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Shirley Heinze Land Trust Volunteer Workday at Hidden Prairie Nature Preserve in Hobart, IN.

On Saturday February 25, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Shirley Heinze Land Trust will hold a volunteer workday at Hidden Prairie Nature Preserve in Hobart, IN. Hidden Prairie is a 17-acre property, located in the northwest corner of the Hobart Marsh complex. It is characterized by an ecotone that ranges from wet-mesic prairie to swamp to marsh to open water. The prairie is fairly high quality with such species as Prairie Dock, Marsh Blazing Star, Tall Coreopsis, Yellow Coneflower, Golden Alexanders and Blue-Eyed Grass. Many Gentians and Twayblade Orchids occur here, as well as the state endangered ear-leaved false foxglove. Great Blue Herons, Green Herons and Wood Ducks are often seen in the wetlands. On this workday we will be using chainsaws, brushcutters and loppers to remove undesirable woody material from the remnant prairie portion of the property. Weather permitting, we will also be burning piles of brush. Lunch will be provided for all participants that RSVP email volunteer@heinzetrust.org or call (219) 879-4725.

Directions to site:

From Ridge Rd. (37th Ave.) take the first street west of I-65, which is Alabama. Travel one block south to stop sign. Turn left and follow this street, which curves to the right, crosses Old Ridge Road (39th Ave.), and then curves to the right again to become 41st Ave. After the curve, turn left onto Maple St. There is a small parking area on the east side of the street at the dead end.

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