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Shirley Heinze Land Trust will be holding a volunteer workday on Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve in Michigan City. At 350 acres, Ambler Flatwoods is SHLT's largest preserve. A 2008-2009 Flatwoods Conservation Planning project has led to several new additions to the property. We now have 5 miles of some of the most scenic and serene hiking trails in Northwest Indiana. On this volunteer workday we will be planting various woodland herbaceous species to naturalize a former home site. Please bring work/planting gloves. Lunch will be provided. Please **RSVP** volunteer@heinzetrust.org or call (219) 879-4725, if you wish to attend, so we can plan accordingly.

Directions to Site: I-94 to US 20 (exit 40). Take US 20 west toward Michigan City. Get off exit ramp, go under I-94, take first right onto County Road 600W (Meer Road). Take Meer Road north about two miles. Proceed thru the stop sign at Tryon Rd. the parking area is approximately ¼ mile north of this intersection on the west side of the road. Look for the Volunteer Workday sign.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust has been protecting natural land in the southern Lake Michigan watershed since 1981. It manages nearly 1,200 acres in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties. Included in the Heinze Trust's holdings are examples of the entire spectrum of natural communities in this area: tallgrass prairie, high dune, oak savanna, boreal flatwoods, dune-and-swale, woodlands, marshes, swamps, ponds, fens, and riparian habitat. Five Heinze Trust properties are dedicated Indiana State Nature Preserves. For more information on Shirley Heinze Land Trust, consult its website www.heinzetrust.org.

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1 Photo Attached: Marsh Marigold