R. Amorpha canescens R. Prunus (Plum; (Lead-plant) (Plum; Cherry) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover patchy 2. Bouteloua curtipendula (Side-oats grama) 2. Poa pratensis (Kentucky bluegrass) +. Carex cf. richardsonii +. Schizachyrium scoparium (Little Bluestem) R. Andropogon gerardii OP (Big bluestem) (Scribner's panic grass) R. Panicum cf. oligosanthes R. Setaria glauca (Yellow foxtail) R. Sorghastrum nutans OP (Indian grass (Indian grass) Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover patchy Kuhnia eupatorioides
 Petalostemon purpureum (False boneset) (Purple prairie-clover) 

 1. Ambrosia artemisiifolia
 (Common ra

 1. Aster oolentangiensis
 (Sky-blue as

 1. Galium boreale
 (Northern bedstraw)

 (Common ragweed) (Sky-blue aster) 1. Lithospermum canescens (Hoary puccoon)

1. Pulsatilla nuttalliana (Pasque-flower)

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ght: .05m, Cover patchy (continued)
Solidago rigida (Stiff goldenrod)
Anemone cylindrica (Thimbleweed)
Apocynum cannabinum (Indian hemp)
Asclepias verticillata
Aster cf. ericoides (Heath aster)
Trigeron strigosus (Daisy fleabane)
lieracium scabrum (Rough hawkweed)
Lactuca canadensis (Canada wild lettuce)
ithospermum caroliniense (Hairy puccoon)
fedicago sativa (Alfalfa)
Ionarda fistulosa (Wild bergamot)
Physalis heterophylla (Clammy ground-cherry)
Plantago rugelii (Rugel's plantain)
Scutellaria lateriflora (Mad-dog skullcap)
Solidago canadensis
Solidago missouriensis (Missouri goldenrod)
Tragopogon dubius (Yellow goat's-beard)
Vicia americana (American vetch)
Viola cf. sororia (Common blue violet)
eum triflorum OP (Prairie smoke)
Ieliopsis helianthoides OP (Ox-eye)
Denothera (Evening-Primrose)

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4974 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-14 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 5 Month: JUL Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: OASEDR (Oak Forest (Southeast) Dry Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: BC Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Quad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NE QRT: NW of Section 13 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 32 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 18 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1210 Slope: 80SE Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Ecotonal due to aspect/elevation. Thin silty, organic soil with cobble and loose slabs of limestone. Mostly open grown burr oaks with tilia in lower border of plot. Rock outcrops below level crest. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: Y o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover interrupted 3. Quercus macrocarpa (Bur oak) (Black walnut) 2. Juglans nigra 2. Tilia americana (Basswood) 2. Ulmus americana (American elm) 2. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) 1. Fraxinus americana (White ash) +. Quercus alba (White oak) R. Quercus ellipsoidalis OP (Northern pin R. Ulmus rubra DD (Red elm, slippery elm) Quercus ellipsoidalis OP (Northern pin oak) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover patchy 2. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) 1. Fraxinus americana (White ash) 1. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. (Basswood) Tilia americana (Northern red oak) R. Ouercus rubra Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover interrupted 2. Cornus foemina (Gray dogwood) 2. Ribes missouriense 1. Corylus americana (American hazelnut) (Chokecherry) 1. Prunus virginiana 1. Staphylea trifolia (Bladdernut) +. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) +. Fraxinus americana (White ash) Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood) +. +. Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash)

DNR RELEVE #: 4974 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare (Gray dogwood) 1. Cornus foemina 1. Staphylea trifolia (Bladdernut) Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) +. Lonicera cf. morrowii +. +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) (Nannyberry) Viburnum lentago +. R. Ouercus rubra (Northern red oak) Tilia americana R . (Basswood) Climber, Height: .5-2m, Cover almost absent +. Menispermum canadense (Canada moonseed) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 1. Bromus pubescens 1. Carex convoluta 1. Carex sparganioides +. Brachyelytrum erectum (Bearded short-husk) Carex blanda +. Elymus virginicus (Wild-rye) +. +. Festuca obtusa (Nodding fescue) Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy (Grape honeysuckle) 1. Lonicera prolifera 1. Menispermum canadense (Canada moonseed) 1. Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper) Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) 1. 1. Solidago ulmifolia (Bog goldenrod) Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) 1. (Wild grape) NON 1. Vitis riparia (Amaranth) +. Amaranthus (Columbine) Aquilegia canadensis +. +. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) Asclepias exaltata (Poke milkweed) Aster cf. urophyllus +. Chenopodium (Goosefoot) +. Circaea lutetiana (Enchanter's nightshade) +. (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) +. Desmodium alutinosum (Philadelphia fleabane) +. Erigeron philadelphicus Galium concinnum +. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) +. +. Geum canadense (White avens) Helianthus tuberosus (Jerusalem artichoke) +. Polymnia canadensis (Leaf-cup) +. Prenanthes alba (White rattlesnake-root) +. Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup) +. +. Rhus radicans +. Rubus occidentalis (Black raspberry) Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) +. Scrophularia marilandica +. (Figwort) Silene stellata (Starry campion) +. +. Smilax ecirrata (Carrion-flower) Smilax herbacea (Carrion-flower) +. (Starry false Solomon's-seal) Smilacina stellata +. +. Solidago ulmifolia (Bog goldenrod) +. Taraxacum officinale (Common dandelion) +. Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) +. Triosteum perfoliatum (Horse-gentian) Unknown or Indeterminable Plant +. Uvularia grandiflora (Yellow bellwort) +. +. Viola (Violet) (Common burdock) R. Arctium minus NON R. Taenidia integerrima (Yellow pimpernel)

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4975 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (612) 296-2835 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-15 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 6 Month: JUL Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: OASEDR (Oak Forest (Southeast) Dry Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: B Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Ouad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NW QRT: NE of Section 13 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 38 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 9 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1240 Slope: 05SE Slope Position: \_\_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Dry-mesic oak forest maturing in old growth trees. Mode 25-45cm dbh. Med size rare to infrequent >50cm dbh. soil clyey silt mostly compactd on broad ridge with sinkholes, soil lacks humus layer, OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: Y o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-35m, Cover continuous 3. Quercus alba (White oak) 2. Ulmus americana (American elm) 1. Juglans nigra (Black walnut) Quercus rubra
 Ulmus rubra (Northern red oak) (Red elm, slippery elm) +. Carya cordiformis
+. Fraxinus nigra
R. Acer saccharum OP (Bitternut hickory) (Black ash) (Sugar maple) R. Juglans cinerea DDR. Prunus serotina OPR. Tilia americana OP SPC (Butternut) (Black cherry) (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover interrupted 3. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) 2. Tilia americana (Basswood) Ulmus americana
 Fraxinus americana (American elm) (White ash) 1. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Amelanchier (Juneberry; Serviceberry; Saska) +. Quercus alba R. Acer saccharum (White oak) (Sugar maple) R. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) R. Prunus serotina (Black cherry) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover rare 1. Corylus americana (American hazelnut) 1. Fraxinus americana (White ash) (Bitternut hickory) +. Carya cordiformis +. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Zanthoxylum americanumR. Prunus virginiana (Prickly-ash) (Chokecherry)

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Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover patchy

3. Ribes missouriense Carya cordiformis
 Corylus americana (Bitternut hickory) (American hazelnut) (White ash) 1. Fraxinus americana +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) +. +. Prunus serotina (Black cherry) +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) +. Ulmus rubra R. Celtis occidentalis (Red elm, slippery elm) (Hackberry) R. Quercus rubra R. Tilia americana (Northern red oak) (Basswood) Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover almost absent +. Carex convoluta +. Leersia virginica R. Carex (Sede (White grass) (Sedge) Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare (Wild geranium) 1. Geranium maculatum +. Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) +. Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) +. Circaea lutetiana +. Geum canadense (Enchanter's nightshade) (White avens) +. Parthenocissus quinquefolia+. Podophyllum peltatum (Virginia creeper) (May-apple, mandrake) +. Smilacina racemosa +. Thalictrum dioicum (False Solomon's-seal) (Early meadow rue) NON +. Vitis riparia (Wild grape)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4977 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (612) 296-2835 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-16 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 15 Month: AUG Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: OASEME (Oak Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: B Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Ouad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 11W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NE QRT: SW of Section 18 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 13 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 12 minutes, 10 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1240 Slope: 08E Slope Position: \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: LLWL \*Geomorphic Unit: 39 (Harmony-Plainview Uplands) Remarks: Old growth, dry-mesic oak forest dom by Q.rubra, Q alba, Q velutina in area. Sangs and debris abund, gaps freq. canopy 30m SE aspect of E facing bluff ridge spur. 8%grade, OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover interrupted 3. Quercus alba (White oak) (Northern red oak) 3. Quercus rubra Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover rare 2. Amelanchier (Juneberry; Serviceberry; Saska) 2. Ulmus americana (American elm) 2. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) 1. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 1. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover rare 2. Acer negundo (Box elder) (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 2. Ostrya virginiana 2. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Acer saccharum 1. Crataegus (Sugar maple) (Hawthorn) +. Amelanchier (Juneberry; Serviceberry; Saska) +. Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Green ash) (American elm) +. Ulmus americana Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover rare 1. Corylus americana (American hazelnut) (Sugar maple) +. Acer saccharum (Juneberry; Serviceberry; Saska) +. Amelanchier +. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) +. Fraxinus cf. pennsylvanica (Green ash) (Basswood) +. Tilia americana (Bitternut hickory) R. Carya cordiformis R. Prunus serotina R. Ribes missouriense (Black cherry)
Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent (Bitternut hickory) +. Carya cordiformis +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) Corylus americana (American hazelnut) +. +. Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood) +. (Gray dogwood) Cornus foemina R.

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Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent +. Festuca obtusa (Nodding fescue)

Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover interrupted 2. Osmorhiza longistylis (Anise-root) 1. Impatiens (Balsam; Jewelweed) Phryma leptostachya (Lopseed) 1. (Maidenhair fern) +. Adiantum pedatum +. Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) (Wild ginger) +. Asarum canadense +. Aster cordifolius (Heart-leaved aster) +. Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) (Rattlesnake-fern) Botrychium virginianum +. Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) +. (Enchanter's nightshade) +. Circaea lutetiana (Honewort) +. Cryptotaenia canadensis (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) +. Desmodium glutinosum Dryopteris carthusiana (Spinulose shield fern) Eupatorium rugosum (Common snakeroot) Galium concinnum +. (Wild geranium) +. Geranium maculatum Geum canadense (White avens) +. Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) +. (Clearweed) +. Pilea pumila (Jacob's ladder) +. Polemonium reptans +. Pteridium aquilinum (Bracken) Rhus radicans +. Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) +. Sanicula gregaria (Black snakeroot) +. (Carrion-flower) +. Smilax ecirrata +. Smilax herbacea (Carrion-flower) Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) +. +. Solidago ulmifolia (Bog goldenrod) Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) +. (Yellow bellwort) +. Uvularia grandiflora Viola pubescens +. (Smooth yellow violet) NON Vitis riparia (Wild grape) +. (Indian pipe) R. Monotropa uniflora

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4813 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (612) 296-2835 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 8 Month: SEP Year: 1994 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 17 or Site Name: DNR Ownership Code: 20 (Mn Dnr Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land)) \*NC Code: OASEME (Oak Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: B Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Quad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NW QRT: NW of Section 25 Latitude: 43 degrees, 36 minutes, 55 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 41 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1250 Slope: 25NW Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Dry-mesic forest dom by Q. rubra. Modal dbh 35-45cm; max 50-63cm. Lrge trees nearly gone. Soil yellow silt loam; no A-horizon, little humus, duff (20% bare ground). Dense shade. 54cm Q. rubra = 118yrs. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover interrupted 4. Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) (White ash) +. Fraxinus americana +. Populus grandidentata R. Ulmus rubra DD (Re (Big-toothed aspen) (Red elm, slippery elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover continuous 5. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Carpinus caroliniana (American hornbeam, b (American hornbeam, blue beech) (Sugar maple) R. Acer saccharum Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover barely present 1. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) (White ash) +. Fraxinus americana +. Ribes missouriense Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 1. Ostrya virginiana +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) +. Carpinus caroliniana (American hornbeam, blue beech) +. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) (Pagoda dogwood) +. Cornus alternifolia +. Fraxinus americana (White ash) +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) (Northern red oak) +. Quercus rubra +. Ulmus americana (American elm) +. Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood) +. Vitis riparia R. Tilia americana (Wild grape) NON (Basswood)

Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present 1.2 Carex convoluta +.1 Brachyelytrum erectum (Bearded short-husk) Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover interrupted 1. Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) Desmodium glutinosum (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) 1. (Interrupted fern) 1. Osmunda claytoniana 1. Solidago ulmifolia (Bog goldenrod) 1. Thalictrum (Meadow-Rue) +. Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) +. Anemonella thalictroides (Rue-anemone) (Wild sarsaparilla) +. Aralia nudicaulis (Wild ginger) Asarum canadense +. (Lady fern) +. Athyrium angustum Diervilla lonicera +. (Bush honeysuckle) +. Fragaria virginiana (Common strawberry) Galium boreale (Northern bedstraw) +. +. Galium concinnum +. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) Helianthus strumosus (Woodland sunflower) +. (Sharp-lobed hepatica) +. Hepatica acutiloba Mitella diphylla (Miterwort) +. +. Osmorhiza claytonii (Sweet cicely) Podophyllum peltatum (May-apple, mandrake) +. Polemonium reptans (Jacob's ladder) +. +. Pteridium aquilinum (Bracken) Pyrola elliptica (Common pyrola) +. (Bloodroot) Sanguinaria canadensis +. (Black snakeroot) Sanicula gregaria +. (Carrion-flower) +. Smilax ecirrata +. Smilacina stellata (Starry false Solomon's-seal) Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) +. Uvularia grandiflora (Yellow bellwort) +. (Golden alexanders) Zizia aurea +. R. Asclepias exaltata (Poke milkweed) R. Aster R. Botrychium virginianum (Rattlesnake-fern) R. Corallorhiza maculata (Spotted coral-root) R. Eupatorium maculatum (Spotted Joe-pye weed) (Pale vetchling) R. Lathyrus ochroleucus R. Polygonatum commutatum (Giant Solomon's-seal) (White rattlesnake-root) Prenanthes alba R. Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup) R. Smilax herbacea R. (Carrion-flower)

Lichen/Moss, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare

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2. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4978 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-17 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 16 Month: AUG Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 17 or Site Name: Canfield Creek DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: OASEME (Oak Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: B Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NW QRT: NW of Section 25 Latitude: 43 degrees, 36 minutes, 52 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 39 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1270 Slope: 08NE \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Slope Position: \_ Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: LLWL \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Dry mesic oak forest, dom. by Old growth Q rubra & Q alba. Areas seemed selectively logged in past with areas of smaller Tilia & several multiple trunks. Tag # 64. Loess silt OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover continuous (White oak) Quercus alba (Northern red oak) 4. Quercus rubra 1. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover patchy 2. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 2. Ostrya virginiana (Basswood) 1. Tilia americana 1. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover interrupted (American hazelnut) 2. Corylus americana 2. Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Green ash) 2. Ostrya virginiana(Ironwood, hop hornbeam)1. Cornus alternifolia(Pagoda dogwood) ragoda do (Black cherry) (Black cherry) Prunus serotina
 Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover interrupted (American hazelnut) 2. Corylus americana 2. Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Green ash) 2. Prunus serotina (Black cherry) 1. Zanthoxylum americanum (P +. Acer negundo (Box elder) (Prickly-ash) +. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) +. Ribes missouriense (Red elm, slippery elm) +. Ulmus rubra

SPC R. Juglans cinerea (Butternut)

DNR RELEVE #: 4978 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present 1. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) (Bitternut hickory) +. Carya cordiformis (Pagoda dogwood) Cornus alternifolia +. +. Cornus foemina (Gray dogwood) Corylus americana (American hazelnut) + . +. Fraxinus cf. pennsylvanica (Green ash) Prunus serotina (Black cherry) Prunus virginiana +. (Chokecherry) Quercus alba (White oak) +. +. Ouercus rubra (Northern red oak) +. Ribes missouriense +. Tilia americana (Basswood) Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood) +. +. Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent Brachyelytrum erectum (Bearded short-husk) +. +. Carex pensylvanica Carex cf. sparganioides +. +. Elymus hystrix (Bottlebrush grass) +. Festuca obtusa (Nodding fescue) Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover patchy 2. Podophyllum peltatum (May-apple, mandrake) 1. Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) 1. Athyrium angustum (Ladv fern) Desmodium glutinosum (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) 1. 1. Pteridium aguilinum (Bracken) +. Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) (Enchanter's nightshade) +. Circaea lutetiana +. Galium concinnum Galium triflorum (Three-flowered bedstraw) +. (Wild geranium) +. Geranium maculatum (White avens) +. Geum canadense +. Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) Osmorhiza claytonii (Sweet cicely) Osmorhiza longistylis (Anise-root) +. +. Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper) (Jacob's ladder) Polemonium reptans + . (Cinquefoil) Potentilla +. + . Rhus radicans +. Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) Smilax ecirrata (Carrion-flower) Smilax herbacea (Carrion-flower) +. Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) +. Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) +. Solidago ulmifolia (Bog goldenrod) +. Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) +. +. Triosteum perfoliatum var. aurantiacum (Horse-gentian) Uvularia grandiflora (Yellow bellwort) +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) +. (Wild grape) NON Vitis riparia +. R. Aralia nudicaulis (Wild sarsaparilla) Fragaria virginiana (Common strawberry) R. (Canada moonseed) Menispermum canadense R.

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4971 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-12 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 28 Month: JUN Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: OASEME (Oak Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve:B Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 11W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SE QRT: NE of Section 18 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 26 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 11 minutes, 37 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1140 Slope: 15SE Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: RLWL \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Dry-mesic oak forest, Mature canopy 25-30m:Mode DBH 35-35cm, Max DBH, Infrequent 50-65cm. Dense shade to substrate ecotonal w/ maple/basswood forest. Narrow ridge descending.Rich organic OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover continuous 3. Quercus alba (White oak) Quercus rubra
 Tilia americana (Northern red oak) (Basswood) +. Ulmus americana (American elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-20m, Cover patchy 3. Acer saccharum(Sugar maple)2. Ostrya virginiana(Ironwood, (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 1. Ulmus americana (American elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-5m, Cover patchy 2. Carpinus caroliniana 1. Acer saccharum (American hornbeam, blue beech) (Sugar maple) 1. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 1. Carpinus caroliniana (American hornbeam, blue beech) (Chokecherry) 1. Prunus virginiana +. Acer saccharum +. Fraxinus (Sugar maple) (Ash) +. Lonicera prolifera +. Quercus rubra (Grape honeysuckle) (Northern red oak) +. Ribes missouriense Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare SPC 2. Carex woodii 1. Carex hirtifolia +. Carex cf. blanda +. Carex cf. deweyana +. Carex pensylvanica +. Carex (Sedae)

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Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare (continued) +. Elymus hystrix (Bottlebrush grass) +. Festuca obtusa (Nodding fescue) Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover patchy 2. Osmunda claytoniana (Interrupted fern) 2. Sanicula gregaria (Black snakeroot) 1. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) Athyrium angustum 1. (Lady fern) Caulophyllum thalictroides 1. (Blue cohosh) (Honewort) 1. Cryptotaenia canadensis Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) 1. (Early meadow rue) 1. Thalictrum dioicum +. Actaea rubra (Red baneberry) +. Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) +. Allium tricoccum (Wild leek) +. Aster cordifolius (Heart-leaved aster) Aster cf. lanceolatus (Panicled aster) +. Desmodium glutinosum (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) +. (Common snakeroot) Eupatorium rugosum +. +. Galium aparine (Cleavers) +. Galium concinnum Geum canadense (White avens) +. +. Mitella diphylla (Miterwort) Osmorhiza claytonii (Sweet cicely) +. +. Osmorhiza longistylis (Anise-root) Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper) +. (Blue Phlox) Phlox divaricata + . +. Phryma leptostachya (Lopseed) Podophyllum peltatum (May-apple, mandrake) +. +. Polemonium reptans (Jacob's ladder) Pyrola elliptica (Common pyrola) +. Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) +. Smilax ecirrata (Carrion-flower) +. (Zig-zag goldenrod) +. Solidago flexicaulis +. Trillium flexipes (Declining trillium) Uvularia grandiflora (Yellow bellwort) +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) +. (Wood nettle) R. Laportea canadensis R. Triosteum perfoliatum (Horse-gentian)

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM • DNR RELEVE #:4810 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION EO Rec #: Surveyor's Releve #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 6 Month: SEP Year: 1994 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 16 or Site Name: DNR Ownership Code: 00 (Private Ownership) \*NC Code: OASEME (Oak Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: BC Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NE QRT: SE of Section 23 Latitude: 43 degrees, 37 minutes, 24 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 55 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1250 Slope: 25NW Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Dry-mesic forest on narrow ridge spur. Modal dbh 20-30cm; max 30-35cm common. Larger trees cut in past. Occas debris & tip-ups. No snags. Soil yellowish silty loam. Sinkholes & some cobbles present. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 2-10m, Cover almost absent +. Juniperus virginiana (Red cedar) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-35m, Cover interrupted 3. Quercus rubra MS(Northern red oak)2. Quercus alba(White oak) 1. Betula papyrifera (Paper birch) 1. Fraxinus americana (White ash) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover interrupted 4. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 1. Quercus macrocarpa (Bur oak) +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) (American hornbeam, blue beech) +. Carpinus caroliniana +. Fraxinus cf. americana (White ash) +. Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) +. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover patchy 2. Cornus foemina (Gray dogwood) 1. Fraxinus cf. americana (White ash) 1. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 1. Ribes missouriense 

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 (Prickly-ash) (Red elm, slippery elm) +. Ulmus rubra Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 2. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) (Red elm, slippery elm) 2. Ulmus rubra 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 1. Cornus foemina (Gray dogwood) 1. Corylus americana (American hazelnut)

DNR RELEVE #: 4810 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare (continued) 1. Fraxinus cf. americana (White ash) (Black cherry) 1. Prunus serotina Acer negundo (Box elder) +. Carpinus caroliniana (American hornbeam, blue beech) +. (Round-leaved dogwood) Cornus rugosa +. +. Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper) (White oak) +. Quercus alba +. Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) Ribes missouriense Tilia americana (Basswood) +. (Downy arrowwood) Viburnum rafinesquianum +. NON Vitis riparia (Wild grape) +. Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash) +. Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy 3. Carex pensylvanica 1. Elymus hystrix (Bottlebrush grass) +. Carex cf. sparganioides Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare 1. Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) (Lady fern) 1. Athyrium angustum 1. Hepatica acutiloba (Sharp-lobed hepatica) 1. Pedicularis canadensis (Wood-betony) 1. Solidago ulmifolia (Bog goldenrod) Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) +. +. Agrimonia (Agrimony) +. Anemonella thalictroides (Rue-anemone) Aquilegia canadensis (Columbine) +. +. Arenaria lateriflora (Sandwort) (Wild ginger) +. Asarum canadense +. Aster cordifolius (Heart-leaved aster) +. Aster Desmodium glutinosum (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) +. Eupatorium rugosum (Common snakeroot) +. +. Galium boreale (Northern bedstraw) +. Galium concinnum +. Gentianella quinquefolia (Stiff gentian) (Wild geranium) Geranium maculatum +. (White avens) +. Geum canadense Heuchera richardsonii (Alum-root) +. +. Lonicera prolifera (Grape honeysuckle) Osmorhiza cf. claytonii (Sweet cicely) +. (Wood-Sorrel; Sheep-Sorrel) Oxalis +. Podophyllum peltatum +. (May-apple, mandrake) Polemonium reptans (Jacob's ladder) +. +. Prenanthes alba (White rattlesnake-root) Pteridium aquilinum (Bracken) Rhus radicans +. Smilax ecirrata (Carrion-flower) +. Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) +. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant +. Veronicastrum (Culver's-Root) +. +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) R. Anemone cf. virginiana (Thimbleweed) R. Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) (Bloodroot) R. Sanguinaria canadensis R. Uvularia grandiflora (Yellow bellwort) (Golden alexanders) Zizia aurea R.

