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KSNPC Dedicates Addition to Tom Dorman State Nature Preserve in Garrard County

Transfer from KY. Dept. of Parks makes protecting rare plants possible

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 27, 2011) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) recently accepted a 90-acre transfer from the Kentucky Department of Parks, which was dedicated as the fourth addition to the Tom Dorman State Nature Preserve (SNP) during the latest commission meeting.

The newly-acquired land, which includes frontage on the Kentucky River palisades, raises the preserve's total acreage to 898. Tom Dorman SNP is one of the largest protected natural areas in the Kentucky River palisades region. Several rare plants are located on the limestone cliffs including starry cleft phlox (*Phlox bifida* var. *stellaria*) and Eggleston's violet (*Viola septemloba* var. *egglestonii*). The commission's goal is to protect this important system from future modifications that could result in the loss of a unique Kentucky resource.

"It's very rewarding to dedicate this addition that will increase the protection of the Kentucky River palisades. It's a real achievement for the nature preserves system as the commission is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year," said KSNPC Director Don Dott.

The mission of the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission is to protect Kentucky's natural habitat and biological diversity and to educate Kentuckians on the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation.

Discover more about KSNPC online at <http://naturepreserves.ky.gov>.

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