

Shirley Heinze Land Trust announces volunteer fall workday scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2008

The Shirley Heinze Land Trust (SHLT) will be holding a volunteer workday this Saturday, November 8 from 10am to 3pm at our John Merle Coulter Preserve in Portage. SHLT staff has over 15 years of ecological management experience and welcomes the opportunity to share their knowledge with those interested in the natural world.

We will be hauling out firewood cut from last year's savanna work and giving it away. Please bring work gloves, if you have an ATV and would like to bring it to help haul wood. Hot dogs will be going on the grill around noon and we will be filling trucks with wood all day. Please RSVP to Jim Erdelac at volunteer@heinzetrust.org via email or by phone at 219-363-0492. Visit our website at www.heinzetrust.org for directions or call 219-879-4725 for additional information. You can also contact Jim Erdelac for volunteer work assignments that fit your schedule. He can get you started on an independent project, or you may be able to work as part of the crew for a day.

Directions to site:

From US 20, travel north on County Line Road (Lake/Porter County) about ½ mile to small gravel parking area on the east side of County Line Road, just north of 5th Ave, just south of the MonoSol plant. (From US 12, travel about ½ mile south on County line Road to parking area.)

Shirley Heinze Land Trust owns and manages over 1,000 acres of nature preserves and natural areas in Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties, which are open to the public for hiking and wildlife viewing. Properties are managed to promote biodiversity, preserve rare species and provide examples of the rich natural heritage of the region. With grant funding, individual donations and assistance from volunteers, their staff restores the ecological health of prairies, savannas, wetlands and other natural communities in northwest Indiana.