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4976 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-15B EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 15 Month: AUG Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: OASEME (Oak Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: C Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 11W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SE QRT: SW of Section 7 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 43 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 12 minutes, 14 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1220 Slope: 15NE
\*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Slope Position: \_ Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: RLWL \*Geomorphic Unit: 39 (Harmony-Plainview Uplands) Remarks: Dry mesic oak fonest; canopy 20-25m hgt; 85% cover; snags rare to occ. Tipups & downed logs common, stumps very decayed occassional Densely shaded to substrate N asp bluff with ridges & swales OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover continuous Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) 3. Quercus alba (White oak) 2. Tilia americana (Basswood) 2. Ulmus americana (American elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover interrupted (Sugar maple) Acer saccharum
 Fraxinus americana (White ash) (White oak) Quercus alba +. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) +. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover rare 2. Acer saccharum(Sugar maple)2. Ostrya virginiana(Ironwood, (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) (Bitternut hickory) 1. Carya cordiformis Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover patchy 3. Fraxinus cf. americana (White ash) 3. Fraxinus cf. pennsylvanica (Green ash) (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 1. Ostrya virginiana +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) +. Prunus serotina +. Prunus virginiana (Black cherry) (Chokecherry) +. Ribes missouriense +. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 1. Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) (Gray dogwood) +. Cornus foemina

Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare (continued) (White ash) +. Fraxinus cf. americana (Chokecherry) +. Prunus virginiana Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) +. Ribes cf. missouriense +. Ulmus americana (American elm) +. R. Prunus serotina (Black cherry) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent +. Brachyelytrum erectum (Bearded short-husk) +. Carex pensylvanica Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 1. Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper) (Maidenhair fern) Adiantum pedatum +. +. Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) +. Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) +. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) +. (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) +. Desmodium glutinosum Galium concinnum +. +. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) Geum canadense (White avens) +. (Sharp-lobed hepatica) +. Hepatica acutiloba Rhus radicans +. +. Smilax herbacea (Carrion-flower) Solidago ulmifolia (Bog goldenrod) +. +. Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) +. (Indian pipe) Monotropa uniflora R. (Smooth wild rose) R. Rosa blanda Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) R. R. Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal)

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4967 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (612) 296-2835 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-8 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 18 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: OASEME (Oak Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: AB Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Quad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SW QRT: SW of Section 13 Latitude: 43 degrees, 37 minutes, 54 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 43 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1125 Slope: 15NE Slope Position: \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Dark silty-clay, organic deep. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover continuous (Northern red oak) Quercus rubra (White ash) 2. Fraxinus americana Quercus alba
 Tilia americana (White oak) (Basswood) 2. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover interrupted Acer saccharum
 Carya cordiformis (Sugar maple) (Bitternut hickorv) 2. Ostrya virginiana DD (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 2. Ulmus americana (American elm) 2. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Prunus serotina OP (Black cherry) 1. Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover continuous 3. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 2. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 1. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) (Juneberry; Serviceberry; Saska) +. Amelanchier +. Ostrya virginiana DD (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) R. Carya cordiformis DD (Bitternut hickory) (Red elm, slippery elm) R. Fraxinus cf. americana (White ash) R. Tilia americana DD (Basswood)

DNR RELEVE #: 4967 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover rare 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) Carpinus caroliniana 1. (American hornbeam, blue beech) 1. Ribes missouriense +. Fraxinus (Ash) +. Fraxinus DD (Ash) Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 1. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) 1. Ribes missouriense Carpinus caroliniana (American hornbeam, blue beech) +. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) +. +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) Fraxinus +. (Ash) (Northern red oak) Ouercus rubra +. +. Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent +. Carex albursina Carex hirtifolia +. Elymus hystrix +. (Bottlebrush grass) R. Carex cf. blanda Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover interrupted 2. Dentaria laciniata (Cut-leaved toothwort) Erythronium albidum 2. (White trout-lily) 2. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) (Cleavers) 1. Galium aparine Podophyllum peltatum 1. (May-apple, mandrake) (Smooth yellow violet) 1. Viola pubescens +. Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) +. Allium tricoccum (Wild leek) +. Anemone quinquefolia Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) +. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) +. +. Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) Caulophyllum thalictroides +. (Blue cohosh) +. Circaea lutetiana (Enchanter's nightshade) Claytonia virginica (Virginia spring-beauty) +. Dicentra cucullaria (Dutchman's-breeches) +. Geum canadense (White avens) +. Hepatica acutiloba (Sharp-lobed hepatica) +. Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) +. (Miterwort) Mitella diphylla +. (Interrupted fern) +. Osmunda claytoniana +. Parthenocissus (Virginia Creeper; Woodbine) Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup) +. Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) (Greenbrier; Catbrier) +. Smilax Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) +. Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) +. Thalictrum dioicum +. (Early meadow rue) Trillium flexipes +. (Declining trillium) +. Viola sororia (Common blue violet) R. Actaea rubra (Red baneberry) R. Impatiens (Balsam; Jewelweed) R. Osmorhiza longistylis (Anise-root) Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) R. (Yellow bellwort) Uvularia grandiflora R.

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM • DNR RELEVE #:4980 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-19 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 7 Month: SEP Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: OASEME (Oak Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: BC Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SE QRT: NE of Section 13 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 13 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 12 minutes, 37 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1110 Slope: 45SE Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 39 (Harmony-Plainview Uplands) Remarks: Mesic oak forest dominated by Q. rubra, Mode 30-40 cm, No max size dbh Crooked boled trees, plot with 3 large tipups,moderate decay. Snags rare to occasional. No outcrops. Near stone bldg. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover interrupted 4. Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) +. Fraxinus americana (White ash) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-20m, Cover continuous 3. Ulmus americana 2. Acer saccharum (American elm) (Sugar maple) Juglans nigra
 Ostrya virginiana (Black walnut) (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 2. Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) 1. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) 1. Fraxinus americana (White ash) 1. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-5m, Cover interrupted 4. Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash) (Sugar maple) 1. Acer saccharum 1. Corylus americana (American hazelnut) 1. Ribes missouriense 1. Ulmus americana (American elm) +. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) (Black ash) +. Fraxinus nigra (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Ostrya virginiana (Basswood) +. Tilia americana Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present 1. Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood) +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) +. Carya cordiformis+. Celtis occidentalis (Bitternut hickory) (Hackberry) +. Cornus alternifolia+. Prunus virginiana (Pagoda dogwood) (Chokecherry) +. Quercus rubra (Northern red oak)

DNR RELEVE #: 4980 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present (continued) Tilia americana (Basswood) +. +. Ulmus americana (American elm) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present 1. Carex convoluta +. Carex hirtifolia (Bottlebrush grass) +. Elymus hystrix Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover patchy 2. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) 1. Aralia nudicaulis (Wild sarsaparilla) Circaea lutetiana (Enchanter's nightshade) 1. Desmodium glutinosum (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) 1. 1. Galium boreale (Northern bedstraw) 1. Galium concinnum 1. Lonicera prolifera (Grape honeysuckle) 1. Parthenocissus (Virginia Creeper; Woodbine) 1. Uvularia grandiflora (Yellow bellwort) +. Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) Dioscorea villosa (Wild yam) +. (Common snakeroot) Eupatorium rugosum +. Galium aparine +. (Cleavers) +. Galium triflorum (Three-flowered bedstraw) +. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) Geum canadense (White avens) +. Hackelia virginiana (Virginia stickseed) +. Osmorhiza claytonii (Sweet cicely) +. +. Polemonium reptans (Jacob's ladder) Rhus radicans +. +. Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) (Black snakeroot) +. Sanicula marilandica +. Smilax ecirrata (Carrion-flower) +. Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) Solidago ulmifolia +. (Bog goldenrod) Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) +. NON (Wild grape) +. Vitis riparia (Thimbleweed) R. Anemone virginiana R. Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup) Unknown or Indeterminable Plant R.

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4814 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 15 Month: SEP Year: 1994 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 17 or Site Name: DNR Ownership Code: 20 (Mn Dnr Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land)) \*NC Code: OASEME (Oak Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: BC Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) State Code: MN Quad Codes DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NE QRT: SW of Section 24 Latitude: 43 degrees, 37 minutes, 12 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 18 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1130 Slope: 30NW Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Mature forest dom by Q. rubra w/abund Q. alba. Modl dbh = 35-45cm; max 50-60cm common. Dense shade. Soil drk clay loam, compact, little orgnc matter. Approaches dry-mesic. 56cm Q.rub = 115yrs. Old fence OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover continuous Quercus rubra
 Quercus alba (Northern red oak) (White oak) +. Populus tremuloides OP (Quaking aspen) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover interrupted 3. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 3. Quercus alba (White oak) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover continuous 5. Ostrya virginiana
+. Prunus serotina (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) (Black cherry) (Hawthorn) R. Crataegus Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover barely present 1. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present Acer saccharum
 Prunus serotina (Sugar maple) (Black cherry) (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Ulmus rubra +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) +. Fraxinus cf. americana (White ash) (Northern red oak) +. Quercus rubra +. Ribes cynosbati (Prickly gooseberry, dogberry) +. Ribes missouriense
+. Tilia americana +. Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Zanthoxylum americanum (Pr (Prickly-ash) R. Acer negundo (Box elder) R. Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood)

DNR RELEVE #: 4814 continued, Page 2 Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare Carex cf. pensylvanica
 Carex pedunculata Carex pedunculata (Bearded short-husk) +. Brachyelytrum erectum +. Carex albursina +. Carex hirtifolia Elymus hystrix (Bottlebrush grass) +. R. Festuca (Fescue) Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy (Maidenhair fern) 1. Adiantum pedatum 1. Desmodium glutinosum (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) Glechoma hederacea (Creeping charlie) 1. Osmunda claytoniana (Interrupted fern) 1. (Red baneberry) Actaea rubra +. Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) +. (Wild ginger) Asarum canadense +. Aster cf. lateriflorus (Side-flowering aster) +. (Lady fern) +. Athyrium angustum Fragaria virginiana (Common strawberry) +. Galium concinnum +. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) +. Geum canadense (White avens) +. (Sharp-lobed hepatica) Hepatica acutiloba +. (Virginia waterleaf) Hydrophyllum virginianum +. (Miterwort) +. Mitella diphylla + . Osmorhiza claytonii (Sweet cicely) Phryma leptostachya (Lopseed) +. Podophyllum peltatum (May-apple, mandrake) Polemonium reptans (Jacob's ladder) +. (Bog goldenrod) Solidago ulmifolia +. Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) +. (Yellow bellwort) Uvularia grandiflora +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) +. R. Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) (Daisy fleabane) R. Erigeron strigosus R. cf. Silene (Catchfly; Campion)

R. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4960 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-1 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 15 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: MBSEXX (Maple-Basswood Forest (Southeast)) Commun. Ranking in Releve: AB Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SW QRT: SW of Section 13 Latitude: 43 degrees, 37 minutes, 57 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 38 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1080 Slope: 10N Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Old growth maple/basswood forest in mesic swale between narrow ridges. Concave side slopes approaching 20% grade on each side of plot. Healthy large Juglans cineara. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover continuous Acer saccharum
 Quercus alba (Sugar maple) (White oak) Tilia americana
 Fraxinus nigra OP (Basswood) (Black ash) SPC 1. Juglans cinerea (Butternut) 1. Quercus rubra OP 1. Ulmus rubra (Northern red oak) (Red elm, slippery elm) (Elm) R. Ulmus DD Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover rare 1. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Ulmus rubra R. Ulmus rubra DD (Red elm, slippery elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover barely present (Sugar maple) 2. Acer saccharum Carya cordiformis
 Ostrya virginiana (Bitternut hickory) (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) R. Crataegus OP (Hawthorn) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .1-.5m, Cover rare (Prickly gooseberry, dogberry) Ribes cynosbati
 Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) 1. Ribes missouriense +. Acer saccharum +. Ulmus (E R. Acer negundo (Sugar maple) (Elm) (Box elder) R. Cornus alternifolia DD (Pagoda dogwood) R. Viburnum lentago (Nannyberry)

DNR RELEVE #: 4960 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.1m, Cover almost absent +. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) Ribes cynosbati (Prickly gooseberry, dogberry) +. Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present 1. Carex cf. hirtifolia +. Carex albursina Carex cf. blanda +. +. Carex cf. convoluta +. Carex (Sedge) Carex (Sedge) +. +. Carex (Sedge) +. Elymus (Wild Rye) Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover interrupted 2. Erythronium albidum (White trout-lily) 2. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) 2. Isopyrum biternatum (False rue-anemone) 1. Dentaria laciniata (Cut-leaved toothwort) (Maidenhair fern) +. Adiantum pedatum +. Agastache scrophulariaefolia (Purple giant-hyssop) (Jack-in-the-pulpit) Arisaema triphyllum +. (Lady fern) Athyrium angustum +. Blephilia hirsuta (Wood-mint) +. +. Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) (Enchanter's nightshade) Circaea lutetiana +. +. Claytonia virginica (Virginia spring-beauty) Cystopteris protrusa (Fragile fern) +. Galium aparine (Cleavers) +. Geum canadense (White avens) +. +. Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) +. Polygonum virginianum (Virginia knotweed) Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup) Ranunculus hispidus (Hispid buttercup) +. Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) +. Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) +. Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) +. (Common blue violet) +. Viola cf. sororia R. Arabis cf. perstellata (Rock-cress) R. Mitella diphylla OP (Miterwort) R. Scrophularia (Figwort)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4961 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (612) 296-2835 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-2 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 15 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: MBSEXX (Maple-Basswood Forest (Southeast)) Commun. Ranking in Releve: B Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Ouad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SW QRT: SW of Section 13 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 2 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 38 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1070 Slope: 15N Slope Position: \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: E descending, small ridge along side road about 10-15 ft. above fldpln Releve includes N-aspect slope to the foot of small ridges. Heterogeneous stand. Releve includes larger trees >45cm dbh OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover continuous (Basswood) 4. Tilia americana 3. Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) Acer saccharum
 Fraxinus nigra OP (Sugar maple) (Black ash) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-20m, Cover interrupted 3. Acer saccharum(Sugar maple)2. Ostrya virginiana(Ironwood, (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) Carpinus caroliniana
 Tilia americana (American hornbeam, blue beech) (Basswood) +. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-5m, Cover patchy 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 1. Carpinus caroliniana (American hornbeam, blue beech) Cornus alternifolia
 Corylus americana (Pagoda dogwood) (American hazelnut) +. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) (Hawthorn) +. Crataegus +. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Prunus virginiana+. Tilia americana (Chokecherry) (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .1-2m, Cover rare 2. Ribes missouriense +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) +. Carpinus caroliniana (American hornbeam, blue beech) +. Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) (American hazelnut) +. Corylus americana +. Fraxinus cf. americana (White ash) (Chokecherry) +. Prunus virginiana

DNR RELEVE #: 4961 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .1-2m, Cover rare (continued) +. Ouercus rubra (Northern red oak) Rhus radicans +. Viburnum lentago +. (Nannyberry) R. Acer negundo (Box elder) R. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) Lonicera cf. dioica (Wild Honeysuckle) R. R. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.1m, Cover almost absent +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) (Ash) +. Fraxinus R. Euonymus atropurpureus (Wahoo) Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare SPC 2. Carex woodii +. cf. Brachyelytrum (Shorthusk) Carex cf. blanda +. +. Carex cf. convoluta +. Carex (Sedge) +. Elymus cf. villosus (Wild-rye) Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy 2. Erythronium albidum (White trout-lily) (Wild ginger) 1. Asarum canadense Dentaria laciniata (Cut-leaved toothwort) 1. 1. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) 1. Isopyrum biternatum (False rue-anemone) Actaea rubra (Red baneberry) +. Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) +. Allium tricoccum (Wild leek) +. Anemone quinquefolia +. Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) +. + . Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) +. Circaea lutetiana (Enchanter's nightshade) +. Claytonia virginica (Virginia spring-beauty) +. +. Galium aparine (Cleavers) Galium concinnum +. Geum canadense (White avens) +. (Sharp-lobed hepatica) +. Hepatica acutiloba Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) +. Mitella diphylla (Miterwort) +. Osmunda claytoniana (Interrupted fern) Podophyllum peltatum (May-apple, mandrake) +. Ranunculus hispidus (Hispid buttercup) + . (Bloodroot) Sanguinaria canadensis +. Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) + . +. Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) +. Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) Trillium flexipes (Declining trillium) +. (Yellow bellwort) Uvularia grandiflora +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) +. (Virginia knotweed) R. Polygonum virginianum Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup) R. R. Rubus cf. strigosus (Red raspberry)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4973 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-13B EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 28 Month: JUN Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: MBSEXX (Maple-Basswood Forest (Southeast)) Commun. Ranking in Releve: BC Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 11W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SE QRT: NE of Section 18 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 22 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 11 minutes, 33 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1120 Slope: 20NE Slope Position: \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: RLWL \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Mature Maple/basswood with several dead ulmus snags. Gaps filled with subcanopy acer, substrata very open, dense shade, community similar to lowland hardwoods Mod DBH 25-35, max 45-80 common in plot OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover interrupted 2. Acer saccharum 1. Quercus alba (Sugar maple) (White oak) 1. Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Ulmus DD (Elm) (Black ash) R. Fraxinus nigra OP Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-20m, Cover interrupted 3. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 2. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) Tilia americana (Basswood) 1. 1. Ulmus americana (American elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-5m, Cover rare Acer saccharum
 Ostrya virginiana (Sugar maple) (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 1. Ribes missouriense +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) (Chokecherry) +. Prunus virginiana +. Ulmus rubra R. Tilia americana (Red elm, slippery elm) (Basswood) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present SPC 1. Carex woodii Elymus hystrix (Bottlebrush grass) 1. +. Brachyelytrum erectum (Bearded short-husk) +. Carex cf. blanda +. Carex pedunculata +. Festuca obtusa (Nodding fescue)

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Forb, Height: .05m, Cover continuous		
2.	Cryptotaenia canadensi	s (Honewort)
2.	Laportea canadensis	(Wood nettle)
2.	Sanicula gregaria	(Black snakeroot)
1.	Adiantum pedatum	(Maidenhair fern)
1.	Athyrium angustum	(Lady fern)
1.	Caulophyllum thalictro	ides (Blue cohosh)
1.	Geranium maculatum	(Wild geranium)
1.	Hydrophyllum virginian	um (Virginia waterleaf)
1.	Osmorhiza longistylis	(Anise-root)
1.	Podophyllum peltatum	(May-apple, mandrake)
1.	Solidago flexicaulis	(Zig-zag goldenrod)
+.	Allium tricoccum	(Wild leek)
+.	Aralia nudicaulis	(Wild sarsaparilla)
+.	Asarum canadense	(Wild ginger)
+.	Aster cordifolius	(Heart-leaved aster)
+.	Aster lanceolatus	(Panicled aster)
+.	Circaea lutetiana	(Enchanter's nightshade)
+.	Dryopteris carthusiana	(Spinulose shield fern)
+.	Galium aparine	(Cleavers)
+.	Geum canadense	(White avens)
+.	Hepatica acutiloba	(Sharp-lobed hepatica)
+.	Mitella diphylla	(Miterwort)
+.	Osmunda claytoniana	(Interrupted fern)
+.	Phiox divaricata	(Blue Phiox)
+.	Smilax ecirrata	(Carrion-flower)
+.	Thalletrum dioleum	(Early meadow rue)
+.	Uvularia grandiliora	(Yellow Deliwort)
+.	VIOIA pubescens	(Smooth yellow Violet)
R.	Methouseis shouthington	(Cow-parsnip)
к.	matteuccia struthiopte	(USTRICH LEEN)

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4962 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-3 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 16 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: LHXXXX (Lowland Hardwood Forest) Commun. Ranking in Releve: AB Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) State Code: MN DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Ouad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NE QRT: SW of Section 13 X Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 11 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 22 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1040 Slope: 00LV Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 Remarks: Lowland hardwoods dominated by Quercus macrocarpa. Debris common from tip-ups and fallen limbs. Well Drained. Basal area:110 sq ft/acre. Silty alluvial soil-channeled. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover continuous Quercus macrocarpa
 Fraxinus nigra (Bur oak) (Black ash) Juglans nigra
 Tilia americana (Black walnut) (Basswood) 1. Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Green ash) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-20m, Cover interrupted 3. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) 2. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) Tilia americana
 Ulmus americana (Basswood) (American elm) 
 2. Ulnus unc\_
 (Box el.

