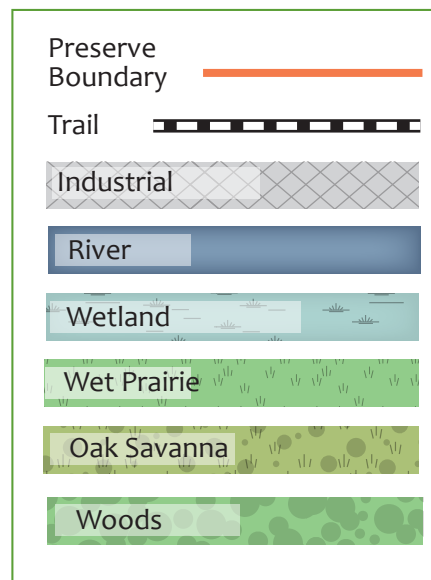
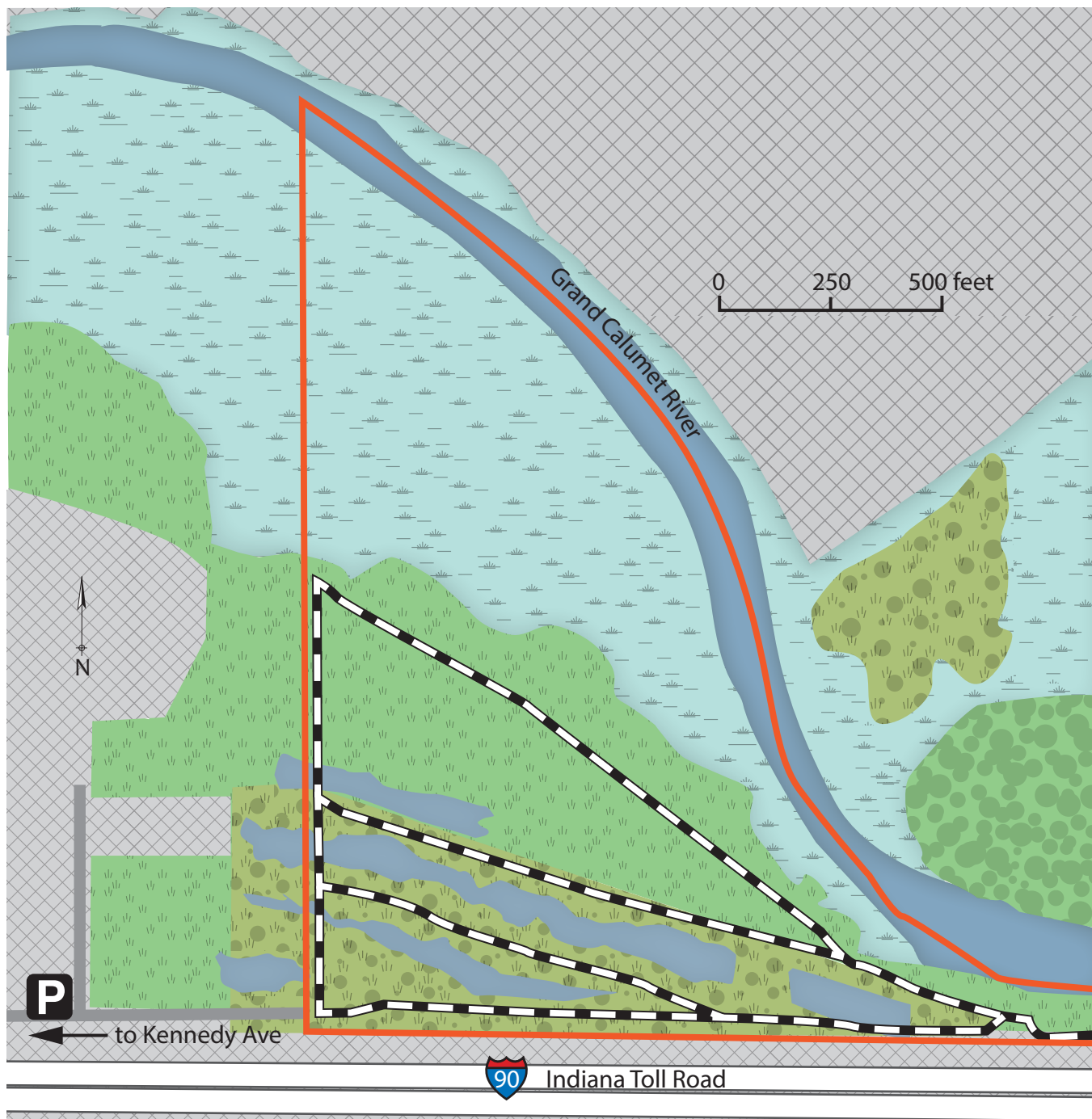




Shirley Heinze Land Trust Seidner Dune & Swale Nature Preserve

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This 43-acre property is a dedicated state nature preserve located in the City of Hammond. The site protects globally rare dune-and-swale topography and floodplain marsh along the Grand Calumet River. Natural communities here include black oak savanna, sand prairie, sedge meadows, cattail marsh, and buttonbush swamp. The black oak savanna and interdunal wetlands communities provide habitat for a diverse variety of flora and fauna. Impressive wildflower displays include wild lupine and puccoon in the spring and fringed gentians and prairie plants in the fall. Egrets, herons, and cormorants are often sighted along the river during the summer. An informal hiking trail exists along the frontage road and former railway rights of way.