Greene-Sullivan State Forest

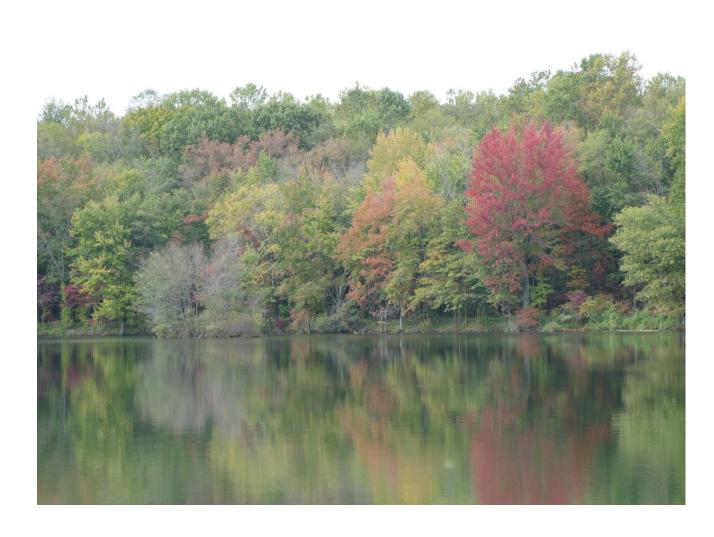




Property Overview

Greene-Sullivan State Forest is the "fishing forest" with over 120 lakes and 75 boat ramps. Established in 1936, the property is evenly divided between Greene and Sullivan county. The landscape was created by strip mining for coal, which created the many stripper hills and spoils "pits". Many areas have been reclaimed improving the terrain and planted to tree. Its diverse landscape, habitat, and many lakes make it a great place to view birds, kayak, hunt, or fish.

- Encompasses 9,046 acres
- 4 campgrounds
 - Family camping
 - Equestrian camping
- 18 Rent a Camp Cabins
- 21 miles of trails (hiking/horse)
- 4 shelters
- Hunting





The entrance to Reservoir 29 received some improvements to maintain public access.





A large culvert was replaced at Scott Lake. Another project to ensure public access continues to a recreational use area.





Several boat ramps received improvements:

- Corky
- Cottonwood
- Ellis
- Trimble
- Alder
- Graveyard





In the past, when strip mining for coal was complete, the terrain was left steep and difficult to navigate.

Through the Division of Reclamation's Abandoned Mine Land Program these areas are identified and reclaimed through what is called Highwall Projects.

The landscape is reshaped and planted to trees.





Indiana Department of Natural Resources Completed Projects

In 2020, 5 acres of open land was planted to trees in the Dugger Unit.

This planting was part of the ForestIN program, an initiative to increase the state's tree canopy by planting a million trees by 2025.





In progress Projects

Progress continues with the expansion of the Greene-Sullivan campground.

In 2020, additional campsites where identified and shaped while new rent a camp cabins were delivered.

The comfort station construction is expected to resume in 2021.





In progress Projects

Preparing another 40 acres for tree planting in the Dugger Unit. This will be a spring 2021 tree planting as part of the ForestIN program.





Upcoming Projects

Invasive species treatments.
The property is planning for control of invasive species such as bush honeysuckle, autumn olive, Japanese knotweed, and Japanese stilt grass.





Upcoming Projects

Funding permitted, some of the property's older vault toilets will be replaced with pre-cast concrete units.





Upcoming Projects

Continue with boat ramp rehabilitation efforts.
Specifically, at the following lakes:

- Fox
- Duck
- Goose
- Pump
- Lynn





Resource Management

- Monitor timber harvest in Comp 7 Tracts 6 & 7
- Identify tracts for management through review and forest inventories. Tracts to review:
 - Compartment 4 Tract 5
 - Compartment 3 Tract 2
 - Compartment 5 Tract 6
 - Compartment 6 Tract 3
 - Compartment 9 Tract 1, 3, 5, & 6
 - Compartment 8 Tract 1
 - Compartment 11 Tract 10
- Mark timber sale in Compartment 8 Tracts 3 & 4 (Highwall Project)
- Tree planting in Dugger Unit
- Prescribed burns
- Oak and ash salvage at Covered Bridge
- Boundary line management