 1. Acer negundo
 (Hawthorn)

 (Hawthorn)
 (Hawthorn)
 (Box elder) (Bur oak) Quercus macrocarpa 1. R. Celtis occidentalis OP (Hackberry) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-5m, Cover barely present (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Ulmus rubra +. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) (Chokecherry) +. Prunus virginiana +. Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Ulmus americana (American elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover barely present 1. Ribes missouriense +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) (Basswood) +. Tilia americana +. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) R. Viburnum lentago (Nannyberry)

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Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover barely present 1. Elymus cf. hystrix (Bottlebrush grass) Carex cf. amphibola +. Carex hirtifolia +. +. Carex sprengelii +. Carex (Sedge) R. Carex albursina Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover continuous 4. Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) 2. Isopyrum biternatum (False rue-anemone) Podophyllum peltatum (May-apple, mandrake) 2. 2. Ranunculus hispidus (Hispid buttercup) 1. Erythronium albidum (White trout-lily) (Cleavers) 1. Galium aparine 1. Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) (Wild ginger) +. Asarum canadense Blephilia hirsuta (Wood-mint) +. Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) +. (Virginia spring-beauty) Claytonia virginica +. +. Cystopteris protrusa (Fragile fern) (Cut-leaved toothwort) +. Dentaria laciniata Dicentra cucullaria (Dutchman's-breeches) +. +. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) (White avens) +. Geum canadense +. Osmorhiza claytonii (Sweet cicely) Osmorhiza longistylis (Anise-root) +. (Blue Phlox) +. Phlox divaricata (Kidney-leaf buttercup) Ranunculus abortivus +. +. Urtica dioica (Stinging nettle) Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) +. +. Viola sororia (Common blue violet) R. Allium burdickii (Wild leek) R. Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4963 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-4 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 16 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: LHXXXX (Lowland Hardwood Forest) Commun. Ranking in Releve: BC Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NE QRT: SW of Section 13 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 11 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 16 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1035 Slope: 00LV Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Clayey silt, canopy 50% cover in releve, 65% overall. Horse trail in SE corner OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover patchy 2. Acer cf. nigrum(Black maple)2. Ulmus thomasii(Rock elm) 1. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) +. Ulmus thomasii OP DD (Rock elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover patchy 2. Acer nigrum (Black maple) 1. Acer negundo (Box elder) (Hackberry) 1. Celtis occidentalis (Black ash) Fraxinus nigra (Basswood) 1. Tilia americana 1. Ulmus cf. americana (American elm) 1. Ulmus thomasii DD (Rock elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover rare 2. Acer negundo (Box elder) (Sugar maple) 1. Acer cf. saccharum 1. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) (Black walnut) 1. Juglans nigra 1. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) 1. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash) +. Fraxinus nigra (Black ash) (Chokecherry) (Basswood) +. Prunus virginiana DD +. Prunus Vitginia +. Tilia americana (Bassw Coltis DD (Hackberry) R. cf. Celtis DD R. Fraxinus nigra DD (Black ash)

DNR RELEVE #: 4963 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) 1. 1. Ribes missouriense Rubus occidentalis (Black raspberry) 1. (Red raspberry) Rubus strigosus 1. 1. Ulmus (Elm) +. Euonymus atropurpureus (Wahoo) +. Tilia americana (Basswood) Viburnum lentago +. (Nannyberry) (Prickly-ash) +. Zanthoxylum americanum R. (Black ash) Fraxinus nigra R. Ouercus macrocarpa (Bur oak) (Common Elder) R. Sambucus canadensis Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare 2. Elymus hystrix (Bottlebrush grass) Carex albursina +. +. Carex cf. amphibola Carex sprengelii +. Phalaris arundinacea (Reed canary grass) +. Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover continuous 3. Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) 2. Glechoma hederacea (Creeping charlie) Isopyrum biternatum 2. (False rue-anemone) 1. Erythronium albidum (White trout-lily) 1. (Cleavers) Galium aparine Hydrophyllum appendiculatum 1. (Appendaged waterleaf) (Wood nettle) 1. Laportea canadensis 1. Ranunculus hispidus (Hispid buttercup) 1. Rudbeckia laciniata (Goldenglow) +. Allium tricoccum (Wild leek) +. Arctium minus (Common burdock) +. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) (Wood-mint) Blephilia hirsuta +. +. Claytonia virginica (Virginia spring-beauty) +. Dicentra cucullaria (Dutchman's-breeches) +. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) Geum canadense (White avens) +. +. Mertensia virginica (Virginia bluebells) (Blue Phlox) +. Phlox divaricata Podophyllum peltatum (May-apple, mandrake) +. +. Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup) cf. Solidago +. Urtica dioica (Stinging nettle) +. Viola sororia (Common blue violet) +. R. Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) R. Plantago cf. major (Common plantain) (False Solomon's-seal) R. Smilacina racemosa Unknown or Indeterminable Plant R. R. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4968 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (612) 296-2835 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION EO Rec #: Surveyor's Releve #: F95-9 Ο \*Surveyor's ID Code: MDL (Michael D. Lee) Date: 18 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: LHXXXX (Lowland Hardwood Forest) Commun. Ranking in Releve: C Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NE QRT: SW of Section 13 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 14 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 13 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1040 Slope: 00LV Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Young stand with scattered large trees, much down logs & debris Tree core: 21cmn Ulmus americana Basal area: 80-90 sq ft/acre. Debris mainly Ulmus. Crataegus crus-galli state Record?? N OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: Y Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover patchy 3. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) 1. Ulmus thomasii (Rock elm) R. Quercus macrocarpa OP (Bur oak) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover rare 2. Ulmus thomasii(Rock elm)1. Celtis occidentalis(Hack) (Hackberry) (Rock elm) +. Ulmus thomasii DD Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover interrupted 3. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry) (Sugar maple) 2. Acer saccharum 2.Ulmus americana(Bugar maple)2.Zanthoxylum americanum(Prickl (Prickly-ash) (Box elder) 1. Acer negundo 1. Fraxinus nigra (Black ash) 1. Juglans nigra (Black walnut) 1. Ulmus thomasii (Rock elm) (Hawthorn) +. Crataegus +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) +. Ulmus DD (Elm) +. Viburnum lentago (Nannyberry) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover barely present +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) +. Ribes missouriense +. Viburnum lentago+. Zanthoxylum americanum (Nannyberry) (Prickly-ash)

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Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy 3. Elymus cf. hystrix (Bot (Bottlebrush grass) +. Carex sprengelii+. Phalaris arundinaceaR. Carex albursina (Reed canary grass) Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover continuous 4. Hydrophyllum virginianum
 3. Isopyrum biternatum (Virginia waterleaf) (False rue-anemone) Erythronium albidum
 Galium aparine (White trout-lily) (Cleavers) 1. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) 1. Hydrophyllum appendiculatum (Appendaged waterleaf) 1. Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) Mertensia virginica
 Claytonia virginica (Virginia bluebells) (Virginia spring-beauty) (Dutchman's-breeches) +. Dicentra cucullaria (White avens) +. Geum canadense +. Phlox divaricata (Blue Phlox) +. Ranunculus hispidus (Hispid buttercup) R. Caulophyllum thalictroides OP (Blue cohosh) SPC R. Dicentra canadensis OP R. Trillium flexipes (Squirrel-corn) (Declining trillium) R. Viola cf. sororia (Common blue violet)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4965 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-6 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 18 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 17 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: LHXXXX (Lowland Hardwood Forest) Commun. Ranking in Releve:CD Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Ouad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SE QRT: NW of Section 25 Latitude: 43 degrees, 36 minutes, 37 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 20 seconds RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1060 Slope: 00LV Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Large extent of this CD lowland hardwood forest along Canfield Creek. Basal Area: 90 Square feet/acre. Decaying elms on forest floor common Soil a clayey silt-deep. OTHER DATA COLLECTED o=old growth Soils Forestry: Water Chemistry: Publication: y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover interrupted (Box elder) 3. Acer negundo 2. Fraxinus nigra (Black ash) 2. Prunus serotina (Black cherry) SPC 1. Juglans cinerea OP 1. Populus tremuloides (Butternut) (Quaking aspen) 1. Tilia americana OP (Basswood) +. Celtis occidentalis+. Ulmus americana (Hackberry) (American elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover interrupted 3. Fraxinus nigra (Black ash) 2. Acer negundo (Box elder) 2. Tilia americana (Basswood) 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 1. Crataegus (Hawthorn) 1. Lonicera tatarica (Tartarian Honeysuckle) 1. Prunus americana (Wild plum) 1. Prunus serotina (Black cherry) 1. (Bur oak) Quercus macrocarpa (American elm) 1. Ulmus americana 1. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) 1. Ulmus thomasii (Rock elm) 1. Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash) Acer negundo DD (Box elder) +. R. Ulmus americana DD (American elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover interrupted 4. Ribes missouriense Rubus occidentalis (Black raspberry) +. (Common Elder) +. Sambucus canadensis +. Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash)

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Climber, Height: 10-20m, Cover barely present (Wild grape) NON 1. Vitis riparia R. Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper) R. Rhus radicans Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover barely present 1. Elymus cf. villosus (Wild-rye) Carex amphibola var. turgida +. +. Carex hirtifolia Carex cf. oligocarpa +. +. Carex sprengelii +. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant R. Carex albursina Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover continuous 4. Galium aparine (Cleavers) 3. Isopyrum biternatum (False rue-anemone) 2. Hydrophyllum appendiculatum (Appendaged waterleaf) 2. Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) 2. Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) 1. Blephilia hirsuta (Wood-mint) Glechoma hederacea (Creeping charlie) 1. 1. Podophyllum peltatum (May-apple, mandrake) +. Allium tricoccum (Wild leek) +. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) +. +. Claytonia virginica (Virginia spring-beauty) Dicentra cucullaria (Dutchman's-breeches) +. +. Erythronium albidum (White trout-lily) (Wild geranium) +. Geranium maculatum +. Geum canadense (White avens) Osmorhiza longistylis (Anise-root) +. Phlox divaricata (Blue Phlox) +. Rudbeckia laciniata (Goldenglow) +. Scrophularia marilandica (Figwort) Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) +. (Zig-zag goldenrod) Solidago flexicaulis +. (Declining trillium) +. Trillium flexipes +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) Viola cf. sororia (Common blue violet) +. R. Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup) R.

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4816 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 29 Month: AUG Year: 1994 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: BAXXSE (Black Ash Swamp Seepage Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve:B Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 11W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SW QRT: NW of Section 18 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 27 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 12 minutes, 28 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1200 Slope: 20NW Slope Position: \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 39 (Harmony-Plainview Uplands) Remarks: Tip-ups common. Flowing spring. Wet soil, no muck. Galena limestone outcrops & rocky talus present(?). Stake at southwest corner of plot. Some barbed wire imbedded in black ash(?). OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover interrupted (Black ash) 4. Fraxinus nigra 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) R. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-20m, Cover continuous 4. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 3. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) Tilia americana (Basswood) 2. (Box elder) 1. Acer negundo 1. Fraxinus nigra (Black ash) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-5m, Cover interrupted 2. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 2. Tilia americana (Basswood) 1. Carpinus caroliniana (American hornbeam, blue beech) 1. Ribes americanum (Wild black currant) 1. Ribes cynosbati (Prickly gooseberry, dogberry) 1. Staphylea trifolia (Bladdernut) (Box elder) Acer negundo +. (Hackberry) Celtis occidentalis +. (Pagoda dogwood) +. Cornus alternifolia +. Crataegus (Hawthorn) +. Euonymus atropurpureus (Wahoo) (Black ash) Fraxinus nigra +. Quercus cf. alba +. (White oak) Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) +. Viburnum lentago (Nannyberry) +. R. Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Green ash) (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) R. Ostrya virginiana R. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry)

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Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present 1. Parthenocissus inserta (Virginia creeper) 1. Rhus radicans Acer negundo (Box elder) +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) +. (Black ash) +. Fraxinus nigra Menispermum canadense (Canada moonseed) +. +. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) Ribes cynosbati (Prickly gooseberry, dogberry) (Bladdernut) +. Staphylea trifolia Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) +. (Wild grape) NON Vitis riparia +. (Prickly-ash) Zanthoxylum americanum +. Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover almost absent +. Carex albursina Carex pedunculata +. (Bottlebrush grass) +. Elymus hystrix Elymus virginicus (Wild-rye) +. Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover continuous (Spotted touch-me-not, jewel-we) 3. Impatiens capensis 3. Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) 2. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) 2. Symplocarpus foetidus (Skunk cabbage) 1. Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) 1. Solidago gigantea (Giant goldenrod) (Maidenhair fern) +. Adiantum pedatum Aralia nudicaulis (Wild sarsaparilla) +. +. Arenaria lateriflora (Sandwort) +. Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) +. Aster cf. lanceolatus (Panicled aster) (Crooked-stemmed aster) +. Aster prenanthoides (Bur-Marigold; Beggar-Ticks) +. Bidens +. Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) (Enchanter's nightshade) +. Circaea lutetiana (Virgin's bower) +. Clematis virginiana +. Cystopteris bulbifera (Bulblet fern) Equisetum hyemale (Tall scouring-rush) +. Equisetum ferrissii (Scouring-rush) Fragaria virginiana (Common strawberry) +. +. Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) (White avens) +. Geum canadense (Creeping charlie) +. Glechoma hederacea +. Helianthus grosseserratus (Sawtooth sunflower) Hepatica acutiloba (Sharp-lobed hepatica) Hydrophyllum appendiculatum (Appendaged waterleaf) +. (Virginia waterleaf) Hydrophyllum virginianum (Great lobelia) +. Lobelia siphilitica +. Lysimachia ciliata (Fringed loosestrife) Mitella diphylla (Miterwort) +. Phlox divaricata (Blue Phlox) +. +. Polymnia canadensis (Leaf-cup) +. Prunella vulgaris (Heal-all) Rubus occidentalis (Black raspberry) +. Rudbeckia laciniata (Goldenglow) Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) +. Saxifraga pensylvanica (Swamp saxifrage) +. (Mad-dog skullcap) Scutellaria lateriflora +. Senecio aureus (Golden ragwort) +. Silphium perfoliatum (Cup-plant) +. Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) +. Solidago canadensis +. (Tall meadow rue) +. Thalictrum dasycarpum Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) +. Urtica dioica (Stinging nettle) + . Uvularia grandiflora (Yellow bellwort) +. + Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) R. Scrophularia marilandica (Figwort) (Carrion-flower) R. Smilax ecirrata (Dandelion) R. Taraxacum

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4812 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (612) 296-2835 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 29 Month: AUG Year: 1994 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: BAXXSE (Black Ash Swamp Seepage Subtype) Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ Commun. Ranking in Releve: LOCATIONAL INFORMATION \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) State Code: MN DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Quad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SE QRT: SW of Section 12 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 43 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 25 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1140 Slope: 10N Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 Remarks: In seepage area at base of ravine. Dom by Frax nigr: typical size = 8-25cm dbh, max 45-55cm. Herb layer dom by Symp foet & Lapo cana. Muck soil. Stake at NW corner of plot. Plot incl some oak forest. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Water Chemistry: N Publication: N Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover rare 2. Fraxinus nigra (Black ash) +. Quercus alba (White oak) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-20m, Cover interrupted 2. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 2. Fraxinus nigra \ (Black ash) 2. Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Gre 2. Tilia americana (Basswood) 2. Ulmua rubra (Bod olm slip) (Green ash) (Red elm, slippery elm) 2. Ulmus rubra +. Crataegus (Hawthorn) R. Acer negundo (Box elder) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-5m, Cover patchy 2. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 1. Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Green ash) 1. Ribes missouriense +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) (Black ash) +. Fraxinus nigra +. Viburnum lentago (Nannyberry) (Box elder) R. Acer negundo R. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent +. Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Green ash) +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) +. Quercus alba (White oak) +. Quercus rubra +. Tilia americana (Northern red oak) (Basswood) +. Viburnum lentago (Nannyberry) NON +. Vitis riparia (Wild grape)

DNR RELEVE #: 4812 continued, Page 2 Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 2. Leersia virginica (White grass) SPC 1. Carex woodii +. Carex albursina Carex hirtifolia +. (Sedge) +. Carex Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover continuous 2. Impatiens capensis (Spotted touch-me-not, jewel-we) Laportea canadensis 2. (Wood nettle) Pilea pumila (Clearweed) 2. Symplocarpus foetidus (Skunk cabbage) 2. (Maidenhair fern) 1. Adiantum pedatum 1. Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) 1. Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) 1. Mitella diphylla (Miterwort) Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) +. Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) +. (Wild ginger) Asarum canadense +. Aster prenanthoides (Crooked-stemmed aster) +. +. Cryptotaenia canadensis (Honewort) +. Cystopteris bulbifera (Bulblet fern) +. Dryopteris carthusiana (Spinulose shield fern) Eupatorium rugosum (Common snakeroot) +. Galium triflorum (Three-flowered bedstraw) +. (Wild geranium) Geranium maculatum +. Geum canadense (White avens) +. (Sharp-lobed hepatica) +. Hepatica acutiloba Hydrophyllum appendiculatum OP (Appendaged waterleaf) +. (Great lobelia) Lobelia siphilitica +. Parthenocissus inserta (Virginia creeper) (Blue Phlox) +. Phlox divaricata Scutellaria lateriflora (Mad-dog skullcap) +. (False Solomon's-seal) Smilacina racemosa +. Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) +. (Early meadow rue) +. Thalictrum dioicum +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) R. Desmodium glutinosum (Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil) (Pale touch-me-not, jewel-weed) R. Impatiens pallida R. Smilax ecirrata (Carrion-flower)

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 Carex stricta THR +. Carex lanuginosa (Wild-rye) +. cf. Elymus +. Phalaris arundinacea (Reed canary grass) Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy 3. Caltha palustris 2. Aster puniceus (Marsh marigold) (Red-stemmed aster) (Yellow rocket, winter-cress) Barbarea vulgaris
 Eupatorium maculatum (Spotted Joe-pye weed) 2. Impatiens(Balsam; Jewelweed)2. Symplocarpus foetidus(Skunk (Skunk cabbage) 1. cf. Aster (Spring cress) 1. Cardamine bulbosa 1. Helenium autumnale (Sneezeweed) (Obedient Plant) cf. Physostegia 1. Solidago gigantea (Giant goldenrod) 1. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant 1. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant +. Cirsium arvense (Canada thistle)
+. Cirsium cf. discolor (Field thistle)
+. Equisetum arvense (Field horsetail) (Field thistle) (Water horsetail) +. Equisetum fluviatile
+. Parthenocissus inserta (Virginia creeper)
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Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy (continued)
+. Rumex altissimus (Water dock)
+. Rumex crispus (Curly dock)
+. Solidago canadensis
R. Hydrophyllum virginianum OP (Virginia waterleaf)

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4809 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 7 Month: SEP Year: 1994 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: MEFOXX (Mixed Emergent Marsh (Forest)) Commun. Ranking in Releve: BC Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NW QRT: SW of Section 24 Latitude: 43 degrees, 37 minutes, 20 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 36 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 100 Elev. (ft.): 1040 Slope: 00LV Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Open water marsh in oxbow slough fed by seeps. Entire marsh borderd by wild rice. Seepage area dominated by Carex lacustris. Drainage to SE into Canfield Creek thru? wet meadow dom by Carex trichocar. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-10m, Cover barely present 1. Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Green ash) R. Juglans nigra OP (Black walnut) R. Ulmus rubra OP DY (Red elm, slippery elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-5m, Cover barely present +. Acer negundo OP (Box elder) +. Amorpha fruticosa (False indigo) R. Ribes missouriense R. Tilia americana DY (Basswood) R. Zanthoxylum americanum OP (Prickly-ash) Climber, Height: .5-2m, Cover almost absent NON +. Vitis riparia OP (Wild grape) Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover continuous 4. Zizania palustris var. interior 1. Leersia oryzoides (Rice cut grass) +. Agrostis stolonifera (Redtop) +. Carex comosa +. Carex cristatella +. Carex trichocarpa +. Carex vulpinoidea +. Elymus wiegandii (Wild-rye) +. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant (Blue Grass; Meadow Grass) (Softstem bulsush) +. Scirpus validus R. Bromus inermis OP (Smooth brome) R. Carex cf. emoryi R. Carex lacustris OP R. Carex cf. laeviconica R. Elymus virginicus OP (Wild-rye) R. Muhlenbergia cf. frondosa OP (Swamp satin grass) R. Phalaris arundinacea OP (Reed canary grass)

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Forb,	He:	ight: .0-2m, Cover patchy
	2.	Bidens cernua (Nodding bur-marigold)
	1.	Bidens frondosa (Leafy beggar-ticks)
	1.	Helenium autumnale (Sneezeweed)
	1.	Impatiens capensis (Spotted touch-me-not, jewel-we)
	1.	Rudbeckia laciniata (Goldenglow)
	+.	Angelica atropurpurea (Angelica)
	+.	Asclepias incarnata (Swamp milkweed)
	+.	Aster lanceolatus (Panicled aster)
	+.	Aster prenanthoides (Crooked-stemmed aster)
	+.	Bidens comosa (Red-stemmed aster)
	+.	Cicuta bulbifera (Bulb-bearing water-hemlock)
	+.	Epilobium coloratum (Purple-leaved willow-herb)
	+.	Eupatorium perfoliatum (Common boneset)
	+.	Eupatorium rugosum (Common snakeroot)
NON	+.	Geum laciniatum var. trichocarpum (White avens)
	+.	Glechoma hederacea (Creeping charlie)
	+.	Helianthus tuberosus (Jerusalem artichoke)
	+.2	Iris virginica var. shrevei (Southern blue flag)
	+.	Lobelia siphilitica (Great lobelia)
	+.	Pilea pumila (Clearweed)
	+.	Prunella vulgaris (Heal-all)
	+.	Rubus strigosus (Red raspberry)
	+.	Sagittaria latifolia (Broad-leaved arrowhead)
	+.	Scutellaria lateriflora (Mad-dog skullcap)
	+.	Solidago gigantea (Giant goldenrod)
	+.	Stachys (Hedge-Nettle)
	+.	Thalictrum dasycarpum (Tall meadow rue)
	+.	Verbena urticifolia (White vervain)
	R.	Amaranthus (Amaranth)
	R.	Amaranthus (Amaranth)
	R.	Amorpha fruticosa (False indigo)
	R.	Anemone cylindrica (Thimbleweed)
	R.	Asclepias syriaca OP (Common milkweed)
	R.	Aster cordifolius OP (Heart-leaved aster)
	R.	Blephilia hirsuta (Wood-mint)
	R.	Chelone glabra (Turtlehead)
	R.	Chenopodium (Goosefoot)
	R.	Echinocystis lobata (Wild cucumber)
	R.	Eupatorium purpureum OP (Sweet Joe-pve weed)
	R.	Ludwigia (False Loosestrife)
	R.	Lycopus uniflorus OP (Northern bugleweed)
	R.	Physostegia virginiana (Obedient Plant)
	R.	Verbena hastata OP (Blue vervain)
	R.	Vernonia OP (Ironweed)
Forb,	_Hei	Ignt: .Uim, Cover Continuous
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	<b>1</b> .	Lemna minor OF (Lesser Quckweeq)
	+.	Eloquea canadensis UP (Eloquea)
	+.	Potamogeton CI. IOIIOSUS OP

