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State Nature Preserves Commission Adds Acres to Hardin County Preserve

FRANKFORT, KY (June 30, 2009) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission recently purchased an addition to the 167-acre Jim Scudder State Nature Preserve in Hardin County. The purchase was paid for from the Heritage Land Conservation Fund.

The 64.103-acre tract has been dedicated as a state nature preserve to protect one of the Kentucky's best remaining examples of limestone glades in Kentucky. These glades are dry, rocky openings on otherwise forested south-facing slopes. They provide habitat for several rare plant species, including the barrens silky aster (*Symphyotrichum pratense*). Access is by written permission only.

The Heritage Land Conservation Fund is financed by proceeds from nature license plates. You can help by purchasing a plate for an additional \$10 when you register your car, light truck or SUV. Money from the sale of nature plates goes into a fund for purchasing natural areas to be left as wild places held in trust for future generations. Find out more at: www.dnr.ky.gov/heritageland.

The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission protects Kentucky's natural heritage by identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system. The Commission also educates Kentuckians on the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation.

Visit the nature preserves' Web site at www.naturepreserves.ky.gov.