Fleming County Nature Preserve Grows

"Nature's Finest" license plates help conserve more of Park Lake Mountain

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 22, 2017) - Lovers of Kentucky's nature preserves have received a Christmas present a few days early. Fleming County's Park Lake Mountain Nature Preserve has grown to over 860 acres, thanks in part to citizens who purchase "Nature's Finest" license plates for their vehicles.

The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund (KHLCF), the state program whose revenues come in part from the sale of the "Natures Finest" license plates, funded the 40-acre addition.

Fleming County-Executive Judge Larry Foxworthy said the 40-acre addition completes a nature preserve, where citizens can hike and observe nature in a more serene environment. "This will be an added recreational area for Fleming and surrounding counties, while at the same time preserving the area in a natural state," Foxworthy said.

Fleming County Fiscal Court owns the preserve. The KHLCF holds a conservation easement on the property. Zeb Weese, chair of the KHLCF board and executive director of the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, commended Fleming County for its efforts.

"Judge Foxworthy and the citizens of Fleming County have been working on conserving this area for well over a decade," Weese said. "It is one of the largest locally managed conservation areas we have in the KHLCF system, providing over five miles of hiking trails, along with wildlife habitat. We are indebted to all the citizens of Kentucky who purchase "Nature's Finest" license plates each year and make this work possible."

For more information on the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund and Park Lake Mountain Nature Preserve, just visit http://heritageland.ky.gov/Pages/ParkLake.aspx.