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4966 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (612) 296-2835 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-7 EO Rec #: 11241 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 17 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 17 or Site Name: Canfield Creek DNR Ownership Code: 20 (Mn Dnr Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land)) \*NC Code: TAXXAL (Talus Slope Algific Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: A Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) State Code: MN Quad Codes DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SE QRT: NW of Section 25 Latitude: 43 degrees, 36 minutes, 20 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 35 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 25 Elev. (ft.): 1230 Slope: 12NE Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Algific slope. E facing with Rhamnus alnifolia, Ribes hudso. Rocky cliff 50 ft with abandoned spring channel descending ridge spur. Silt loam, cold air vents.cold soil OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover almost absent +. Betula papyrifera (Paper birch) +. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover interrupted 4. Rhamnus alnifolia (Alder-leaved buckthorn) Ribes hudsonianum
 Cornus alternifolia (Northern black currant) (Pagoda dogwood) (Red-berried Elder) 1. Sambucus pubens +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) R. Cornus foemina OP (Gray dogwood) R. Diervilla lonicera (Bush honeysuckle) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present 1. Carex eburnea Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover interrupted 4. Cystopteris bulbifera (Bulblet fern) 1. Rubus strigosus (Red raspberry) 1. Rubus strigosus (Red raspber +. Actaea rubra (Red baneberry) +. Aquilegia canadensis (Columbine)
+. Arabis hirsuta (Hairy rock-cress) +. Cryptogramma stelleri (Slender cliff-brake) +. Cystopteris protrusa (Fragile fern) +. Cystopteris protrusa+. Fragaria virginiana (Common strawberry) (Balsam; Jewelweed) +. Impatiens R. Campanula rotundifolia R. Galium boreale (M (Harebell) (Northern bedstraw)

• MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4981 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: R95-20 EO Rec #: 20511 \*Surveyor's ID Code: MDL (Michael D. Lee) Date: 19 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 16 or Site Name: Keim Algific Slope DNR Ownership Code: 00 (Private Ownership) \*NC Code: TAXXAL (Talus Slope Algific Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: A Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X20D Universal: 43092E3 (Cherry Grove) Quad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NE QRT: NW of Section 27 Latitude: 43 degrees, 36 minutes, 52 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 15 minutes, 38 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 100 Elev. (ft.): 1200 Slope: 50N Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 23 (Rochester Plateau) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Centered on largest cold area One of the largest Chrysosplenium concentrations along this 1/4mile Algific SLope OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 10-20m, Cover almost absent R. Pinus strobus DD (White pine) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover rare Betula alleghaniensis
 Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover rare 2. Betula alleghaniensis 1. Cornus foemina ssp. racemosa (Gray dogwood) 
 1. Sambucus pubens
 (Red-berried Elder)

 R. Viburnum trilobum OP
 (High-bush cranber)
 (High-bush cranberry) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover barely present 1. Rhamnus alnifolia(Alder-leaved buckthorn)1. Ribes hudsonianum(Northern black currant) 1. Ribes hudsonianum 1. Rubus strigosus (Red raspberry) +. Betula alleghaniensis
R. Salix cf. bebbiana OP (Bebb's willow) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present +. Carex cf. eburnea +. Carex peckii Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover continuous END 2. Chrysosplenium iowense (Golden saxifrage) 2. Circaea alpina (Small enchanter's nightshade) Circaea aipina (Small enchanter's nightshade)
 Cystopteris bulbifera (Bulblet fern)
 Impatiens pallida (Pale touch-me-not, jewel-weed)
 cf. Stellaria (Chickweed; Starwort) 1. Saxifraga pensylvanica (Swamp saxifrage) +. Adoxa moschatellina (Moschatel) SPC +. Adoxa moschatellina +. Arabis hirsuta var. pycnocarpa (Hairy rock-cress)

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- Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover continuous (continued)
   +. Cryptogramma stelleri (Slender cliff-brake)
   +. Galium boreale (Northern bedstraw)
   +. Gymnocarpium robertianum (Northern oak fern)
   +. Rubus pubescens (Dwarf blackberry)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4811 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: MDL F15 EO Rec #: 20511 \*Surveyor's ID Code: LAZ (Michael Lee and Scott Zager) Date: 11 Month: AUG Year: 1994 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 16 or Site Name: DNR Ownership Code: 00 (Private Ownership) \*NC Code: TAXXAL (Talus Slope Algific Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: AB Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Ouad Codes DNR: X20D Universal: 43092E3 (Cherry Grove) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NW QRT: NW of Section 27 Latitude: 43 degrees, 36 minutes, 56 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 15 minutes, 54 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 25 Elev. (ft.): 1140 Slope: 70N
\*ECS Subsection: 23 (Rochester Plateau) Slope Position: Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Talus present in association w/5-10m high Galena cliff. Talus composed of cobbles covered w/thin layer of dark silty humus. 3-4 vents present. Stones very cold (35 deg F) & dripping. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover barely present Sambucus canadensis
 Ribes hudsonianum (Common Elder) (Northern black currant) R. Betula papyrifera OP (Paper birch) R. Cornus foemina ssp. racemosa OP (Gray dogwood) R. Cornus rugosa OP (Round-leaved dogwood) R. Rhamnus alnifolia OP (Alder-leaved buck (Alder-leaved buckthorn) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent +. Elymus (Wild Rye) +. Poa palustris (Fowl meadow grass) Forb, Height: .5-2m, Cover patchy 2. Rubus strigosus ## (Red raspberry) 1. Eupatorium rugosum(Common snak1. Urtica dioica(Stinging nettle)R. Arisaema triphyllum(Jack-in-the (Common snakeroot) (Jack-in-the-pulpit) Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover continuous 4. Circaea alpina (Small enchanter's nightshade) 2. Cystopteris bulbifera (Bulblet fern) Pilea cf. pumila (Clearweed)
 Galium triflorum (Three-flowered bedstraw) +. Arabis perstellata var. shortii (Rock-cress)
 +. Campanula rotundifolia (Harebell) (Slender cliff-brake) +. Cryptogramma stelleri +. Cystopteris protrusa (Fragile fern) (Northern bedstraw) +. Galium boreale (Miterwort) +. Mitella diphylla R. Aquilegia canadensis (Columbine) R. Mitella nuda OP (Miterwort, naked bishop's-cap) R. Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercur)

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Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover continuous (continued) R. Stellaria (Chickweed; Starwort) R. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant

Lichen/Moss, Height: .0-.1m, Cover interrupted 3. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant 2. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant

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MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4964 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-5 EO Rec #: 18604 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 17 Month: MAY Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 17 or Site Name: Canfield Creek DNR Ownership Code: 20 (Mn Dnr Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land)) \*NC Code: TAXXAL (Talus Slope Algific Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: B Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) State Code: MN Quad Codes DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SW QRT: SW of Section 25 Latitude: 43 degrees, 36 minutes, 38 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 11 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1220 Slope: 65NE Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: N-aspect, met mesic, dark organic silt with gravel. Rock outcrop moss covered. N-facing slope 60% grade Balsam fir NE corner , Pinus West of plot OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 20-35m, Cover almost absent R. Pinus strobus OP (White pine) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 10-20m, Cover barely present 1. Abies balsamea (Balsam fir) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover almost absent 1. Acer saccharum OP (Sugar maple) R. Betula papyrifera OP (Paper birch) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-10m, Cover rare 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 1. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-5m, Cover interrupted 3. Corylus americana (American hazelnut) (High-bush cranberry) 2. Viburnum trilobum Acer negundo
 Acer saccharum (Box elder) (Sugar maple) 1. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) (Red-berried Elder) 1. Sambucus pubens +. Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare 1. Corylus americana (American hazelnut) 1. Rhamnus alnifolia (Alder-leaved buckthorn) 1. Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood) +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) +. Diervilla lonicera (Bush honeysuckle) +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) +. Ribes missouriense +. Sambucus pubens (Red-berried Elder)

DNR RELEVE #: 4964 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare (continued) (Basswood) +. Tilia americana +. Viburnum trilobum (High-bush cranberry) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare Carex pedunculata
 Carex peckii R. Unknown or Indeterminable Plant Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover interrupted 3. Cystopteris bulbifera (Bulblet fern) 2. Circaea alpina (Small enchanter's nightshade) (Wild ginger) 1. Asarum canadense 1. Dicentra cucullaria (Dutchman's-breeches) Impatiens
 Mitella diphylla (Balsam; Jewelweed) (Miterwort) +. Actaea rubra (Red baneberry) +. Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) +. Anemone quinquefolia +. Aquilegia canadensis (Columbine) +. Arabis hirsuta var. pycnocarpa (Hairy rock-cress) +. Aralia nudicaulis (Wild sarsaparilla) Arenaria cf. lateriflora +. (Sandwort) +. Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) +. Cryptogramma stelleri (Slender cliff-brake) Equisetum variegatum (Variegated scouring-rush) +. +. Galium concinnum Galium triflorum (Three-flowered bedstraw) +. +. Glechoma hederacea (Creeping charlie) Gymnocarpium robertianum (Northern oak fern) +. (Sharp-lobed hepatica) +. Hepatica acutiloba +. Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) +. Lonicera cf. prolifera (Grape honeysuckle) +. Maianthemum canadense (Canada mayflower) +. Polymnia canadensis (Leaf-cup) Rubus pubescens (Dwarf blackberry) +. +. Rubus strigosus (Red raspberry) +. Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) +. Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) Trillium flexipes (Declining trillium) +. +. Urtica dioica (Stinging nettle) (Lady fern) R. Athyrium angustum R. Geum canadense (White avens) R. Polemonium reptans (Jacob's ladder) R. (Giant Solomon's-seal) Polygonatum commutatum R. Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4985 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: R95-24 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 2 Month: JUN Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 18 or Site Name: Mystry Cave Forestvill Ecoarea DNR Ownership Code: 00 (Private Ownership) \*NC Code: TAXXAL (Talus Slope Algific Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: C Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) State Code: MN Quad Codes DNR: X20A Universal: 43092F3 (Wykoff) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SW QRT: NE of Section 15 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 20 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 15 minutes, 12 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 100 Elev. (ft.): 1150 Slope: 99N
\*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Slope Position: \_ Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: Dry to wet-mesic mesic, thickly covered w/feather moss and liverworts And covered w/diminuitive Cystopteris bulbifera. Dry rubble borders on side w/ boulders platy limestone. Sev. cold vents with ice. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: .0-2m, Cover almost absent 1. Taxus canadensis (Canada yew) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-2m, Cover barely present 1. Ribes americanum (Wild black currant) 1. Sambucus pubens (Red-berried Elder) +. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) +. Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent R. Agrostis scabra OP (Rough bent-grass) Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover interrupted 4. Cystopteris bulbifera (Bulblet fern) 3. Impatiens (Balsam; Jewelweed) 

 3. Impatiens

 1. Aquilegia canadensis
 (Columbine

 (Wild ginger)

 (Columbine) Circaea alpina (1)
 Cryptogramma stelleri (Small enchanter's nightshade) (Slender cliff-brake) (Three-flowered bedstraw) 1. Galium triflorum +. Arabis hirsuta (Hairy rock-cress) +. Cystopteris protrusa (Fragile fern) +. Galium aparine (Cleavers) +. Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) Parthenocissus inserta (Virginia creeper) +. +. Taraxacum officinale (Common dandelion) (Stinging nettle) +. Urtica dioica R. Aster cf. urophyllus OP R. Campanula rotundifolia OP (Harebell) Cerastium nutans OP R. (Fragile fern) R. Cystopteris fragilis OP R. Ranunculus abortivus OP R. Solidago flexicaulis OP (Kidney-leaf buttercup) (Zig-zag goldenrod)

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Lichen/Moss, Height: .0-.1m, Cover interrupted +. Conocephalum (moss) +. Marchantia (moss) +.3 Rhodobryum roseum (moss)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4815 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 14 Month: SEP Year: 1994 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 17 or Site Name: Canfield Creek DNR Ownership Code: 20 (Mn Dnr Forestry (State Forest and Con-Con Land)) \*NC Code: NFSEXX (Northern Hardwood-Conifer Forest (Southeast)) Commun. Ranking in Releve: A Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X21C Universal: 43092E2 (Greenleafton) Ouad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: NE QRT: SW of Section 25 Latitude: 43 degrees, 36 minutes, 20 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 13 minutes, 19 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1250 Slope: 45NW Slope Position: \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: On northwest-facing very steep slope. Wet-mesic to dry-mesic. Soil organic colluvium with cobbles & talus. Several outcrops of Galena sandstone. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 20-35m, Cover rare Abies balsamea
 Pinus strobus (Balsam fir) (White pine) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 10-20m, Cover rare 2. Abies balsamea (Balsam fir) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 2-10m, Cover rare 2. Abies balsamea (Balsam fir) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: .5-2m, Cover barely present 1. Taxus canadensis (Canada yew) +. Abies balsamea (Balsam fir) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover barely present 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover patchy (Sugar maple) Acer saccharum
 Tilia americana (Basswood) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 2-10m, Cover rare (Sugar maple) 2. Acer saccharum 1. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) Ulmus rubra
 Betula papyrifera (Red elm, slippery elm) (Paper birch) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover interrupted 2. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) 1. Corylus cornuta (Beaked hazelnut) (Alder-leaved buckthorn) 1. Rhamnus alnifolia OP +. Carpinus caroliniana +. Cornus rugosa (American hornbeam, blue beech)

(Round-leaved dogwood)

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Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-2m, Cover interrupted (continued) +. Ribes cynosbati (Prickly gooseberry, dogberry) +. Ribes missouriense Tilia americana (Basswood) (Red elm, slippery elm) +. Ulmus rubra Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood) +. (High-bush cranberry) +. Viburnum trilobum (White oak) R. Ouercus alba Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 2. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) 1. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) (Common Elder) 1. Sambucus canadensis +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) (Basswood) +. Tilia americana +. Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash) R. Amelanchier (Juneberry; Serviceberry; Saska) R. Lonicera tatarica (Tartarian Honeysuckle) Climber, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present Parthenocissus inserta 1. (Virginia creeper) +. Diervilla lonicera (Bush honeysuckle) Lonicera prolifera (Grape honeysuckle) +. +. Rhus radicans Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover almost absent +. Brachyelytrum erectum (Bearded short-husk) Carex eburnea +. +. Carex cf. pedunculata Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover patchy Cystopteris bulbifera
 Impatiens pallida (Bulblet fern) (Pale touch-me-not, jewel-weed) 1. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) +. Actaea rubra (Red baneberry) +. Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) THR +. Allium cernuum (Nodding wild onion) +. Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) (Thimbleweed) +. Anemone virginiana +. Aquilegia canadensis (Columbine) NON +. Arabis laevigata (Smooth rock-cress) +. Arabis perstellata var. shortii (Rock-cress) (Jack-in-the-pulpit) +. Arisaema triphyllum +. Campanula rotundifolia (Harebell) (Small enchanter's nightshade) +. Circaea alpina Cornus canadensis OP (Bunchberry) +. +. Cryptogramma stelleri AT (Slender cliff-brake) +. Cystopteris fragilis AT (Fragile fern) Fragaria virginiana OP (Common strawberry) +. +. Galium boreale OP (Northern bedstraw) +. Galium concinnum Galium triflorum AT (Three-flowered bedstraw) +. Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) +. (Wood nettle) Laportea canadensis +. +. Maianthemum canadense (Canada mayflower) (Miterwort) +. Mitella diphylla Mitella nuda OP (Miterwort, naked bishop's-cap) Pilea pumila OP (Clearweed) +. (White rattlesnake-root) Prenanthes alba +. +. Rubus strigosus OP (Red raspberry) Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) +. (Starry campion) +. Silene cf. stellata Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) +. (Early meadow rue) +. Thalictrum dioicum R. Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) R. Solidago canadensis

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4984 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION EO Rec #: 0 Surveyor's Releve #: R95-23 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 9 Month: JUN Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 18 or Site Name: DNR Ownership Code: 00 (Private Ownership) \*NC Code: NFSEXX (Northern Hardwood-Conifer Forest (Southeast)) Commun. Ranking in Releve: BC Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SE QRT: NW of Section 14 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 15 seconds LL/GPS registration: Longitude: 92 degrees, 14 minutes, 36 seconds \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1120 Slope: 65N Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 Remarks: N. hardwoods, white pine mode DBH 50-65cm trees No large trees in plot Except one leaning outside, 40-55 cm trees are common. Stream at base , steep rocky hill 10-20 yds below. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 20-35m, Cover patchy 3. Pinus strobus (White pine) R. Pinus strobus DD (White pine) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 2-10m, Cover barely present R. Abies balsamea (Balsam fir) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: .0-2m, Cover almost absent (Balsam fir) R. Abies balsamea R. Pinus strobus (White pine) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 10-20m, Cover patchy 2. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) (Black ash) 1. Fraxinus nigra 1. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Tilia americana (Basswood) (Northern red oak) R. Quercus rubra OP Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-10m, Cover rare 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) 1. Carpinus caroliniana (American hornbeam, blue beech) (Black ash) Fraxinus nigra +. Betula alleghaniensis +. Quercus alba OP (White oak) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-5m, Cover continuous 2. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) 2. Corylus cornuta (Beaked hazelnut) 1. Ribes missouriense +. Cornus rugosa (Round-leaved dogwood) +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) +. Tilia americana (Basswood) +. Ulmus americana (American elm)

DNR RELEVE #: 4984 continued, Page 2 Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-5m, Cover continuous (continued) +. Viburnum rafinesquianum R. Sambucus canadensis (Downy arrowwood) (Common Elder) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover rare 1. Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda dogwood) 1. Dirca palustris (Leatherwood) +. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory) +. Cornus rugosa (Round-leaved dogwood) +. Diervilla lonicera +. (Bush honeysuckle) +. Fraxinus nigra (Black ash) +. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) +. Prunus virginiana (Chokecherry) Tilia americana (Basswood) +. (Greenbrier; Catbrier) R. Smilax R. Ulmus americana OP (American elm) Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover almost absent 1. Brachyelytrum erectum (Bearded short-husk) +. Carex convoluta +. Carex pedunculata +. Carex pensylvanica +. Poa (Blue Grass; Meadow Grass) Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover interrupted 3. Asarum canadense (Wild ginger) 2. Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) 2. Rhus radicans 1. Cystopteris bulbifera (Bulblet fern) +. Actaea rubra (Red baneberry) +. Anemone quinquefolia +. Apocynum androsaemifolium (Spreading dogbane) (Columbine) +. Aquilegia canadensis +. Arenaria lateriflora (Sandwort) +. Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) +. Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) Circaea lutetiana (Enchanter's nightshade) +. +. Fragaria vesca (Wood strawberry) (Sharp-lobed hepatica) Hepatica acutiloba +. (Virginia waterleaf) +. Hydrophyllum virginianum +. Lathyrus venosus (Veiny pea) Maianthemum canadense (Canada mayflower) +. Matteuccia struthiopteris (Ostrich fern) +. Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper) +. (Kidney-leaf buttercup) +. Ranunculus abortivus +. Ranunculus hispidus (Hispid buttercup) Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's-seal) +. Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) +. +. Taraxacum officinale (Common dandelion) +. Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) Uvularia grandiflora (Yellow bellwort) +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) +. R. Menispermum canadense · (Canada moonseed) Rubus cf. strigosus (Red raspberry) R. Trillium flexipes R. (Declining trillium)

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4970 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 (612) 296-2835 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: R95-11 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: Z&J Date: 12 Month: JUN Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 19 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: WHSEME (White Pine-Hardwood Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: BC Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION State Code: MN \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Ouad Codes Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 12W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SE QRT: SE of Section 13 Latitude: 43 degrees, 37 minutes, 52 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ Longitude: 92 degrees, 12 minutes, 52 seconds RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1230 Slope: 20N Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: SSR \*Geomorphic Unit: 39 (Harmony-Plainview Uplands) Remarks: White pine-hardwood, N-aspect, large tipups and broken limbs. Old barbed fence near north border of plot. Side of knoll of narrow ridge spur between knolls on bluff East of River. OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: Y o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 20-35m, Cover rare 2. Pinus strobus (White pine) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 5-10m, Cover barely present 1. Juniperus virginiana (Red cedar) (White pine) Pinus strobus 1. +. Pinus strobus DD (White pine) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: .0-.1m, Cover almost absent R. Pinus strobus (White pine) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover interrupted 4. Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) 2. Quercus alba (White oak) +. Betula papyrifera OP (Paper bio (Paper birch) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-20m, Cover continuous 5. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) (Sugar maple) 2. Acer saccharum 2. Quercus alba (White oak) 1. Quercus macrocarr 1. Ulmus americana Quercus macrocarpa (Bur oak) (American elm) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .5-5m, Cover barely present 1. Ostrya virginiana (Trongel) (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) (White ash) +. Fraxinus cf. americana

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Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present 4. Ribes missouriense 1. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) (Grape honeysuckle) +. Lonicera prolifera +. Ostrya virginiana (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) (Black cherry) Prunus serotina +. (Chokecherry) Prunus virginiana +. (Northern red oak) +. Quercus rubra +. Tilia americana (Basswood) Ulmus americana (American elm) +. Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood) +. R. Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash) Graminoid, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare 2. Carex pensylvanica +. Carex albursina +. Carex cf. blanda Carex convoluta +. Forb, Height: .0-2m, Cover rare 1. Anemone quinquefolia (Wild sarsaparilla) Aralia nudicaulis 1. 1. Aralia nudicaulis (Wild sarsaparilla) 1. Galium concinnum 1. Osmorhiza claytonii (Sweet cicely) 1. Phryma leptostachya (Lopseed) +. Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) Antennaria plantaginifolia (Plantain-leaved pussytoes) +. +. Aquilegia canadensis (Columbine) (Sandwort) +. Arenaria lateriflora +. Aster cordifolius (Heart-leaved aster) Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) +. +. Botrychium virginianum (Rattlesnake-fern) +. Cryptotaenia canadensis (Honewort) (Wild geranium) Geranium maculatum +. Hackelia virginiana (Virginia stickseed) +. (Woodland sunflower) Helianthus strumosus +. +. Osmunda claytoniana (Interrupted fern) +. Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper) Prenanthes alba (White rattlesnake-root) +. +. Pyrola elliptica (Common pyrola) (Kidney-leaf buttercup) Ranunculus abortivus +. +. Rhus radicans (Poison ivy) Rhus radicans +. Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) +. +. Silene stellata (Starry campion) Taraxacum officinale (Common dandelion) +. +. Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) +. Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet) (Common burdock) R. Arctium minus Polygonatum commutatum (Giant Solomon's-seal) R. NON R. (Wild grape) Vitis riparia

