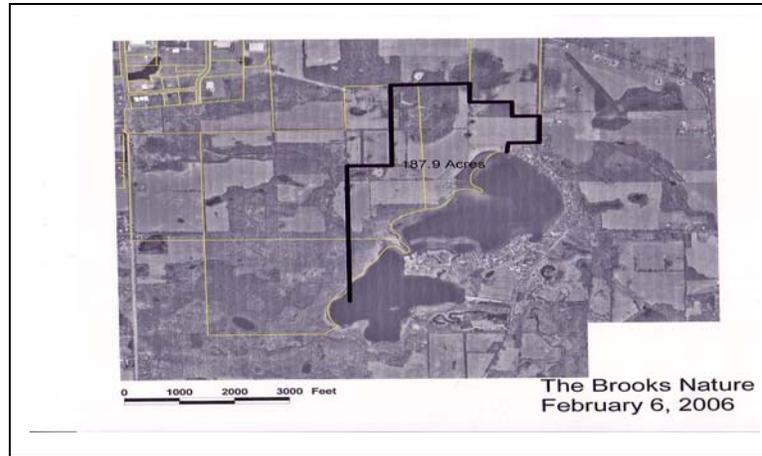
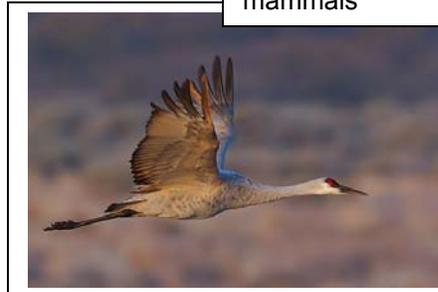


The Brooks Nature Area is the City's newest and largest park consisting of almost 200 acres of diverse natural habitat. It may be accessed from 18 1/2 Mile Road, or from The Brooks Research and Development Park.



The diverse ecology teems with a wide variety of wildlife including waterfowl, many types of birds and mammals



Some mammoth hardwood trees along the lake are estimated to be over 300 years old.

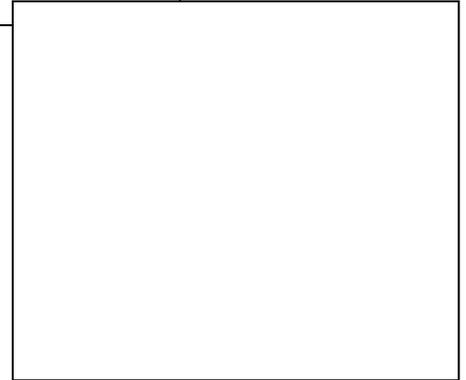


Fields, wetland and hardwood stands are all part of the park's ecosystem

Enthusiastic citizens have shared their talents by making birdhouses and donating them to our newest and largest park.



The Brooks Nature Area Working Group has purchased and installed bluebird houses. Other types of nesting boxes will be added in the future.



Directions to the Brooks Nature Area:

From the fountain, go east on Michigan Avenue. Go south on Exchange St/Marshall St. Proceed to the light at Homer Rd, and make a left (east). Proceed on Homer to 18 ½ Mile Road, and turn right (south). Proceed on 18 ½ Mile Road until you see the Brooks Nature Area sign on the right side of the road (just prior to Stuart Lake Road). Pull into the drive and park in the field to your left. Follow the trails.