The Shirley Heinze Land Trust is in the midst of its 2008 Annual Fundraising Appeal. Kris Krouse, Executive Director of the Michigan City-based land trust states, “our annual fund drive is vital for the continued preservation and restoration of high quality natural areas in Northwest Indiana.” He remarks, “during these difficult economic times, financial support is both needed and appreciated more than ever.”

Since 1981, The Shirley Heinze Land Trust has protected, preserved and restored over 1,000 acres of ecologically significant and sensitive natural lands in Northwest Indiana with properties in Lake, LaPorte and Porter counties. The non-profit organization also serves Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties by providing the community with outreach programs to educate the individuals about the diverse natural resources in this area. Nature preserves are open to the general public year around and represent a great variety of landscapes and natural communities including tallgrass prairie and oak savanna, interdunal ponds and woodlands, boreal flatwoods and dune-and-swale and wetlands. Five of the properties Shirley Heinze Land Trust owns and manages are dedicated Indiana State Nature Preserves.

If you would like to support the work of Shirley Heinze Land Trust with a financial contribution, you can send your tax deductible gift to: Shirley Heinze Land Trust, 444 Barker Rd. Michigan City, IN 46360 or go to [www.heinzetrust.org](http://www.heinzetrust.org). Gifts in honor or memory of someone special are encouraged.

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