MINNESOTA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DNR RELEVE #:4972 Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007 10:06 Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (612) 296-2835 ----- FINAL RELEVE REPORT FORM, MINNESOTA VEGETATION DATABASE -----GENERAL INFORMATION Surveyor's Releve #: F95-13 EO Rec #: 0 \*Surveyor's ID Code: SCZ (Scott C. Zager) Date: 29 Month: JUN Year: 1995 (e.g. 04 JUL 1993) CBS Site #: 190 or Site Name: Forestville State Park DNR Ownership Code: 40 (Mn Dnr Parks and Recreation) \*NC Code: WHSEME (White Pine-Hardwood Forest (Southeast) Mesic Subtype) Commun. Ranking in Releve: C Stand typical of Commun. Type:\_ Releve typical of Stand:\_ LOCATIONAL INFORMATION \*County Code: 23 (Fillmore) State Code: MN Quad Codes DNR: X21B Universal: 43092F2 (Fountain) Township: 102N (e.g. 143N) Range: 11W (e.g. 32W) QQRT: SW QRT: SW of Section 7 Latitude: 43 degrees, 38 minutes, 52 seconds Longitude: 92 degrees, 12 minutes, 22 seconds LL/GPS registration: \*Accuracy: \_ Marker: \_ RELEVE INFORMATION Releve Size (sq. m.): 400 Elev. (ft.): 1040 Slope: 45NW Slope Position: \_ \*ECS Subsection: 24 (Blufflands) Minnesota Soil Atlas Mapping Unit: RLWL \*Geomorphic Unit: 40 (Red Wing-La Crescent Uplands) Remarks: A small (<5acre) stand of white pines, hardwoods select logged. Subcanopy closed with acer saccharrum, super canopy 50-75% 30-35m hgt Canoy 25m; 25%cover (Quercus alba/rubra) Mode DBH 15-25cm OTHER DATA COLLECTED Soils: N Forestry: N o=old growth Water Chemistry: N Publication: N y=forestry \* = Variables with computerized code dictionaries (See Releve Handbook) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 20-35m, Cover interrupted 4. Pinus strobus (White pine) Woody Needleleaf Evergreen, Height: 5-10m, Cover almost absent +. Pinus strobus (White pine) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 20-35m, Cover rare 2. Acer saccharum (Sugar maple) (White oak) 2. Quercus alba +. Betula papyrifera (Paper birch) +. Quercus rubra OP (Northern red oak) Woody Broadleaf Deciduous, Height: 5-20m, Cover continuous Acer saccharum
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Graminoid, Height: .0-.5m, Cover barely present +. Brachyelytrum erectum (Bearded short-husk) +. Carex albursina +. Carex blanda +. Carex pedunculata Forb, Height: .0-.5m, Cover patchy (Wild ginger) 1. Asarum canadense 1. Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) 1. Osmunda claytoniana (Interrupted fern) +. Actaea rubra (Red baneberry) +. Adiantum pedatum+. Anemone quinquefolia (Maidenhair fern) +. Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) +. Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh) (Enchanter's nightshade) +. Circaea lutetiana +. Galium concinnum Geranium maculatum (Wild geranium) +. Geum canadense (White avens) +. (Sharp-lobed hepatica) +. Hepatica acutiloba +. Hydrophyllum virginianum (Virginia waterleaf) +. Impatiens (Balsam; Jewelweed) Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) +. Lonicera prolifera +. (Grape honeysuckle) +. Pilea (Clearweed) +. Polygonatum commutatum (Giant Solomon's-seal) Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot) +. Smilax ecirrata (Carrion-flower) +. Solidago flexicaulis +. (Zig-zag goldenrod) Viola pubescens +. (Smooth yellow violet) R. Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup)

#### Appendix 2b

Summary of plant species for 33 selected releves. SpCode Species Name Abies balsamea ĀBĪĒBĀLS (Balsam fir) 15 ACERNEGU Acer negundo (Box elder) Acer nigrum (Black maple) 2 ACERNIGR Acer saccharum ACERSAC2 (Sugar maple) 24 ACTARUBR (Red baneberry) Actaea rubra 9 17 ADIAPEDA Adiantum pedatum (Maidenhair fern) ADOXMOSC Adoxa moschatellina (Moschatel) 1 AGASSCRO Agastache scrophulariaefolia (Purple giant-hyssop) 1 AGRIMONI Agrimonia (Agrimony) 1 Agrostis scabra (Rough bent-grass) AGROSCAB Agrostis stolonifera AGROSTOL (Redtop) 1 ALLIBURD Allium burdickii (Wild leek) 1 Allium cernuum (Nodding wild onion) 1 ALLICERN (Wild leek) 6 ALLTTRIC Allium tricoccum 2 AMARANTH Amaranthus (Amaranth) 1 AMBRARTE Ambrosia artemisiifolia (Common ragweed) 4 AMELANCH Amelanchier (Juneberry; Serviceberry; Saska) 2 AMORCANE Amorpha canescens (Lead-plant) 1 AMORFRUT Amorpha fruticosa (False indigo) 9 AMPHBRAC Amphicarpaea bracteata (Hog-peanut) ANDRGERA Andropogon gerardii (Big bluestem) 1 (Thimbleweed) ANEMCYLI Anemone cylindrica 3 6 ANEMOUIN Anemone quinquefolia var. bifolia Anemonella thalictroides 2 ANEMTHAL. (Rue-anemone) (Thimbleweed) 3 ANEMVIRG Anemone virginiana 1 ANGEATRO Angelica atropurpurea var. occidentalis (Angelica) Antennaria plantaginifolia ANTEPLAN (Plantain-leaved pussytoes) 1 1 APOCANDR Apocynum androsaemifolium (Spreading dogbane) (Indian hemp) 1 APOCCANN Apocynum cannabinum 9 AQUICANA Aquilegia canadensis (Columbine) 2 ARABHIRS Arabis hirsuta (Hairy rock-cress) ARABIS (Rock-Cress) 1 Arabis ARABLAEV 1 Arabis laevigata (Smooth rock-cress) 3 ARABPERS Arabis perstellata var. shortii (Rock-cress) 2 ARABVAPY Arabis hirsuta var. pycnocarpa (Hairy rock-cress) 7 ARALNUDI Aralia nudicaulis (Wild sarsaparilla) 3 ARCTMINU (Common burdock) Arctium minus Arenaria lateriflora 5 ARENLATE (Sandwort) 13 ARISTRIP Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) Artemisia ludoviciana (Western mugwort, White sage) ARTELUDO 1 (Wild ginger) 22 ASARCANA Asarum canadense Asclepias exaltata (Poke milkweed) 2 ASCLEXAL ASCLINCA 1 Asclepias incarnata (Swamp milkweed) 1 ASCLSYRI Asclepias syriaca (Common milkweed) 2 ASCLVERT Asclepias verticillata Asclepias viridiflora 1 ASCLVIRI (Green milkweed) (Heart-leaved aster) 6 ASTECORD Aster cordifolius 2 ASTEERIC Aster ericoides (Heath aster) Aster laevis (Smooth aster) 1 ASTELAEV ASTELANC Aster lanceolatus (Panicled aster) 4 ASTELATE Aster lateriflorus (Side-flowering aster) 1 1 ASTEOBLO Aster oblongifolius (Aromatic aster) 1 ASTEOOLE Aster oolentangiensis (Sky-blue aster) (Crooked-stemmed aster) 3 ASTEPREN Aster prenanthoides 1 ASTEPUNI Aster puniceus (Red-stemmed aster) 3 ASTER Aster 2 ASTEUROP Aster urophyllus ATHYANGU Athyrium angustum (Lady fern) 18 BARBVULG Barbarea vulgaris (Yellow rocket, winter-cress) 1 2 BETUALLE Betula alleghaniensis 8 BETUPAPY Betula papyrifera (Paper birch) 1 BIDECERN Bidens cernua (Nodding bur-marigold) 1 BIDECOMO Bidens comosa (Red-stemmed aster) BIDEFRON 1 Bidens frondosa (Leafy beggar-ticks) (Bur-Marigold; Beggar-Ticks) 1 BIDENS Bidens 5 BLEPHIRS Blephilia hirsuta (Wood-mint) 3 BOTRVIRG Botrychium virginianum (Rattlesnake-fern) 2 BOUTCURT Bouteloua curtipendula (Side-oats grama) (Bearded short-husk) 9 BRACEREC Brachyelytrum erectum (Shorthusk) 1 BRACHYEL Brachyelytrum 1 BROMINER Bromus inermis (Smooth brome)

Summary of plant species for 33 selected releves.

#	SpCode	Species Name
1	BROMPUBE	Bromus pubescens
1	CALTPALU	Caltha palustris (Marsh marigold)
4	CAMPROTO	Campanula focunuiforia (nafebeli)
11	CAREALBU	Carex albursina
3	CAREAMPH	Carex amphibola var, turgida
8	CAREBLAN	Carex blanda
1	CARECOMO	Carex comosa
8	CARECONV	Carex convoluta
1	CARECRIS	Carex cristatella
1	CAREDEWE	Carex deweyana
3	CAREEBUR	Carex eburnea
1	CAREEMOR	Carex emoryi
8	CAREHIRT	Carex hirtifolia
1	CARELACU	Carex lacustris
1	CARELAE1	Carex laeviconica
1	CARELAE2	Carex laevivaginata
1	CARELANU	Carex lanuginosa
1	CAREOLI1	Carex oligocarpa
2	CAREPECK	Carex peckii
/	CAREPEDU	Carex pequnculata
1	CAREPENS	Carex pensylvanica
3	CARERICA	
1	CARESPAR	Carex sparganioides
1	CARESTIP	Carex stinata
1	CARESTRI	Carex stricta
· 1	CARETRIC	Carex trichocarpa
1	CAREVULP	Carex vulpinoidea
4	CAREWOOD	Carex woodii
7	CAREX	Carex (Sedge)
8	CARPCARO	Carpinus caroliniana ssp. virginiana (American hornbeam, blue beech)
11	CARYCORD	Carya cordiformis (Bitternut hickory)
16	CAULTHAL	Caulophyllum thalictroides (Blue cohosh)
1	CEANHERB	Ceanothus herbaceus (New Jersey tea)
10	CELTOCCI	Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry)
1	CERANUTA	Cerastium nutans
1	CHELGLAB	Chelone glabra (Turtlehead)
2	CHENOPOD	Chenopodium (Goosefoot)
1	CHRITOME	Chrysospienium lowense (Golden saxirrage)
<u>г</u>	CICUBULB	Cicuta buibliera (Buib-bearing Water-nemiock)
12	CIRCALPI	Circaea alpina (Small enchancer's high shade)
1	CIRCLOIE	Circaea Interiala sp. Canada thists (Enchancer's Hightshade)
1	CIRSDISC	Cirsium discolor (Field thistle)
7	CLAYVIRG	Claytonia virginica (Virginia spring-beauty)
1	CLEMVIRG	Clematis virginiana (Virginia bower)
1	CONC GNS	Clematis (moss)
1	CORAMACU	Corallorhiza maculata (Spotted coral-root)
17	CORNALTE	Corrug alternifelia (Deceda degreed)
1	COLUMNTE	Cornus arcernitoria (Pagoda dogwood)
8	CORNCANA	Cornus canadensis (Bunchberry)
	CORNCANA	Cornus foemina ssp. racemosa · (Gray dogwood)
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Summary of plant species for 33 selected releves.

SpCode Species Name Elymus canadensis ELYMCANA (Nodding wild-rye) (Bottlebrush grass) 11 ELYMHYST Elymus hystrix (Wild Rye) 2 ELYMUS Elymus 3 ELYMVILL Elymus villosus (Wild-rye) 3 ELYMVIRG Elymus virginicus (Wild-rye) 1 FLYMWIEG Elymus wiegandii (Wild-rye) Epilobium coloratum (Purple-leaved willow-herb) EPILCOLO 1 1 EOUIARVE Equisetum arvense (Field horsetail) EOUIFLUV Equisetum fluviatile 1 (Water horsetail) 1 EOUIHYEM Equisetum hyemale var. affine (Tall scouring-rush) EQUIVARI Equisetum variegatum (Variegated scouring-rush) 1 1 EQUIXXFE Equisetum ferrissii E. hyemale var. affine X E. laevigatum (Scouring-rush) ERIGPHIL (Philadelphia fleabane) 1 Erigeron philadelphicus 2 ERIGSTRI Erigeron strigosus (Daisy fleabane) 7 ERYTALBI Erythronium albidum (White trout-lily) EUONATRO Euonymus atropurpureus (Wahoo) 3 2 EUPAMACU Eupatorium maculatum (Spotted Joe-pye weed) Eupatorium perfoliatum (Common boneset) 1 EUPAPERF 1 EUPAPURP Eupatorium purpureum (Sweet Joe-pye weed) 7 (Common snakeroot) EUPARUGO Eupatorium rugosum 5 FESTOBTU Festuca obtusa (Nodding fescue) 1 FESTUCA (Fescue) Festuca FRAGVESC 1 Fragaria vesca ssp. americana (Wood strawberry) (Common strawberry) б FRAGVIRG Fragaria virginiana 10 FRAXAMER Fraxinus americana (White ash) 4 FRAXINUS Fraxinus (Ash) FRAXNIGR (Black ash) 12 Fraxinus nigra FRAXPENN 7 Fraxinus pennsylvanica (Green ash) 11 GALTAPAR Galium aparine (Cleavers) 8 GALIBORE Galium boreale ssp. septentrionale (Northern bedstraw) 14 GALICONC Galium concinnum GALITRI2 Galium triflorum 7 (Three-flowered bedstraw) 1 GENTALBA Gentiana alba 2 GENTOUIN Gentianella quinquefolia ssp. occidentalis (Stiff gentian) Geranium maculatum 20 GERAMACU (Wild geranium) 21 GEUMCANA Geum canadense (White avens) GEUMLACT Geum laciniatum var. trichocarpum (White avens) 1 GEUMTRIF 1 Geum triflorum (Prairie smoke) 6 GLECHEDE Glechoma hederacea (Creeping charlie) 1 GLYCSTRI Glyceria striata (Fowl manna grass) 2 GYMNROBE Gymnocarpium robertianum (Northern oak fern) Hackelia virginiana (Virginia stickseed) 2 HACKVIRG 2 HELEAUTU Helenium autumnale (Sneezeweed) 1 HELIGROS (Sawtooth sunflower) Helianthus grosseserratus 2 HELIHELT Heliopsis helianthoides ssp. occidentalis (Ox-eye) Helianthus rigidus (Stiff sunflower) 1 HELIRIGI 2 HELISTRU Helianthus strumosus (Woodland sunflower) 3 HELITUBE Helianthus tuberosus (Jerusalem artichoke) HEPAACUT Hepatica acutiloba (Sharp-lobed hepatica) 12 1 HERALANA Heracleum lanatum (Cow-parsnip) 1 HEUCRICH Heuchera richardsonii (Alum-root) HIERSCA2 Hieracium scabrum (Rough hawkweed) 1 Hydrophyllum appendiculatum (Appendaged waterleaf) 5 HYDRAPPE (Virginia waterleaf) HYDRVIRG 16 Hydrophyllum virginianum TMPACAPE (Spotted touch-me-not, jewel-we) 3 Impatiens capensis 4 TMPAPALL Impatiens pallida (Pale touch-me-not, jewel-weed) 7 TMPATTEN Impatiens (Balsam; Jewelweed) Iris virginica var. shrevei (Southern blue flag) 1 IRISVIRG 6 ISOPBITE Isopyrum biternatum (False rue-anemone) (Butternut) 4 JUGLCINE Juglans cinerea 7 JUGLNIGR Juglans nigra (Black walnut) 3 JUNIVIRG Juniperus virginiana (Red cedar) KUHNEUPA Kuhnia eupatorioides var. corymbulosa (False boneset) 2 LACTCANA (Canada wild lettuce) 1 Lactuca canadensis 14 LAPOCANA Laportea canadensis (Wood nettle) 1 LATHOCHR Lathyrus ochroleucus (Pale vetchling) 2 LATHVENO Lathyrus venosus var. intonsus (Veiny pea) LEERORYZ Leersia oryzoides (Rice cut grass) 1 2 LEERVIRG Leersia virginica (White grass) LEMNMINO Lemna minor (Lesser duckweed) 1 Lespedeza capitata (Round-headed bush-clover) 1 LESPCAPI

Summary of plant species for 33 selected releves. SpCode Species Name LIATASPE Liatris aspera (Rough blazing star) Lithospermum canescens (Hoary puccoon) 2 LITHCANE Lithospermum caroliniense ssp. croceum Lobelia siphilitica (Great lobelia) LITHCARO (Hairy puccoon) 1 3 LOBESTPH (Wild Honeysuckle) 1 LONIDIOI Lonicera dioica LONIMORR Lonicera morrowii 1 LONIPROL Lonicera prolifera (Grape honeysuckle) 8 (Tartarian Honeysuckle) 3 LONITATA Lonicera tatarica LUDWIGIA Ludwigia (False Loosestrife) 1 Lycopus uniflorus LYCOUNIF (Northern bugleweed) 1 Lysimachia ciliata (Fringed loosestrife) LYSTCILI 1 3 MAIACANA Maianthemum canadense (Canada mayflower) MARC GNS Maianthemum (moss) 1 2 MATTSTRU Matteuccia struthiopteris var. pensylvanica (Ostrich fern) 1 MEDISATI Medicago sativa (Alfalfa) Menispermum canadense (Canada moonseed) MENICANA (Virginia bluebells) MERTVIRG Mertensia virginica MITEDIPH Mitella diphylla (Miterwort) 12 Mitella nuda (Miterwort, naked bishop's-cap) 2 MITENUDA (Wild bergamot) MONAFIST Monarda fistulosa 1 (Indian pipe) MONOUNTE Monotropa uniflora 2 1 MUHLFRON Muhlenbergia frondosa (Swamp satin grass) OENOTHER Oenothera (Evening-Primrose) 1 ONOSMOLL Onosmodium molle 1 OSMOCLAY Osmorhiza claytonii (Sweet cicely) 8 7 OSMOLONG Osmorhiza longistylis (Anise-root) 8 OSMUCLAY Osmunda claytoniana (Interrupted fern) (Ironwood, hop hornbeam) 19 OSTRVIRG Ostrya virginiana (Wood-Sorrel; Sheep-Sorrel) OXALIS Oxalis 1 Panicum oligosanthes (Scribner's panic grass) 2 PANIOLIG (Virginia Creeper; Woodbine) 2 PARTHENO Parthenocissus 5 PARTINSE Parthenocissus inserta (Virginia creeper) Parthenocissus quinquefolia 9 PARTOUIN (Virginia creeper) PEDICANA Pedicularis canadensis (Wood-betony) 2 Petalostemon candidum (White prairie-clover) PETACAND PETAPURP Petalostemon purpureum (Purple prairie-clover) Phalaris arundinacea (Reed canary grass) Phlox divaricata ssp. laphamii (Blue Phlox) 4 PHALARUN PHLODIVA 8 Phlox pilosa ssp. fulgida (Prairie phlox, downy phlox) PHLOPTLO 1 4 PHRYLEPT Phryma leptostachya (Lopseed) 1 PHYSHETE Physalis heterophylla (Clammy ground-cherry) PHYSOPUL Physocarpus opulifolius (Ninebark) 1 PHYSVIR2 (Obedient Plant) 2 Physostegia virginiana (Clearweed) PILEA Pilea PILEPUMI Pilea pumila (Clearweed) 6 PINUSTRO Pinus strobus (White pine) PLANMAJO Plantago major (Common plantain) 1 (Rugel's plantain) 1 PLANRUGE Plantago rugelii 2 POA Poa (Blue Grass; Meadow Grass) POA COMP Poa compressa (Canada bluegrass) 1 Poa palustris POA PAL2 (Fowl meadow grass) 2 1 POA PRAT Poa pratensis (Kentucky bluegrass) 12 PODOPELT Podophyllum peltatum (May-apple, mandrake) 8 POLEREPT Polemonium reptans (Jacob's ladder) POLYCANA Polymnia canadensis (Leaf-cup) 3 Polygonatum commutatum (Giant Solomon's-seal) POLYCOMM 4 2 POLYVIR2 Polvgonum virginianum (Virginia knotweed) 1 POPUGRAN Populus grandidentata (Big-toothed aspen) 2 POPUTREM Populus tremuloides (Quaking aspen) 1 POTAFOLI Potamogeton foliosus 1 POTENTIL Potentilla (Cinquefoil) Prenanthes alba (White rattlesnake-root) 5 PRENALBA PRUNAMER Prunus americana (Wild plum) 9 PRUNSERO Prunus serotina (Black cherry) (Plum; Cherry) 1 PRUNUS Prunus Prunus virginiana PRUNVIRG (Chokecherry) 22 2 PRUNVULG Prunella vulgaris (Heal-all) 4 PTERAOUI Pteridium aquilinum var. latiusculum (Bracken) 1 PULSNUTT Pulsatilla nuttalliana (Pasque-flower) (Common pyrola) Pyrola elliptica 3 PYROELLI Quercus alba (White oak) 17 QUERALBA

