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**Addition to Terrapin Creek State Nature Preserve
Announced**
Aquatic System Supports Rare Species

FRANKFORT, KY. (June 30, 2009) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) recently purchased an addition to the 230 acre Terrapin Creek State Nature Preserve in Graves County.

The 28.16 acre tract has been dedicated as a state nature preserve to protect the Terrapin Creek drainage in Graves County which is a highly significant aquatic system that supports an unusual diversity of fishes including several species found nowhere else in Kentucky. The area is characterized by extensive wetlands, springs and spring runs unlike any other in the state and are home to a broad array of plants and animals. The commission's goal is to protect this important system from future modifications that could result in the loss of a unique resource. Access to the preserve is by written permission only.

The addition was purchased using Heritage Land Conservation Funds (HLCF) and a grant from the Beckham Bird Club in Louisville. The Heritage Land Conservation Fund is financed by proceeds from nature license plates.

The public can help in these efforts by purchasing a nature plate for an additional \$10 when registering a car, light truck or SUV. Proceeds 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.

The mission of Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by (1) 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; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and

purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. Discover more about KSNPC through our Web site: www.naturepreserves.ky.gov.

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