Summary of plant species for 33 selected releves. SpCode Species Name QUERELLI Quercus ellipsoidalis (Northern pin oak) Quercus macrocarpa (Bur oak) 8 OUERMACR 17 OUERRUBR Quercus rubra (Northern red oak) RANUABOR Ranunculus abortivus (Kidney-leaf buttercup) 14 RANUHISP Ranunculus hispidus (Hispid buttercup) 6 (Gray-headed coneflower) RATIPINN Ratibida pinnata 1 5 RHAMALNT Rhamnus alnifolia (Alder-leaved buckthorn) 1 RHAMCATH Rhamnus cathartica (Common buckthorn) (moss) 1 RHODROSE Rhamnus roseum 1 RHUSGLAB Rhus glabra (Smooth sumac) 12 RHUSRADI Rhus radicans RHUSVARY Rhus radicans var. rydbergii (Poison ivy) 1 RIBEAMER 2 Ribes americanum (Wild black currant) 5 RIBECYNO Ribes cynosbati (Prickly gooseberry, dogberry) RIBEHUDS Ribes hudsonianum 3 (Northern black currant) RTREMTSS 25 Ribes missouriense 1 ROSABLAN Rosa blanda (Smooth wild rose) 4 RUBUOCCT Rubus occidentalis (Black raspberry) 2 RUBUPUBE Rubus pubescens (Dwarf blackberry) 9 RUBUSTRI Rubus strigosus (Red raspberry) 4 RUDBLACI Rudbeckia laciniata (Goldenglow) RUMEALTI 1 Rumex altissimus (Water dock) RUMECRIS Rumex crispus (Curly dock) 1 1 SAGILATI Sagittaria latifolia (Broad-leaved arrowhead) (Bebb's willow) Salix bebbiana SALIBEBB 1 1 SALINIGR Salix nigra (Black willow) 5 SAMBCANA Sambucus canadensis (Common Elder) 4 SAMBPUBE Sambucus pubens (Red-berried Elder) Sanguinaria canadensis 16 SANGCANA (Bloodroot) SANIGREG (Black snakeroot) 4 Sanicula gregaria 1 SANIMARI Sanicula marilandica (Black snakeroot) 2 SAXIPENS Saxifraga pensylvanica (Swamp saxifrage) (Little Bluestem) 2 SCHISCOP Schizachvrium scoparium 1 SCIRVALI Scirpus validus var. creber (Softstem bulsush) SCROMART Scrophularia marilandica (Figwort) 3 1 SCROPHUL Scrophularia (Figwort) 4 SCUTLATE Scutellaria lateriflora (Mad-dog skullcap) SENEAURE Senecio aureus (Golden ragwort) 1 1 SETAGLAU Setaria glauca (Yellow foxtail) SILENE Silene (Catchfly; Campion) 1 3 SILESTEL Silene stellata (Starry campion) (Compass-plant) Silphium laciniatum 1 SILPLACI 1 STLPPERF Silphium perfoliatum (Cup-plant) 2 SMILAX Smilax (Greenbrier; Catbrier) 11 SMILECIR Smilax ecirrata (Carrion-flower) 5 SMILHERB Smilax herbacea (Carrion-flower) (False Solomon's-seal) 14 SMILRACE Smilacina racemosa 2 SMILSTEL Smilacina stellata (Starry false Solomon's-seal) SOLICANA 6 Solidago canadensis SOLIFLEX Solidago flexicaulis (Zig-zag goldenrod) 17 SOLIGIGA Solidago gigantea (Giant goldenrod) 3 SOLIMISS Solidago missouriensis (Missouri goldenrod) 1 (Gray goldenrod) 1 SOLUTINEMO Solidago nemoralis (Stiff goldenrod) 2 SOLIRIGI Solidago rigida 1 SOLISPEC Solidago speciosa (Showy goldenrod) 8 SOLIULMI Solidago ulmifolia (Bog goldenrod) SORGNUTA 2 Sorghastrum nutans (Indian grass) 1 STACHYS Stachys (Hedge-Nettle) 3 STAPTRIF Staphylea trifolia (Bladdernut) 2 STELLARI Stellaria (Chickweed; Starwort) Symplocarpus foetidus 3 SYMPFOET (Skunk cabbage) 1 TAENINTE Taenidia integerrima (Yellow pimpernel) 4 TARAOFFI Taraxacum officinale (Common dandelion) TARAXACU Taraxacum (Dandelion) 1 Taxus canadensis 2 TAXUCANA (Canada yew) 2 THALDASY Thalictrum dasycarpum (Tall meadow rue) 16 THALDIOI Thalictrum dioicum (Early meadow rue) THALICTR Thalictrum (Meadow-Rue) 1 Tilia americana (Basswood) TILIAMER 26 Tragopogon dubius (Yellow goat's-beard) 1 TRAGDUBI 7 TRILFLEX Trillium flexipes (Declining trillium)

Summary of plant species for 33 selected releves.

#	SpCode	Species Name						
2	TRIOPER2	Triosteum perfoliatum (Horse-gentian)						
1	TRIOVAAU	Triosteum perfoliatum var. aurantiacum (Horse-gentian)						
16	ULMUAMER	Ulmus americana (American elm)						
18	ULMURUBR	Ulmus rubra (Red elm, slippery elm)						
4	ULMUS	Ulmus (Elm)						
3	ULMUTHOM	Ulmus thomasii (Rock elm)						
12	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN						
7	URTIDIOI	Urtica dioica ssp. gracilis (Stinging nettle)						
13	UVULGRAN	Uvularia grandiflora (Yellow bellwort)						
1	VERBHAST	Verbena hastata (Blue vervain)						
1	VERBURTI	Verbena urticifolia (White vervain)						
1	VERNONIA	Vernonia (Ironweed)						
1	VERONIC1	Veronicastrum (Culver's-Root)						
9	VIBULENT	Viburnum lentago (Nannyberry)						
11	VIBURAFI	Viburnum rafinesquianum (Downy arrowwood)						
3	VIBUTRIL	Viburnum trilobum (High-bush cranberry)						
1	VICIAMER	Vicia americana (American vetch)						
1	VIOLA	Viola (Violet)						
1	VIOLPED1	Viola pedata (Bird-foot violet)						
20	VIOLPUBE	Viola pubescens (Smooth yellow violet)						
7	VIOLSORO	Viola sororia (Common blue violet)						
12	VITIRIPA	Vitis riparia (Wild grape)						
13	ZANTAMER	Zanthoxylum americanum (Prickly-ash)						
1	ZIGAELEG	Zigadenus elegans (White camas)						
1	ZIZAVAIN	Zizania palustris var. interior						
1	ZIZIAPTE	Zizia aptera (Heart-leaved alexanders)						
-īēīō	total plant	records, 382 species from 33 releves.						

Releve Numbers included

4991	4979	4974	4975	4977	4813	4978	4971	4810	4976	4967	4980	4814	4960	4961
4973	4962	4963	4968	4965	4816	4812	4969	4809	4966	4981	4811	4964	4985	4815
4984	4970	4972												

## **APPENDIX 3. Description of Native Plant Community Types with Significance Tables**

## **Ecological Systems and Native Plant Community Types**

# **Fire Dependent System**

Dry Prairie - Bedrock Bluff Subtype Oak Woodland-Brushland

# **Mesic Forest System**

Oak Forest - Dry-Mesic Oak Forest - Mesic Maple Basswood forest White Pine - Hardwood Forest

# **Riparian System**

River Beach Lowland Hardwood Forest

# Wet Forest / Wet Meadow Systems

Black Ash Swamp - Seepage Subtype Seepage Meadow

# **Cliff System**

Dry Cliff Moist Cliff Talus Slope

## **Cold Karst System**

Talus Slope - Algific Subtype Moist Cliff - Maderate Subtype Northern Hardwood - Conifer Forest

## Dry Prairie - Bedrock Bluff Subtype

Total Area of Dry Bluff Prairie as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Dry Bluff Prairie (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	0.5	0 (0%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	9.7	2 (21%)
Fillmore County	370	-
Paleozoic Plateau	6546	-

### **General Description**

Dry bluff prairies within the Ecological Area occupy small openings with south to southwest aspects on upper slopes and on crests of narrow ridge-spurs. Within the park's Ecological Area, the only mapped bluff prairies are remnants on shallow soils over small benches of resistant limestone. There are also some small inclusions of prairie vegetation in narrow bands along cliff edges.

## Characteristic Shrub Species

Ninebark (Physocarpus opulifolius)

Lead-plant (Amorpha canescens) New Jersey tea (Ceanothus americanus)

#### **Characteristic Forb Species**

Aromatic aster (Aster oblongifolius)	Prairie bird-foot violet (Viola pedatifida)
Bastard toad-flax (Comandra umbellata)	Prairie phlox, downy phlox
Bird-foot violet (Viola pedata)	(Phlox pilosa ssp. fulgida)
Canada goldenrod (Solidago canadensis)	Prairie smoke (Geum triflorum)
Cleland's evening-primrose (Oenothera clelandii)	Purple prairie-clover (Petalostemon purpureum)
Compass-plant (Silphium laciniatum)	Rough blazing star (Liatris aspera)
False boneset (Kuhnia eupatorioides)	Rough hawkweed (Hieracium scabrum)
False gromwell (Onosmodium molle)	Round-headed bush-clover (Lespedeza capitata)
Flowering spurge (Euphorbia corollata)	Showy goldenrod (Solidago speciosa)
Gray goldenrod (Solidago nemoralis)	Smooth aster (Aster laevis)
Gray-headed coneflower (Ratibida pinnata)	Starry false Solomon's-seal (Smilacina stellata)
Green milkweed (Asclepias viridiflora)	Stiff gentian
Hairy puccoon	(Gentianella quinquefolia ssp. occidentalis)
(Lithospermum caroliniense ssp. croceum)	Stiff goldenrod (Solidago rigida)
Heart-leaved alexanders (Zizia aptera)	Stiff sunflower (Helianthus rigidus)
Heath aster (Aster ericoides)	Stiff tickseed (Coreopsis palmata)
Hoary puccoon (Lithospermum canescens)	Virginia mountain-mint
Leonard's skullcap (Scutellaria leonardi)	(Pycnanthemum virginianum)
Ox-eye (Heliopsis helianthoides ssp. occidentalis)	White prairie-clover (Petalostemon candidum)
Pasque-flower (Pulsatilla patens)	Wild bergamot (Monarda fistulosa)

### **Characteristic Graminoid Species**

Canada bluegrass (Poa compressa) Indian grass (Sorghastrum nutans) Little Bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium) Nodding wild-rye (Elymus canadensis) Panic grass (Panicum spp. = Dichanthelium spp.) Side-oats grama (Bouteloua curtipendula)

Total Area of Oak Woodland-Brushland as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Oak Woodland - Brushland (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	0	0 (0%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	25	0 (0%)
Fillmore County	460	-
Paleozoic Plateau	8183	-

## **Oak Woodland - Brushland**

### **General Description**

The one mapped occurrence of oak woodland within the Ecological Area is on a narrow ridge-spur between the South Branch Root River and a large ravine. The soils are silt loams originating from loess. Cobblestones are present and these occasionally form a dry talus slope. There are frequent exposures of bedrock. Woodlands have open to interrupted canopies and the shrub layer is patchy to dense (25-50% cover) with a diverse array of shrub species. All trees are about the same age and diameter, most are short with crown heights ranging from 30-45 feet. Patchy openings free of brush are dominated by Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*). Prairie forbs are found along the edge of the cliff. White oak (*Quercus alba*) and bur oaks (*Quercus macrocarpa*) are frequent on the thinner soils near cliff edges while northern pin oak occupies deeper soil on the ridge crest.

## **Dominant Tree Species**

White oak (Quercus alba)

Bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa) Northern pin oak (Quercus ellipsoidalis)

#### **Associate Canopy Tree Species**

Big-toothed aspen (Populus grandidentata) Butternut (Juglans cinerea) Paper birch (Betula papyrifera) Quaking aspen (Populus tremuloides) Red cedar (Juniperus virginiana) Red oak, northern (Quercus rubra) White pine (Pinus strobus)

#### **Characteristic Shrub Species**

American hazelnut (Corylus americana) Gray dogwood (Cornus foemina ssp. racemosa) Prickly-ash (Zanthoxylum americanum)

### **Characteristic Forb Species**

Columbine (Aquilegia canadensis) Elegant bedstraw (Galium concinnum) Golden alexanders (Zizia aurea) Northern bedstraw (Galium boreale ssp. septentrionale) Rough gerardia (Agalinis aspera) Stiff goldenrod (Solidago rigida) Stiff tickseed (Coreopsis palmata) Thimbleweed (Anemone cylindrica) Two-flowered Cynthia (Krigia biflora) Veiny pea (Lathyrus venosus var. intonsus) Wood-betony (Pedicularis canadensis)

## **Characteristic Graminoid Species**

Pennsylvanian sedge (Carex pensylvanica)

Side-oats grama (Bouteloua curtipendula)

Total Area of Dry Oak Forest as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Dry Oak Forests (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	13	13 (100%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	46	16 (35%)
Fillmore County	1060	-
Paleozoic Plateau	5877	_

## Dry Oak Forest

### **General Description**

Dry oak forests occupy narrow bands on upper slopes of steep bluffs and around cliffs associated with deeply-cut valley meanders. They have south to southwest aspects. The shallow soils are silt loams originating from loess. Cobblestones are often present and occasionally form a dry talus slope. There are frequent exposures of bedrock. Dry oak forests are dominated by bur oak, northern pin oak, paper birch and aspens. There is a distinct subcanopy and the shrub density is evenly dispersed to patchy. Many dry oak forests are unmapped inclusions within dry-mesic oak forest.

#### **Dominant Tree Species**

White oak (Quercus alba)

Bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa) Northern pin oak (Quercus ellipsoidalis)

## Associate Canopy Tree Species

American elm (Ulmus americana) Big-toothed aspen (Populus grandidentata) Black cherry (Prunus serotina) Paper birch (Betula papyrifera) Quaking aspen (Populus tremuloides) Red oak, northern (Quercus rubra) White ash (Fraxinus americana)

White ash (Fraxinus americana)

#### **Characteristic Subcanopy**

Ironwood, hop hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana)

Gray dogwood (Cornus foemina ssp. racemosa)

High-bush blackberry (Rubus allegheniensis)

American hazelnut (Corylus americana)

Black raspberry (Rubus occidentalis)

 Characteristic Shrub Layer

 Poison ivy (Rhus radicans)

 Prickly-ash (Zanthoxylum americanum)

 emosa)
 Red cedar (Juniperus virginiana)

#### **Characteristic Forb Species**

Golden alexanders (Zizia aurea) Heart-leaved aster (Aster cordifolius) Wild geranium (Geranium maculatum) Woodland sunflower (Helianthus strumosus)

#### **Characteristic Graminoid Species**

Mountain rice-grass (Oryzopsis asperifolia)

Pennsylvanian sedge (Carex pensylvanica)

Total Area of Mesic and Dry-mesic Oak Forests as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Mesic and Dry-mesic Oak Forests (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	1476	885 (58%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	1909	975 (51%)
Fillmore County	9650	-
Paleozoic Plateau	53709*	_

### **Dry-Mesic Oak Forest**

\* combined Oak forest and Oak forest mesic subtype

### **General Description**

Dry-mesic oak forests occupy upper slopes and broad ridge crests between the South Branch Root River and its tributaries. They are also found on exposed east or west facing bluffs. All dry-mesic oak forests are on level to gently sloping terrain. Most soils on ridge crests are silt loams derived from wind-blown sediments (loess). In one instance a dry-mesic oak forest grows on a large, bedrock terrace on the outside meander of the river where it is shallowly covered by glacial outwash deposits of sand and silt (sandy silt-loam). Karst holes are common in dry-mesic forests on large ridge crests and the surrounding plateau. Dry-mesic oak forests tend to have interrupted canopies, due to higher incidences of wind damage. The canopy is dominated mostly by white oak (*Quercus alba*) and northern pin oak (*Quercus ellipsoidalis*) with lesser amounts of red oak (*Quercus rubra*). Shrub canopy is patchy to dense.

## **Dominant Tree Species**

Northern pin oak (Quercus ellipsoidalis) Red oak, northern (Quercus rubra) White oak (Quercus alba)

### **Associate Canopy Trees Species**

Basswood (Tilia americana) Big-toothed aspen (Populus grandidentata) Bitternut hickory (Carya cordiformis) Black cherry (Prunus serotina) Black walnut (Juglans nigra) Bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa) Butternut (Juglans cinerea) Green ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) Paper birch (Betula papyrifera) Quaking aspen (Populus tremuloides) Red elm, slippery elm (Ulmus rubra) White ash (Fraxinus americana) White pine (Pinus strobus)

#### Characteristic Subcanopy

Ironwood, hop hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana)

#### Characteristic Shrub Layer

American hazelnut (Corylus americana) Black raspberry (Rubus occidentalis) Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana) Climbing bittersweet (Celastrus scandens) Downy arrowwood (Viburnum rafinesquianum) Gray dogwood (Cornus foemina ssp. racemosa) Juneberry - species unknown - (Amelanchier spp.) Missouri gooseberry (Ribes missouriense) Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago) Pagoda dogwood (Cornus alternifolia) Poison ivy (Rhus radicans) Prickly-ash (Zanthoxylum americanum) Prickly gooseberry, dogberry (Ribes cynosbati) Smooth wild rose (Rosa blanda) Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia) Wild grape (Vitis riparia)

### **Characteristic Forb Species**

Agrimony (Agrimonia gryposepala) Black snakeroot (Sanicula gregaria) Elm-leaved goldenrod (Solidago ulmifolia) Bracken fern

(Pteridium aquilinum var. latiusculum) Common pyrola (Pyrola elliptica) Common snakeroot (Eupatorium rugosum) Early meadow rue (Thalictrum dioicum) Elegant bedstraw (Galium concinnum) Golden alexanders (Zizia aurea) Hog-peanut (Amphicarpaea bracteata) Horse-gentian

(Triosteum perfoliatum var. aurantiacum) Horse-gentian (Triosteum perfoliatum) Jacob's ladder (Polemonium reptans) Lopseed (Phryma leptostachya) Pointed-leaved tick-trefoil

(Desmodium glutinosum)

Poke milkweed (Asclepias exaltata) Rattlesnake-fern (Botrychium virginianum) Rough bedstraw (Galium asprellum) Spotted coral-root (Corallorhiza maculata) Sweet cicely (Osmorhiza claytonii) Thimbleweed (Anemone virginiana) Virginia stickseed (Hackelia virginiana) Wild geranium (Geranium maculatum) Wood-betony (Pedicularis canadensis)

### Characteristic Graminoids

Dewey's sedge (Carex deweyana) Long-stalked sedge (Carex pedunculata) Pennsylvanian sedge (Carex pensylvanica) Right-angle sedge (Carex normalis) Sparganium-like sedge (Carex sparganioides)

Total Area of Mesic and Dry-mesic Oak Forests as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Mesic and Dry-mesic Oak Forests (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	1476	885 (58%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	1909	975 (51%)
Fillmore County	9650	-
Paleozoic Plateau	53709*	-

## **Mesic Oak Forest**

\* combined Oak forest and Oak forest mesic subtype

## **General Description**

Mesic oak forests occupy well-drained moist areas on lower slopes and terraces, especially in ravines and small valleys. They are also found on steep, mid to upper slopes on a talus of limestone cobble. Soils are nutrient-poor silt loams derived from alluvial or colluvial deposits or clay loams with cobblestones. Mesic oak forests have closed canopies dominated by red oak (*Quercus rubra*) with lesser amounts of white oak (*Quercus alba*), basswood (*Tilia american*) and sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*). Sugar maples dominate the subcanopy layer and densely shade the herbaceous and sparse shrub layers.

## **Dominant Tree Species**

Red oak, northern (Quercus rubra)

#### Associate Canopy Tree Species

Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)

Basswood (Tilia americana) Bitternut hickory (Carya cordiformis)

#### **Characteristic Subcanopy**

Red elm, slippery elm (Ulmus rubra) Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)

American elm (Ulmus americana) American hornbeam (Carpinus caroliniana ssp. virginiana) Juneberry - species unknown -(Amelanchier spp.)

#### **Characteristic Shrub Layer**

American hazelnut (Corylus americana) Black raspberry (Rubus occidentalis) Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana) Climbing bittersweet (Celastrus scandens) Downy arrowwood (Viburnum rafinesquianum) Gray dogwood (Cornus foemina ssp. racemosa) Juneberry - species unknown - (Amelanchier spp.) Missouri gooseberry (Ribes missouriense) Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago) Pagoda dogwood (Cornus alternifolia) Poison ivy (Rhus radicans) Prickly-ash (Zanthoxylum americanum) Prickly gooseberry, dogberry (Ribes cynosbati) Smooth wild rose (Rosa blanda) Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia) Wild grape (Vitis riparia)

### **Characteristic Forb Layer**

Bloodroot (Sanguinaria canadensis) Blue cohosh (Caulophyllum thalictroides) Blue Phlox (Phlox divaricata ssp. laphamii) Blunt-lobed woodsia (Woodsia obtusa) Bulblet fern (Cystopteris bulbifera) Canada moonseed (Menispermum canadense) Cleavers (Galium aparine) Enchanter's nightshade

(Circaea lutetiana ssp. canadensis) Erect carrion-flower (Smilax ecirrata) Honewort (Cryptotaenia canadensis) Indian pipe (Monotropa uniflora) Interrupted fern (Osmunda claytoniana) Lady fern (Athyrium angustum) Maidenhair fern (Adiantum pedatum) Maryland figwort (Scrophularia marilandica) Pale vetchling (Lathyrus ochroleucus) Smooth yellow violet (Viola pubescens) Spinulose shield fern (Dryopteris carthusiana) Starry campion (Silene stellata) Stinging nettle (Urtica dioica ssp. gracilis) Virginia stickseed (Hackelia virginiana) White avens (Geum canadense) Wild ginger (Asarum canadense) Wild sarsaparilla (Aralia nudicaulis) Wood anemone (Anemone quinquefolia var. bifolia)

Yellow bellwort (Uvularia grandiflora) Yellow lady-slipper (Cypripedium calceolus) Zig-zag goldenrod (Solidago flexicaulis)

#### Characteristic Graminoids

Dewey's sedge (Carex deweyana) Long-stalked sedge (Carex pedunculata) Pennsylvanian sedge (Carex pensylvanica) Right-angle sedge (Carex normalis) Sparganium-like sedge (Carex sparganioides) Sprengel's sedge (Carex sprengelii) Wood-straw sedge (Carex tenera var. echinodes) Rolled-up sedge (Carex convoluta (= C. rosea)) Nodding fescue (Festuca obtusa) Graceful sedge (Carex gracillima)

Total Area of Maple-basswood Forests as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Maple-basswood Forests (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	164	39 (24%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	273	61 (22%)
Fillmore County	2170	-
Paleozoic Plateau	13280	-

## **Maple-Basswood Forest**

## **General Description**

Maple-basswood forests occur on various landforms that receive only indirect sunlight: 1) on northfacing, lower slopes extending on to channeled floodplains of small to medium sized valleys, 2) at the base of high bluffs formed by bedrock escarpments bordering the South Branch Root River, 3) within narrow, lateral ravines that steeply cut into the bluffs, and 4) surrounding upland springs on small bench terraces. Soils are a mixture of organic material, silt and cobblestones that accumulates as colluvium. Rich maple-basswood forests – which are the most floristically diverse forests – have soils with a high organic content. These are comprised of fine, silty loams that are dark, moist and friable. Upslope, maple-basswood forests are drier with less organic material as they grade into mesic red oak forests.

In maple-basswood forests, where the combination of low light and high moisture is secure, dependable niches develop for obligate species exclusively adapted to such conditions. Often maplebasswood forests occupy land where these ecological conditions are enhanced, especially near springs and seeps at the bases of high bluffs or within deep, narrow valleys or ravines. Older maplebasswood forests are biologically diverse communities with rich productive soils. In a natural landscape dominated by drier forests, they maximize biological diversity by moderating the extreme summer climate. In the past these forests were protected from fire. Rich maple-basswood forests are relatively small in area. They are generally long and linear in configuration along bluffs or isolated, circular patches within ravings or surrounding seeps on terraces and slopes. The rarest plants are often found in the wettest, darkest microhabitats that may be less than a few feet wide.

### **Dominant Tree Species**

Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)

Basswood (Tilia americana) Red oak, northern (Quercus rubra)

American elm (Ulmus americana)

Black ash (Fraxinus nigra)

Butternut (Juglans cinerea)

### **Associate Canopy Tree Species**

Red elm, slippery elm (Ulmus rubra) White oak (Quercus alba)

Characteristic Subcanopy

American elm *(Ulmus americana)* American hornbeam

(Carpinus caroliniana ssp. virginiana) Bitternut hickory (Carya cordiformis) Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana) Dotted hawthorn (Crataegus punctata) Ironwood, hop hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana) Red elm, slippery elm (Ulmus rubra) Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)
#### **Characteristic Shrub Layer**

American hornbeam

(Carpinus caroliniana ssp. virginiana) Beaked hazelnut (Corylus cornuta) Bladdernut (Staphylea trifolia) Bush honeysuckle (Diervilla lonicera) Canada moonseed (Menispermum canadense) Grape honeysuckle (Lonicera prolifera) Leatherwood (Dirca palustris) Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago) Pagoda dogwood (Cornus alternifolia) Prickly gooseberry, dogberry (Ribes cynosbati) Wahoo (Euonymus atropurpureus)

#### **Characteristic Forb Species**

Blue cohosh (Caulophyllum thalictroides) Bulblet fern (Cystopteris bulbifera) Cut-leaved toothwort (Dentaria laciniata) Declining trillium (Trillium flexipes) Dutchman's-breeches (Dicentra cucullaria) Early meadow rue (Thalictrum dioicum) Erect carrion-flower (Smilax ecirrata) False rue-anemone (Isopyrum biternatum) Fragile fern (Cystopteris fragilis) Hispid buttercup (Ranunculus hispidus) Lady fern (Athyrium angustum) Leaf-cup (Polymnia canadensis) Maidenhair fern (Adiantum pedatum) May-apple, mandrake (Podophyllum peltatum) Miterwort (Mitella diphylla) Ostrich fern

(Matteuccia struthiopteris var. pensylvanica) Protruding fragile fern (Cystopteris protrusa) Purple giant-hyssop (Agastache scrophulariaefolia) Red baneberry (Actaea rubra) Rue-anemone (Anemonella thalictroides) Sharp-lobed hepatica (Hepatica acutiloba) Smooth yellow violet (Viola pubescens) Three-flowered bedstraw (Galium triflorum) Three-leaved black snakeroot (Sanicula trifoliata) Virginia spring-beauty (Claytonia virginica) Virginia waterleaf (Hydrophyllum virginianum) White rattlesnake-root (Prenanthes alba) White trout-lily (Erythronium albidum) Wild ginger (Asarum canadense) Wild leek (Allium burdickii) Wild leek (Allium tricoccum) Wood anemone (Anemone quinquefolia var. bifolia)

Wood-mint (Blephilia hirsuta) Wood nettle (Laportea canadensis) Yellow bellwort (Uvularia grandiflora) Zig-zag goldenrod (Solidago flexicaulis)

### Characteristic Graminoid Species

Charming sedge (Carex blanda) Downy brome (Bromus pubescens) Few-fruited sedge (Carex oligocarpa) Graceful sedge (Carex gracillima) Hairy-leaved sedge (Carex hirtifolia) Hitchcock's sedge (Carex hitchcockiana) James' sedge (Carex jamesii) Long-stalked sedge (Carex pedunculata) Rolled-up sedge (Carex convoluta (= C. rosea)) White-bear sedge (Carex albursina) Wild-rye (Elymus villosus) Wood's sedge (Carex woodii)

Total Area of White Pine - Hardwood Forest as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> White Pine - Hardwood Forest (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	27.6	26.5 (96%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	61	44 (73%)
Fillmore County	430	-
Paleozoic Plateau	1465*	_

### White Pine - Hardwood Forest

\* includes all subtypes

### **General Description**

Naturally occurring stands of white pine (*Pinus strobus*) are characteristically found on shallow, silty soils over bedrock in narrow bands along cliff margins and bedrock terraces. These substrates are generally dry to dry-mesic but have some mesic inclusions due to the uneven terrain. On one bluff in the main park, overlooking the South Branch Root River, white pine stands are at several elevations on bench terraces created by different types of bedrock (Stewartville, Prosser and Platteville). Other stands grow midslope on sand residuum above St. Peter Sandstone and on dry talus slopes below limestone cliffs. White pines are also on rocky escarpments within areas mapped as northern hardwood conifer forests. The herbaceous flora beneath the white pines varies according to canopy closure and soil moisture. The following species list is organized to express these distinctions observed within the map unit.

No white pines were recorded during the original land survey in uplands of the main park. However, according to Winchell and Upham (1884), presettlement pine did exist along the rivers in Fillmore County but these were all cut for lumber. The oldest, extant pines within the Ecological Area are estimated to be about 120 years old and have originated since Euroamerican settlement. White pine appears to reproduce under its own canopy on steep bluffs and shallow soils over bedrock. Within the main park, white pine stands have trees in nearly all age classes which indicates a healthy and stable meta-population.

### Dominant Tree Species

White pine (Pinus strobus)

Red cedar (Juniperus virginiana)

Red oak, northern (Quercus rubra)

Sugar maple (Acer saccharum) White oak (Quercus alba)

Associate Canopy Tree Species

Bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa) Paper birch (Betula papyrifera)

### **Characteristic Subcanopy**

Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)

American elm (Ulmus americana) Ironwood, hop hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana)

### Characteristic Shrub Layer

#### American hornbeam

(Carpinus caroliniana ssp. virginiana) Bitternut hickory (Carya cordiformis) Bush honeysuckle (Diervilla lonicera) Canada yew (Taxus canadensis) Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana) Downy arrowwood (Viburnum rafinesquianum) Leatherwood (Dirca palustris) Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago) Poison ivy (Rhus radicans) Prickly gooseberry, dogberry (Ribes cynosbati) Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)

### Characteristic Forb Species Co-occurrences in open canopies

Alum-root (Heuchera richardsonii) Bird-foot violet (Viola pedata) Harebell (Campanula rotundifolia) Hoary puccoon (Lithospermum canescens) Lead-plant (Amorpha canescens) Northern bedstraw (Galium boreale ssp. septentrionale) Plantain-leaved pussytoes (Antennaria plantaginifolia) Prairie phlox, downy phlox (Phlox pilosa ssp. fulgida) Round-headed bush-clover (Lespedeza capitata) Thimbleweed (Anemone virginiana) Wood-betony (Pedicularis canadensis)

### Characteristic Forb Species Co-occurrences in partial canopies of dry-mesic forests

Canada mayflower (Maianthemum canadense) Columbine (Aquilegia canadensis) Common burdock (Arctium minus) Common pyrola (Pyrola elliptica) Elegant bedstraw (Galium concinnum) Elm-leaved goldenrod (Solidago ulmifolia) Giant Solomon's-seal (Polygonatum commutatum) Golden alexanders (Zizia aurea) Heart-leaved aster (Aster cordifolius) Honewort (Cryptotaenia canadensis)

### Interrupted fern (Osmunda claytoniana) Lopseed (Phryma leptostachya) Sharp-lobed hepatica (Hepatica acutiloba) Smooth yellow violet (Viola pubescens) Sweet cicely (Osmorhiza claytonii) Virginia stickseed (Hackelia virginiana) White rattlesnake-root (Prenanthes alba) Wild geranium (Geranium maculatum) Wild sarsaparilla (Aralia nudicaulis) Woodland sunflower (Helianthus strumosus)

### Characteristic Graminoid Species Co-occurrences in partial canopies of dry-mesic forests

Mountain rice-grass (Oryzopsis asperifolia)

Pennsylvanian sedge (Carex pensylvanica)

# Characteristic Forb Species

### Co-occurrences in closed canopy mesic forests

Bloodroot (Sanguinaria canadensis) Blue cohosh (Caulophyllum thalictroides) Early meadow rue (Thalictrum dioicum) Kidney-leaf buttercup (Ranunculus abortivus) Maidenhair fern (Adiantum pedatum) Sandwort (Arenaria lateriflora) Starry campion (Silene stellata) Wild ginger (Asarum canadense) Wood anemone (Anemone quinquefolia var. bifolia)

### **Characteristic Graminoid Species**

### Co-occurrences in closed canopies of mesic forests

Bearded short-husk (Brachyelytrum erectum) Charming sedge (Carex blanda) Long-stalked sedge (Carex pedunculata) Rolled-up sedge (Carex convoluta (= C. rosea)) White-bear sedge (Carex albursina)

Total Area of River Beach as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> River Beach (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	0	-
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	4	-
Fillmore County	30	
Paleozoic Plateau	141	_

# **River Beach**

# **General Description**

River beach is a sparsely vegetated community occurring on gravel and cobble limestone along banks of the South Branch Root River. The vegetation is zonal, usually with a distinct upper beach zone and one to several lower beach zones. This zonation is caused by periodic differences in exposure during the growing season as river levels fluctuate. There were no ecological ranks assigned to river beach communities found within the Ecological Area.

Total Area of Lowland Hardwood Forest as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Lowland Hardwood Forest (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	296	108 (39%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	329	151 (46%)
Fillmore County	1400	-
Paleozoic Plateau	3486	_

### Lowland Hardwood Forest

### **General Description**

Lowland hardwood forests are a complex of dominant species occupying the modern alluvium of small to medium sized tributaries of the South Branch Root River. While flooding within the park can be intense, flood events are usually of brief duration and standing water is quickly removed. The alluvial silts and sands on these terraces are well drained by numerous old channels that form a network of mounds and ridges amid a series of depressions in meander scars. The distribution of vegetation within riparian forests is determined primarily by the flooding regime (intensity, frequency and duration) and by soil depth to the water table. Stream banks are between 2-10 feet in height indicating that the water table is well below the rooting zone of most flood-intolerant species. Stream beds are lined with cobblestones accumulated by glacial outwash. Shallow depressions on the terrace are ephemeral pools filled by Spring meltwater and become dry during Summer unless fed by groundwater. Much of the modern streambed rests upon impermeable limestone interbedded with shale layers. The shale creates a perched water table manifested by small inclusions of black ash swamps and seepage meadows. The valleys begin to widen where streams cut through the Platteville limestone into the softer, underlying St. Peter Sandstone.

The canopy is very diverse with several sun-loving species such as black walnut (Juglans nigra), Peach-leaved willow (Salix amygdaloides), bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa), box elder (Acer negundo) and cottonwood (Populus deltoides). However, large shade-tolerant trees are also common, for example: red elm (Ulmus rubra), rock elm (Ulmus thomasii), hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) and black maple (Acer nigra). In some stands, sugar maple (Acer saccharum) and basswood (*Tilia americana*) are co-dominants with black ash (*Fraxinus nigra*). This heterogeneous structure and composition is due in large part to the constantly meandering streams and the varying depths of the alluvium to the water table. High quality lowland hardwood forests have an interrupted canopy (50-75% cover) dominated by large trees with crown heights up to 120 feet and trunk girth of 20-30 inches DBH. One high quality stand within the main park has the best population of rock elms observed by MCBS in the Root River Valley. Several rock elms were recorded with diameters up to 24 inches. The subcanopy varies considerably ranging from sunny areas, where immature trees and saplings are absent, to darkly shaded areas, where young and immature trees are dense. Some riparian forests have scattered trees or groves of trees and no subcanopy. Others resemble woodlands dense with brush. Mesic well-drained areas are similar to rich maple-basswood forests with spring ephemerals that are later overshadowed by wood nettles.

#### **Dominant Tree Species**

Black maple (Acer nigrum) Box elder (Acer negundo)

Basswood (Tilia americana)

Black walnut (Juglans nigra)

Black willow (Salix nigra)

Butternut (Juglans cinerea)

Black ash (Fraxinus nigra)

Box elder (Acer negundo)

American elm (Ulmus americana)

American elm (Ulmus americana)

Bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa) Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)

#### **Associate Canopy Tree Species**

Cottonwood (Populus deltoides) Green ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) Red elm, slippery elm (Ulmus rubra) Rock elm (Ulmus thomasii)

### **Characteristic Subcanopy Layer**

Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana) Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) Rock elm (Ulmus thomasii)

### **Characteristic Shrub Layer**

Black raspberry (Rubus occidentalis) Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana) Common Elder (Sambucus canadensis) Dotted hawthorn (Crataegus punctata) Missouri gooseberry (Ribes missouriense) Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago) Prickly-ash (Zanthoxylum americanum) Silky willow (Salix sericea) Wahoo (Euonymus atropurpureus)

#### Characteristic Forb Species

#### Angelica

(Angelica atropurpurea var. occidentalis) Anise-root (Osmorhiza longistylis) Canada goldenrod (Solidago canadensis) Clearweed (Pilea pumila) Cleavers (Galium aparine) Common burdock (Arctium minus) Common snakeroot (Eupatorium rugosum) Cow-parsnip (Heracleum lanatum) False rue-anemone (Isopyrum biternatum) False Solomon's-seal (Smilacina racemosa) Giant goldenrod (Solidago gigantea) Goldenglow (Rudbeckia laciniata) Honewort (Cryptotaenia canadensis) Jack-in-the-pulpit (Arisaema triphyllum) Jerusalem artichoke (Helianthus tuberosus) Leafy beggar-ticks (Bidens frondosa)

Maryland figwort (Scrophularia marilandica) Maryland figwort (Scrophularia marilandica) Stinging nettle (Urtica dioica ssp. gracilis) Sweet cicely (Osmorhiza claytonii) Tall bellflower (Campanula americana) Tall meadow rue (Thalictrum dasycarpum) Three-flowered bedstraw (Galium triflorum) Virginia bluebells (Mertensia virginica) Virginia knotweed (Polygonum virginianum) Virginia knotweed (Polygonum virginianum) Virginia waterleaf (Hydrophyllum virginianum) White avens (Geum canadense) White vervain (Verbena urticifolia) Wild cucumber (Echinocystis lobata) Wood-mint (Blephilia hirsuta) Wood nettle (Laportea canadensis)

#### Forbs of Alluvial Maple-basswood Lowlands

Appendaged waterleaf

(Hydrophyllum appendiculatum) Blue cohosh (Caulophyllum thalictroides) Blue Phlox (Phlox divaricata ssp. laphamii) Common blue violet (Viola sororia) Cut-leaved toothwort (Dentaria laciniata) Declining trillium (Trillium flexipes) False rue-anemone (Isopyrum biternatum) Hispid buttercup (Ranunculus hispidus) Kidney-leaf buttercup (Ranunculus abortivus) May-apple, mandrake (Podophyllum peltatum) Stinging nettle (Urtica dioica ssp. gracilis) Virginia bluebells (Mertensia virginica) Virginia spring-beauty (Claytonia virginica) Virginia waterleaf (Hydrophyllum virginianum) White avens (Geum canadense) White trout-lily (Erythronium albidum) Wild ginger (Asarum canadense) Wild leek (Allium tricoccum) Wild leek (Allium burdickii) Wood nettle (Laportea canadensis)

### **Characteristic Graminoid Species**

Ambiguous sedge (Carex amphibola var. turgida)Sprengel's sedge (Carex sprengelii)Bottlebrush grass (Elymus hystrix)Stout woodreed (Cinna arundinacea)Charming sedge (Carex blanda)White grass (Leersia virginica)Emory's sedge (Carex emoryi)White-bear sedge (Carex albursina)Reed canary grass (Phalaris arundinacea)Wild-rye (Elymus villosus)Rice cut grass (Leersia oryzoides)Wild-rye (Elymus wiegandii)

Total Area of Black Ash Seepage Swamp as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acres	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Black Ash Swamps (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	19	6.8 (37%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	19	6.8 (37%)
Fillmore County	20	-
Paleozoic Plateau	28*	_

### **Black Ash Swamps - Seepage Subtype**

\*includes Black Ash Swamp (not included is 59 acres of Mixed Hardwood Swamp)

### **General Description**

Black ash swamps are native plant communities found as inclusions on footslopes within lowland hardwood forests, or on midslopes within upland forests on terraces and ravines where seeps accentuate a clear demarcation between maples and red oaks. These forested wetlands are perched on impervious bedrock where standing water is maintained by springs emerging from exposures of Decorah shale and Platteville limestone. Within valleys of the park, springs emerge at elevations between 1120 and 1160 feet corresponding to various topographic positions ranging from footslopes to midslopes depending on the depth of the floodplain relative to the impervious layer of bedrock. On steep slopes, springs cascade directly to the floodplain. On level areas of floodplains, bedrock terraces, or ravine floors, these springs form seepage pools dominated by black ash and surrounded by mesic forests. In general, black ash seepage swamps are less than one acre in size. Often they are longer than wide (e.g., 100 x 30 feet). Shale-derived clay soils line the swamp basin and the soil is a peaty muck created by decomposition of herbaceous plants and detritus. Water flows in rivulets over saturated mud or pools in depressions around hummocks of black ash.

The black ash canopy is patchy (25-50% cover). The majority of trees are about 10 inches DBH, but sometimes they appear as a super canopy with girths between 15-20 inches DBH and crown heights up to 120 feet. Trees of this size class have been aged between 100-178 rings (Table 5). Smaller trees could be of similar age due to the stringent growing conditions imposed by saturated soil. The subcanopy usually fills the gaps created by the canopy, varying between interrupted to continuous cover (50-100%). The understory is comprised of trees of different heights, ranging from 15-60 feet. The herbaceous flora is a heterogeneous mix of mesic forest herbs and wetland herbs characteristic of wet meadows. The swamps in the park are often ringed by lawns of the narrow-leaved, Wood's sedge (Carex woodii).

> **Dominant Tree Species** Black ash (Fraxinus nigra)

**Associate Canopy Tree Species** 

(mostly from adjacent Maple-basswood Forest)

Basswood (Tilia americana) Bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa) Red oak, northern (Quercus rubra) Sugar maple (Acer saccharum) White oak (Quercus alba)

### **Characteristic Subcanopy Layer**

Basswood (Tilia americana) Black ash (Fraxinus nigra) Box elder (Acer negundo)

Green ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) Red elm, slippery elm (Ulmus rubra) Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)

#### Characteristic Shrub Layer

(mostly from adjacent Maple-basswood Forest)

### American hornbeam

(Carpinus caroliniana ssp. virginiana) Bladdernut (Staphylea trifolia) Common Elder (Sambucus canadensis) Dotted hawthorn (Crataegus punctata) Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago) Prickly gooseberry, dogberry (Ribes cynosbati) Wahoo (Euonymus atropurpureus)

### Characteristic Forb Species

#### Appendaged waterleaf

(Hydrophyllum appendiculatum) Crooked-stemmed aster (Aster prenanthoides) Cup-plant (Silphium perfoliatum) Golden ragwort (Senecio aureus) Great lobelia (Lobelia siphilitica) Jack-in-the-pulpit (Arisaema triphyllum) Leaf-cup (Polymnia canadensis) Mad-dog skullcap (Scutellaria lateriflora) Marsh marigold (Caltha palustris) Nodding wild onion (Allium cernuum) Purple giant-hyssop (Agastache scrophulariaefolia) Skunk cabbage (Symplocarpus foetidus) Spotted touch-me-not, jewel-weed (Impatiens capensis) Spring cress (Cardamine bulbosa) Swamp saxifrage (Saxifraga pensylvanica) Tall scouring-rush (Equisetum hyemale var. affine) Turtlehead (Chelone glabra) Virginia waterleaf (Hydrophyllum virginianum) Wood nettle (Laportea canadensis)

#### **Characteristic Graminoid Species**

Downy brome (Bromus pubescens) Hairy-leaved sedge (Carex hirtifolia) Long-stalked sedge (Carex pedunculata) Stout woodreed (Cinna arundinacea) White grass (Leersia virginica) White-bear sedge (Carex albursina) Wild-rye (Elymus virginicus) Wood's sedge (Carex woodii)

Total Area of Seepage Meadow as Mapped by MCBS	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Seepage Meadow (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	6.5	2.3 (35%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	7.3	2.3 (31%)
Fillmore County	30	-
Paleozoic Plateau	713	-

### Seepage Meadow

### **General Description**

Seepage meadows are open wetlands perched on impervious bedrock where standing water is maintained by springs emerging from exposures of Decorah shale and Platteville limestone. The soil is a peaty muck created by complete decomposition of the herbaceous wetland plants and detritus. Clay derived from shale lines the basin of the meadow allowing the water to form pools. These treeless wetlands form where the modern alluvium rests upon valley floors at the same elevation as shale (which prevents infiltration) and limestone (which prevents surface runoff by its resistence to channel erosion). They are also found on bedrock bench terraces where Platteville limestone is exposed. In one instance, an oxbow channel of the Root River receives groundwater from the base of the adjacent bluff creating an emergent marsh 2-4 feet in depth. It is dominated by wild rice and the pool is filled with Chara, a calcium-loving algae large enough to be confused as a vascular plant. The marsh then drains into a broad channel dominated by sedges.

### **Dominant Tree Species**

Peach-leaved willow (Salix amygdaloides)

#### **Characteristic Shrub Layer**

**Characteristic Forb Species** 

Bebb's willow (Salix bebbiana) False indigo (Amorpha fruticosa) Red-osier dogwood (Cornus stolonifera)

#### Angelica

(Angelica atropurpurea var. occidentalis) Broad-leaved arrowhead (Sagittaria latifolia) Broad-leaved arrowhead (Sagittaria latifolia). Common boneset (Eupatorium perfoliatum) Giant goldenrod (Solidago gigantea) Glade mallow (Napaea dioica) Golden ragwort (Senecio aureus) Great Indian-plantain (Cacalia muhlenbergii) Leafy beggar-ticks (Bidens frondosa) Mad-dog skullcap (Scutellaria lateriflora) Marsh marigold (Caltha palustris) Nodding bur-marigold (Bidens cernua) Northern bugleweed (Lycopus uniflorus) Northern marsh-fern (Thelypteris palustris) Obedient Plant (Physostegia virginiana) Purple-leaved willow-herb (Epilobium coloratum) Red-stemmed aster (Aster puniceus) Rough avens (Geum laciniatum var. trichocarpum) Skunk cabbage (Symplocarpus foetidus) Sneezeweed (Helenium autumnale) Snowy campion (Silene nivea) Northern blue flag Iris (Iris versicolor) Spring cress (Cardamine bulbosa) Starry false Solomon's-seal (Smilacina stellata) Swamp milkweed (Asclepia incarnata) Swamp saxifrage (Saxifraga pensylvanica) Tufted beggar-ticks (Bidens comosa)

Water horsetail (Equisetum fluviatile)

#### **Characteristic Graminoid Layer**

Awl-fruited sedge (Carex stipata) Bluejoint (Calamagrostis canadensis) Bristly sedge (Carex comosa) Broad-leaved cattail (Typha latifolia) Common reed (Phragmites australis) Crested sedge (Carex cristatella) Dark green bulrush (Scirpus atrovirens) Emory's sedge (Carex emoryi) Fowl manna grass (Glyceria striata) Fowl meadow grass (Poa palustris) Fox sedge (Carex vulpinoidea) Hairy-fruited sedge (Carex trichocarpa) Inland sedge (Carex interior) Lake sedge (Carex lacustris) Porcupine sedge (Carex hystericina) Prairie sedge (Carex prairea) Prairie wedge-grass (Sphenopholis obtusata) Red top (Agrostis stolonifera) Retrorse sedge (Carex retrorsa) Rice cut grass (Leersia oryzoides) River bulrush (Scirpus fluviatilis) Smooth-cone sedge (Carex laeviconica) Smooth-sheathed sedge (Carex laevivaginata) Tussock sedge (Carex stricta) Wooly sedge (Carex lanuginosa)

### Other Species of Interest

Large algae (Chara spp.) Elodea (Elodea canadensis) Lesser duckweed (Lemna minor) Wild rice (Zizania palustris var. interior)

Total Area of Dry Cliff as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Dry Cliff (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	2	0 (0%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	81	38 (47%)
Fillmore County	1290	-
Paleozoic Plateau	1596	_

# Dry Çliff

## **General Description**

Dry cliffs are vertical bedrock exposures that receive no groundwater discharge and are typically hot and dry due to full exposure to sunlight. The majority of dry cliffs are within bedrock strata of the Stewartville Formation and Prosser Limestone. Mapped areas of dry cliff found are usually found on south to west facing escarpments at the higher elevations within the valleys. Mapped areas of dry cliff often include adjacent talus slopes and dry oak forest above the cliff. Naturally occurring stands of white pine are also found above cliffs, bench terraces and other bedrock outcrops; but these were always mapped separately as white pine - hardwood forest.

### **Characteristic Trees**

Bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa) Ironwood, hop hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana) Paper birch (Betula papyrifera) Quaking aspen (Populus tremuloides) Red cedar (Juniperus virginiana) Red oak, northern (Quercus rubra) Sugar maple (Acer saccharum) White oak (Quercus alba) White pine (Pinus strobus)

### Characteristic Shrub Layer

Woodbine (Parthenocissus inserta)

# **Characteristic Forb Species**

Alum-root (Heuchera richardsonii)

Ninebark (Physocarpus opulifolius)

Harebell (Campanula rotundifolia)

### **Characteristic Graminoid Species**

Ivory sedge (Carex eburnea)

Total Area of Moist Cliff as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Moist Cliff (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	11	11 (100%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	37	28 (76%)
Fillmore County	380	-
Paleozoic Plateau	501	

# Moist Cliff

### **General Description**

Moist cliffs are on north to east facing, forested bluffs or are otherwise protected from direct sunlight. A portion of the cliff receives some groundwater usually from interbedded shales within Cummingsville Formation. Mapped areas of moist cliff often include adjacent talus slopes. Naturally occurring stands of white pine are also found above cliffs, bench terraces and other bedrock outcrops; but these were always mapped separately as white pine - hardwood forest.

#### **Characteristic Trees**

Bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa) Ironwood, hop hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana) Paper birch (Betula papyrifera) Quaking aspen (Populus tremuloides) Red cedar (Juniperus virginiana) Red oak, northern (Quercus rubra) Sugar maple (Acer saccharum) White oak (Quercus alba) White pine (Pinus strobus)

#### Characteristic Shrub Layer

Canada yew (Taxus canadensis) Downy arrowwood (Viburnum rafinesquianum) Grape honeysuckle (Lonicera prolifera) Woodbine (Parthenocissus inserta)

### **Characteristic Forb Species**

American spikenard (Aralia racemosa) Columbine (Aquilegia canadensis) Delicate fragile fern (Cystopteris tenuis) Harebell (Campanula rotundifolia) Leaf-cup (Polymnia canadensis)

### Northern bedstraw (Galium boreale ssp. septentrionale) Slender cliff-brake (Cryptogramma stelleri) Walking fern (Camptosorus rhizophyllus) White rattlesnake-root (Prenanthes alba)

# **Characteristic Graminoid Species**

Wolf's bluegrass (Poa wolfii)

Total Area of Talus Slope as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Talus Slope (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	0	0 (0)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	4.8	2 (42%)
Fillmore County	10	-
Paleozoic Plateau	31	_

# **Talus Slope**

# **General Description**

Talus accumulates at the bases of limestone outcrops and cliff. The talus can be sunny or darkly shaded. Some talus receives groundwater from seeps, others are dry piles of cobblestones. The vegetation on talus slopes is similar to that on dry or moist cliff depending on the context.

Total Area of Northern Hardwood-Conifer Forest as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Northern Hardwood- Conifer Forest (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	0.5	0.5 (100%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	15	6 (40%)
Fillmore County	20	-
Paleozoic Plateau	31	_

### Northern Hardwood - Conifer Forest

### **General Description**

Northern hardwood - conifer forest within the Ecological Area is always associated with cold karst (see algific talus slope description). Cold-air vents and mossy talus are scattered throughout the best quality northern hardwood-conifer forests.

The total canopy of the northern hardwood-conifer forest is interrupted (50-75% cover). The numerous canopy gaps are due to bedrock exposures on super-steep bluffs. Balsam fir (Abies *balsamea*) is usually sparse, covering between 1-5% of the total canopy. However, in some small stands, balsam fir dominates up to 50% of the total canopy. Crown heights of balsam fir are between 10-20 meters tall. There is a super canopy of white pines on bedrock outcrops (5-25% cover) with crowns greater than 35 meters tall. Both white pine (Pinus strobus) and balsam fir appear to be reproducing as there are individuals in many age classes. The deciduous canopy is patchy (25-50%) cover). Canada yew (Taxus canadensis) is abundant on dry, darkly-shaded, rock slopes. Its mesic flora is similar to rich maple-basswood forests, but it is distinguished by the presence of northern plants.

#### **Dominant Tree Species**

**Associate Canopy Tree Species** 

Balsam fir (Abies balsamea) Basswood (Tilia americana) Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)

Black ash (Fraxinus nigra)

Paper birch (Betula papyrifera)

**Characteristic Subcanopy** Sugar maple (Acer saccharum) White oak (Quercus alba)

Yellow birch (Betula alleghaniensis)

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White pine (Pinus strobus)

American elm (Ulmus americana) American hornbeam (Carpinus caroliniana ssp. virginiana) Black ash (Fraxinus nigra)

Yellow birch (Betula alleghaniensis)

### **Characteristic Shrub Layer**

Beaked hazelnut (Corylus cornuta) Bush honeysuckle (Diervilla lonicera) Bush juniper (Juniperus communis) Canada yew (Taxus canadensis) Downy arrowwood (Viburnum rafinesquianum) Leatherwood (Dirca palustris) Missouri gooseberry (Ribes missouriense) Pagoda dogwood (Cornus alternifolia) Red-berried Elder (Sambucus pubens)

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# **Characteristic Forb Species**

Canada mayflower (Maianthemum canadense)

Veiny pea (Lathyrus venosus var. intonsus)

## Characteristic Graminoid Species

Bearded short-husk (Brachyelytrum erectum) Long-stalked sedge (Carex pedunculata) Pennsylvanian sedge (Carex pensylvanica) Rolled-up sedge (Carex convoluta (= C. rosea))

Total Area of Algific Talus Slope as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Algific Talus Slope (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	8.8	3.6 (41%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	38	27 (71%)
Fillmore County	60	-
Paleozoic Plateau	128	_

#### Talus Slope-Algific Subtype and Moist Cliff-Maderate Subtype

Total Area of Maderate Cliff as mapped by MCBS and arranged by the following locations:	Acreage	Acres of <u>High Quality</u> Maderate Cliff (BC rank or better)
Park Statutory Boundary	3	3 (100%)
Forestville / Mystery Cave Ecological Area	17	17 (100%)
Fillmore County	40	-
Paleozoic Plateau	76	_

### **General Description**

Cold producing talus slopes — termed "algific" — are fed by cold air and water emitted from icestoring cavities in the underlying bedrock. An interconnection of several different geologic features is necessary for a functioning system: sinkholes, fissures or fractures, ice cavities, impermeable shale or bentonite clay layers, and lateral vents to north-facing bluffs in deeply, dissected valleys (Frest 1981). Cold-producing karst creates a buffered habitat which is colder in the summer and slightly warmer in the winter than surrounding forest habitats. Maderate cliffs are north-facing carbonate cliffs that seep cold water but usually have minor cold air flow (Frest 1986a). Maderate cliffs form when talus has been eroded away from the bedrock leaving a sheer cliff. Nearly all the algific talus slopes and maderate cliffs of the area occur within the upper layers of the Galena bedrock group. These geologic features are best expressed in valleys exposing the contact zone of the Stewartville Formation with Prosser Limestone: bedrock strata within the Galena Group. Frest (1986a, 1987, 1991) used a different geologic nomenclature for this bedrock strata subdividing the Galena Group into several units ranging form the Rivoli Member to Sinsinawa Member within the Dunleith-Wise Lake Formations.

In winter, vertical openings within the fractured limestone allow cold air to sink into the upland holes and freeze groundwater dripping on the sides of the crevices and caverns. In summer, ice produces cold air and meltwater which flows along impervious shale layers through lateral vents to emerge on bluff slopes. Here it ventilates boulders and cobblestones of talus forming at the bases of bedrock exposures. This wet, super-cooled talus is usually shallowly covered by a rich organic soil having the consistency of sapric peat. If soil accumulation over the talus becomes too deep, it insulates the cold and the surface warms to temperatures uninhabitable by rare plants and snails. At the coldest sites, ambient late-summer temperatures of the air and soil are as low as 40-50 degrees Fahrenheit and ice is reachable within exposed vents that pour cold air to the surface. A bubble of humid air hangs over the slope and is held in place by the canopy of overhanging trees whose roots are unable to grow in

the coldest zones. Because ice persists longest on forested, north-facing slopes in deep valleys, that is where the cold producing systems are the largest and best developed. These sites occur mostly on outside bends of ancient meanders cut deep into the bedrock. The South Branch has a series of such bends with algific sites as do many of the Root River's tributaries and ravines.

The cold-producing karst habitats vary in temperature, moisture, slope position and size. The most important characteristic determining "coldness" of a particular location is the size of the ice-storing network of sinkholes, cavities and fissures or vents that supports it. Karst habitats are always best developed on north-facing slopes because that is where the most ice is formed and is maintained the longest – often throughout the summer. The bedrock strata supporting the cold habitats extends for more than eight miles through the South Branch of the Root River and its tributaries within the Ecological Area. Within this bedrock strata, there is a range of habitats varying by degree of coldness and moisture. Individual species of snails and plants are adapted to specific niches along this gradient. The coldest areas are restricted to particular areas, often localized around vents or small areas of talus. The slope also varies in the amount of moisture with some cliffs/talus seasonally dry to others which are continuously wet from groundwater seepage. The relative position of the cold habitats on the valley slopes also varies. Toward the headwaters of the valley, where the cold-producing bedrock is first exposed, cold habitats occur on lower slopes near the streambed.

Cold karst communities within the Ecological Area support up to six concentric zones of vegetation that appear to be directly associated with decreasing soil temperature. The first four zones are devoid of trees. Beginning at the center, these zones are as follows:

1) Cold Air Vents are the coldest zone where ice is within reach on sides of open crevices. Vents emit a strong breeze of cold air. Here Iowa golden saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium iowense*) is most abundant when found. Maderate cliffs or outcrops are placed in this zone even when they have no large visible vents but receive cold water along small cracks and crevices. These habitats also support the two subspecies of *Novisuccinea*: Minnesota Pleistocene Ambersnail (*Novasuccinea n. Sp.* Minnesota A), and the Iowa Pleistocene Ambersnail (*Novasuccinea n. sp.* Minnesota B). Each occurs on slightly different microhabitats on maderate cliffs and adjacent talus (Frest 1991).

2) Centric Zones are found where the soil and rock shallowly cover the vents. Ice can be found just beneath the soil and rock. These areas are covered by mosses with a few species of vascular herbaceous plants that are naturally diminutive or reduced in stature presumably due to the cold, these include when present: Iowa golden saxifrage, naked miterwort (*Mitella nuda*), bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*), bulblet fern (*Cystopteris bulbifera*), protruding fragile fern (*Cystopteris protrusa*) and fragile fern (*Cystopteris fragilis*). Midwest Pleistocene Vertigo (*Vertigo hubrichti hubrichti*) inhabits sparsely covered, mossy areas in algific talus slopes where it feeds upon leaf litter – primarily birch (*Betula spp.*) and mountain maple (*Acer spicatum*) (Frest 1991).

3) First Ring Zone has taller hydrophilic species and more robust forms of species seen in the centric zone, these include: touch-me-not (*Impatiens capensis*), swamp saxifrage (*Saxifraga pensylvanica*), northern oak fern (*Gymnocarpium robertianum*) and dwarf raspberry (*Rubus pubescens*).

4) Second Ring Zone is marked by the first appearance of low northern black currant (*Ribes hudsonianum*) and alder-leaved buckthorn (*Rhamnus alnifolia*). Red raspberry (*Rubus strigosus*) is very abundant here.

5) **Outer Ring Zone** is comprised of mesic shrubs typical of such aspects in the region: highbush cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*), red-berried elder (*Sorbus pubens*), round-leaved dogwood (*Cornus rugosa*), and pagoda dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*). Yellow birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*) and balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*) are first observed here. This zone is recognized as northern hardwood-conifer forest when large enough to be mapped separately.

6) **Surrounding Mesic Forest** has trees of normal stature, for example, species characteristic of maple-basswood or mesic oak forest. White pine (*Pinus strobus*) trees growing on bedrock are considered to be in this zone.

All of these features are present within the park's Ecological Area. The macrosite contains the complete system of cold-producing karst expressing the entire array of variation in cold habitats and the species they support. Efforts should be directed toward protecting the entire system.

The Ecological Area supports four of the seven known Minnesota populations of the Stateendangered, Iowa Golden saxifrage - an ice-age relict on algific talus slopes that is more characteristic of the boreal regions in western Canada. One of the populations of Iowa golden saxifrage is thought to be the largest in the Paleozoic Plateau (Ostlie pers. comm.). There are also a number of plant species which are more common in northern Minnesota. Their presence within the Ecological Area is considered to be ecologically significant:

alder-leaved buckthorn (*Rhamnus alnifolia*) balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*) bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*) high-bush cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*) mountain ash (*Sorbus americana*) naked miterwort (*Mitella nuda*) northern black current (*Ribes hudsonianum*) northern oak fern

(Gymnocarpium robertianum) panicled lungwort (Mertensia c.f. paniculata) pink-flowered pyrola (Pyrola asarifolia) small enchanter's nightshade (Circaea alpina) yellow birch (Betula alleghaniensis)

Rare species such as Iowa golden saxifrage occur in Minnesota only in the coldest of these habitats and, hence, are very rare in the Midwest. The presence of Iowa golden saxifrage, as well as, several other associated species that co-occur together are biological anomalies whose presence within the Paleozoic Plateau are difficult to explain except through the glacial history of the area. They occupy small habitats, isolated and from each other in several valleys on both sides of the Mississippi in four states. It is likely that these species were part of the spruce boreal forest once widespread throughout the upper Midwest. As the climate warmed, populations of these plants and land snails must have diminished throughout the area, yet they have persisted on the cold producing karst systems since the last ice age and, therefore, are thought to be glacial relicts (Frest 1991, 1987).

### **Rare Land Snails**

Most of the rare land snails found on algific slopes and maderate cliffs occur in no other known habitat (Ostlie 1990). The four snails described below inhabit distinct microhabitats within cold-producing areas of the Ecological Area. The presence of these snails on cold-producing karst habitats provide the most compelling evidence that modern populations of some species of plants and snails are Pleistocene relicts – that is they are decedents from populations that had a wider distributions during the maximum extent of the Wisconsin glacier (Frest 1987).

Snails of the genus *Vertigo* have been frequently found as fossils in glacial sediments in Midwest areas peripheral to the Wisconsin glacier (Frest 1987, Frest 1991, Frest and Dickson 1986). They were presumed extinct until their discovery within the Paleozoic Plateau in 1980 on algific talus slopes (Frest 1981). Extant populations were thought to be restricted to the Paleozoic Plateau, however, populations on similar habitats have been recently found on the Niagaran escarpment in northeastern Wisconsin (Nekola et al. 1996). Snails of the genus *Novisuccinea* are presently known to be extant on cold-producing limestone and dolomite cliffs in the Paleozoic Plateau of Iowa and Minnesota. *Novisuccinea* fossils have been found in the Loess Hills of southwest Iowa (Frest 1991). The following descriptions are summarized from Frest (1991).

Minnesota Pleistocene Ambersnail (*Novasuccinea n. Sp.* Minnesota A) is generally confined bedrock strata containing seep and vent opening areas on the lower portions of maderate cliffs in Galena bedrock. Typical colonies are elongate, narrow and positioned on different stratigraphic planes along the cliff face. All known sites are maderate cliffs, although snails are found on algific talus at certain locations. The subspecies is sometimes found in talus but not over nine feet from the cliff. This snail is tolerant of seasonally dry conditions and avoids nearby seep and spring areas. Fossils of this species have been found in late Pleistocene loess (Wisconsonian glaciation) in western Iowa. As of 1991, the subspecies is known for 13 sites, most of which are in Fillmore and Olmsted Counties, MN, a few sites are in Winneshiek County, IA (Frest 1991).

**Iowa Pleistocene Ambersnail** (*Novasuccinea n. sp.* Minnesota B) are known from Galena maderate cliffs, but not on algific talus slopes except at sites where both are present. Habitat requirements are similar to those of the Minnesota Pleistocene ambersnail, except that the Iowan subspecies tolerates drier situations. As of 1991, Iowa Pleistocene Ambersnail was known at 17 sites in Minnesota and Iowa. Fossils of this snail were found in Wisconsinan loess of southwest Iowa (Frest 1991).

**Midwest Pleistocene Vertigo** (*Vertigo hubrichti hubrichti*) is most common on the cold, undisturbed and well-forested algific sites where it typically occurs in small patches of decaying deciduous tree leaves (most often paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*) and mountain maple (*Acer spicatum*). Often the snails are in or immediately near cold vents in areas sparsely covered by moss (but never in complete moss coverage with no bare ground or rock). It does not occur in open talus. The species occurs less abundantly on maderate cliffs. As of 1991, there are a total of 23 sites for this subspecies in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. Fossils of this subspecies have been extensively found in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky (Frest 1991).

Variable Pleistocene Vertigo (Vertigo hubrichti variabilis n. Subsp) is most abundant on the colder undisturbed and well-forested algific sites, where it occurs in small patches of decaying deciduous tree leaves, most often paper birch and Mountain maple. Often it is in front of open vents. This taxa avoids moss and fern covered areas, occurring in sparsely vegetated situation on large maderate cliffs especially in disturbed areas such as rodent runs. It is also found in forested portions of large algific sites particularly along cold cliff bases (Frest 1991).

### **Tree Species**

Balsam fir (Abies balsamea)

Yellow birch (Betula alleghaniensis)

#### **Characteristic Shrub Layer**

Alder-leaved buckthorn (Rhamnus alnifolia) American hornbeam

(Carpinus caroliniana ssp. virginiana) American mountain-ash (Sorbus americana) Bebb's willow (Salix bebbiana) Canada yew (Taxus canadensis) Dwarf blackberry (Rubus pubescens) High-bush cranberry (Viburnum trilobum) Northern black currant (Ribes hudsonianum) Pagoda dogwood (Cornus alternifolia) Prickly gooseberry, dogberry (Ribes cynosbati) Red-berried Elder (Sambucus pubens) Red raspberry (Rubus strigosus) Round-leaved dogwood (Cornus rugosa) Wild black currant (Ribes americanum)

#### **Characteristic Forb Species**

Bulblet fern (Cystopteris bulbifera) Bunchberry (Cornus canadensis) dwarf raspberry (Rubus pubescens) Dwarf scouring-rush (Equisetum scirpoides) Fragile fern (Cystopteris fragilis) Hairy rock-cress (Arabis hirsuta var. pycnocarpa) Iowa golden saxifrage (Chrysosplenium iowense) Miterwort, naked bishop's-cap (Mitella nuda) Moschatel (Adoxa moschatelliana) Nodding wild onion (Allium cernuum) Northern oak fern (Gymnocarpium robertianum) One-sided pyrola (Pyrola secunda) Pale touch-me-not, jewel-weed (Impatiens pallida) Pink-flowered pyrola (Pyrola asarifolia) Protruding fragile fern (Cystopteris protrusa) Rock-cress (Arabis perstellata var. shortii) Rosey twisted-stalk (Streptopus roseus) Slender cliff-brake (Cryptogramma stelleri) Small enchanter's nightshade (Circaea alpina) Swamp saxifrage (Saxifraga pensylvanica) Tall lungwort (Mertensia paniculata) Twinflower (Linnaea borealis) White camas (Zigadenus elegans)

#### **Characteristic Graminoid Layer**

Ivory sedge (Carex eburnea) Peck's sedge (Carex peckii) Pointed wood-rush (Luzula acuminata) Rough bent-grass (Agrostis scabra) ł

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